

Fall 2025 MSU Concert Band Auditions

All concert band members are required to prepare a short audition for section placement in the MSU Concert Band. Please perform the following:

SCALES (All Woodwinds, Brass, and Percussion except Alto and Baritone Saxophone)

- Two Octave Concert Bb Major Scale Quarter Notes – Metronome = 100 or faster
- Chromatic Scale Quarter notes (full range you can play) – Metronome = 100 or faster
 - o chromatic scale not necessary for percussion

SCALES (Alto and Baritone Saxophone)

- Two Octave Concert F Major Scale Quarter Notes – Metronome = 100 or faster
- Chromatic Scale Quarter notes (full range you can play) – Metronome = 100 or faster

Excerpts

In addition to the scales listed above, each band member should prepare the following excerpts from Norman Dello Joio's Satiric Dances. The excerpts/sheet music are located on the MSU Bands Website via a link located here:

<https://www.minotstateu.edu/music/programs/pages/audition-excerpts-band.shtml>

A reference recording of Satiric Dances can be located here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKB516Ja_g

Flute:	Mvt. II – mm. 28 (w/ pickup)-34 AND Mvt. III – mm. 30-40
Oboe:	Mvt. II – mm. 28 (w/ pickup)-33 AND Mvt. III – mm. 30-40
Bassoon:	Mvt. II – mm. 17 (w/ pickup)-27 AND Mvt. III – mm. 35-46
Bb Clarinet:	Mvt. II – mm. 28 (w/ pickup)-33 AND Mvt. III – mm. 30-40
Bb Bass Clarinet:	Mvt. II – mm. 24-27; mm. 32-33 AND Mvt. III – mm. 11-19
Eb Alto Saxophone:	Mvt. II – mm. 24-33 AND Mvt. III – mm. 56-65
Bb Tenor Saxophone:	Mvt. II – mm. 22-27 AND Mvt. III – mm. 51-61
Eb Baritone Saxophone:	Mvt. II – mm. 22-27 AND Mvt. III – mm. 51-61
Bb Trumpet (1 st or 2 nd):	Mvt. II – mm. 24 (w/ pickup)-33 AND Mvt. III – mm. 61-70
F Horn:	Mvt. II – mm. 24-34 AND Mvt. III – mm. 52-60
Trombone:	Mvt. I – mm. 38-end AND Mvt. II – mm. 22-31
Euphonium:	Mvt. I – mm. 24-32 AND Mvt. II – mm. 22 (w/ pickup)-33
Tuba:	Mvt. III – mm. 27-43
Percussion:	Contact Dr. Mariah Taller