

Great Lakes Youth Wind Symphony
An Educational Subsidiary of the Great Lakes Wind Symphony

AUDITION PROCEDURE:

1. WOODWINDS

- a. Piccolo, Flute, Oboe, English Horn, Bassoon, Eb Soprano Clarinet, Bb Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Contrabass/Contra Alto Clarinet, Alto Saxophones, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophones:**

- i. Go to www.greatlakeswindsymphony.org and click on the Youth Wind Symphony tab
- ii. Click on the **Woodwind** PDF on that page and open it.
- iii. Find the etude, melody, rhythmic passage, and scale requirements (just 1 page) for your instrument and print that specific page for your preparation.
- iv. To Create an Audition Video complete these steps in this order:
 1. You may sit or stand as you prefer.
 2. You may pause recoding between elements, but you may not edit the performance in any manner.
 3. Be sure the camera has a clear view of you from an angle that allows a clear view of face, embouchure, hands, instrument and upper torso.
 4. Introduce yourself by stating your first and last name, your current year in school, and age. (i.e. Hello. My name is Julie Smith. I am a freshman at Eastward High School and I am 14 years old.
 5. Perform the audition music in the following order
 6. Include:
 - the etude (32 measures)
 - the lyric melody (16 bars),
 - the rhythmic passage (8 bars)
 - the required scales (note where more than one octave is required and perform these in the recommended pattern.)
- v. Once the video is completed, load it to YouTube as a PRIVATE video. Once it is created, you can go back to it when ready to get a link to share.
- vi. go back to www.greatlakeswindsymphony.org and click on the Youth Wind Symphony tab again.

- vii. Once at the site, click on the Audition Form tab. When the tab opens, complete all the information/questions on the form (you will need your band director or private teacher's name and email) then upload your video link. **Be sure your video link is set to open for anyone who has your link!**
- viii. Click the Submit button to send us your audition form with your video link. We will acknowledge that we have received your form and if there are any issues we need to address, we'll communicate those to you. We will also contact your band director or private teacher you listed to secure a recommendation on your behalf. Please let them know you are doing this audition and they can expect contact from the Great Lakes Wind Symphony.
- ix. Audition Decisions/Results may take 4-6 weeks. Notification of status will be made in that time frame.

2. BRASS

b. Horn, Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone, Bass Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba:

- i. Go to www.greatlakeswindsymphony.org and click on the Youth Wind Symphony tab
- ii. Click on the **Brass** PDF on that page and open it.
- iii. Find the etude, melody, rhythmic passage, and scale requirements (just 1 page) for your instrument and print that specific page for your preparation.
- iv. To Create an Audition Video complete these steps in this order:
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3. PERCUSSION

a. Percussion: Our percussion players are required to play in all areas of percussion. The audition process therefore requires a more in-depth process.

- i. Go to www.greatlakeswindsymphony.org and click on the Youth Wind Symphony tab
- ii. Click on the **Percussion** PDF on that page and open it.
- iii. Find the etude, melody, rhythmic passage, and scale and rudiment requirements (4 pages) for your instruments and print those pages for your preparation. This will include marimba, mutli-percussion, timpani, and snare drum.
- iv. To Create an Audition Video complete these steps in this order:
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5. Perform the audition music in the following order
6. Include:
 - the snare etude (32 measures)
 - snare drum rudiments
 - the timpani etude (32 measures)
 - the timpani tuning exercise
 - the two-mallet marimba etude (32 measures)
 - the four-mallet marimba etude (16 measures)
 - the required scales (note where more than one octave is required and perform these in the recommended pattern.)
 - the multi-percussion etude (16 measures)
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4. Special Instruments

a. Piano, String Bass, Harp:

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- ii. Click on the **Special Instruments** PDF on that page and open it.
- iii. Find the etude, melody, rhythmic passage, and scale and rudiment requirements (1-3 pages) for your instrument and print those pages for your preparation.
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