

Lawrence Academy of Music Wind Ensemble Audition Requirements

Eligibility

Woodwind, brass and percussion students in grades 10-12 in the fall may audition for the Wind Ensemble. The Exceptional 9th grade students will also be considered for the Wind Ensemble. Because the Academy ensembles are a supplement to the school based music programs in the area, all participants in the programs must be enrolled in their school music program, when available.

Woodwind and Brass Instruments

1. Scales

- Major concert scale of your choice ascending and descending. Play as many octaves as you can within the range of your instrument. Memorization is encouraged, but not required. The scales should be played with this articulation pattern, with adjustments for one octave as appropriate:



- A slurred chromatic scale in one octave, ascending and descending, that demonstrates the performer's maximum controlled speed.

2. A prepared piece (solo or etude) demonstrating the student's musicality and technical facility. Please bring a copy of the music for the judge. WSMA level A or equivalent is suggested.

3. Sight reading presented during the audition. This is an important part of the audition, and students are encouraged to prepare by sight reading in a variety of meters and tempos.

Percussion Instruments

1. Mallet Scales. Scales should be memorized.

- 2 octaves: E-flat, C, D and F major scales; memorized. Chromatic scale - 3 octaves, demonstrating maximum controlled speed.

2. Prepared piece. Play the piece on the percussion instrument that you play the best (snare or mallets). Please bring a copy of the music for the judge.

3. Sight reading on mallets or snare (this will be on the alternate instrument from your prepared piece). This is an important part of the audition, and students are encouraged to prepare by sight reading in a variety of meters and tempos.

4. Percussionists must bring their own drum sticks and a pair of medium hard rubber mallets. Snare drum and marimba will be provided.