Fall 2022 - CSU Ensemble Auditions

Bass Clarinet Audition Material

A sign-up sheet, including date/time of the clarinet auditions will be posted on a bulletin board on the third floor of the University Center for the Arts the week before classes.

Results of this audition will determine placement into Symphony Orchestra, Wind Symphony, and Symphonic Band.

Similar to professional auditions, these will be conducted “behind a screen” so that neither the judges nor the performers will see each other.

Bass Clarinet auditions are for students who exclusively play on the bass clarinet

NOTE: If you would like to play the bass clarinet in an ensemble but you are primarily a Bb clarinet player, simply email Dr. Wesley Ferreira (wesley.ferreira@colostate.edu) to let him know. Bb Clarinetists can still be selected to play the bass clarinet in an ensemble even if they do not audition on the bass clarinet.

The audition will consist of:

1. Scales

Be prepared to play any scale and arpeggio

Be prepared to play a full range chromatic scale, evenly and with good tone

2. Clarinet Excerpts

On the following pages, be prepared to play any of the following four band/orchestra excerpts

* Make sure to listen to the original versions of the pieces and youtube clips of the solos to determine the tempo and style of how the excerpt should be performed.

3. Sight Reading
Perform the material within the brackets

Composer: Percy Grainger
Work: Lincolnshire Posy

"LINCOLNSHIRE POSY"

Based on English Folksongs gathered in Lincolnshire, England by Lucy E. Broadwood and
Percy Aldridge Grainger and set for Wind Band (Military Band)

by

PERCY ALDRIDGE GRAINGER

Bb BASS CLARINET

1. "LISBON"
(Sailor's Song)

Brisk

Fp (detached)

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Bp (gently)

louder.
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4. "THE BRISK YOUNG SAILOR"
(who returned to wed his True Love)

Composer: Ferde Grofe
Work: Grand Canyon Suite

3. ON THE TRAIL

Andantino moderato

Allegretto poco mosso

Solo

Poco rit.