

Drumset Audition Requirements for Jazz Band

A maximum of two drummers will be placed in each ensemble. A drumset will be provided, but you need to bring a stick bag equipped with at least one pair of appropriate size drumsticks, wire brushes, and mallets.

Audition requirements

1. Play comping rhythms (comp example 1) with your left hand on the snare drum while playing a standard jazz time pattern (right hand ride cymbal, BD softly on all 4 beats, HH with left foot on 2 and 4).
2. Play 2 voice comping rhythms (Comp Example 3) with the snare drum and bass drum while playing standard jazz time pattern (right hand on the ride cymbal and HH on 2 and 4).
3. Play through the attached solo ideas (“One-Bar Phrases”) playing 4 bar phrases (three bars of time and then one of the included solo ideas/fills on the 4th measure). Additionally be prepared to combine 4 bars of time with 4 bars of material from “One Bar Phrases” to create your own cohesive 4 bar solo. If you feel ready, play our own original 4 bar solos as well.
4. Be prepared to demonstrate any of the following styles in 8 bar phrases with a simple fill at the end of each phrase (slow, medium, and fast tempos). You should be able to demonstrate these styles at a variety of dynamic levels too.
 - Jazz -Bossa Nova -Samba
 - 8th Note Rock
 - 16th Note Funk
 - 3/4 Jazz Waltz
5. Play through the attached chart “Backyard Blues” using simple kicks to setup the ensemble figures.

It is HIGHLY advised to listen to recordings of all assigned songs. There are many available for free via youtube, or spotify.