

2015 – 2016 Territorial Band • Percussion Audition Information

Eligibility

1. In order to be eligible for the Territorial Band, you must be:
 - a. A soldier (or officer) in good standing at your corps
 - b. 18 years of age or older (by December 31, 2015)
2. Auditions will be accepted (and are encouraged) on every instrument, even for parts that do not currently have an opening.
 - a. If there is no opening for your instrument, your audition will be kept on file for possible use in future years.

Audition Registration & Materials:

1. Before you register, you will need to identify someone to facilitate the sight-reading portion of your audition.
2. Please send an email to evelyn_pulkin@uss.salvationarmy.org to begin the audition process. In this email, please include the following information:
 - a. Your name, address, corps, and instrument.
 - b. The name and email address of your sight-reading facilitator.
3. The required excerpts for your instrument will be sent to you upon receipt of your email (above). Your facilitator will receive the sight-reading material, which you (obviously) must not see before you record your audition. All materials will be sent by email, unless you request hard copies through the mail.

Recording:

1. All auditions must be recorded on video (any digital format is acceptable, e.g. DVD, mp4, etc. – please no VHS tapes).
2. Each Part of the audition should be recorded in one take, *without pausing or editing*. Under no circumstances should you splice or in any way edit your audition within a Part.
3. The prepared Parts (1 & 2) of the audition may be played from memory or with music; memorization will not contribute in any way to your result.

Audition Format:

1. Part 1 – Repertoire Excerpts
 - a. Play an excerpt on each of the following four instruments
 - i. Snare Drum
 - ii. Keyboard Instrument
 - iii. Timpani
 - iv. Drum Set
 - b. These will be sent with your audition packet from THQ.
2. Part 3 – Sight-reading
 - a. The facilitator will give you the (snare drum) sight-reading example on camera, and you will then have one minute to study it.
 - b. After one minute (timed by your facilitator), play the entire exercise.

Submitting Your Audition:

1. Include the following with your audition
 - a. Your audition video of all three parts of the audition
 - b. A copy of your part to your own choice solo (with excerpts marked) for the adjudicators
2. Send all above materials to THQ via one of the following delivery options:
 - a. Upload your materials to <https://www.hightail.com/dropbox?dropbox=USSMusicandArts>
 - b. Mail to: THQ Music and Creative Arts Education Department, Attn: Territorial Band Auditions, 1424 Northeast Expressway, Atlanta, GA 30329.
3. **Deadline for receiving the video at THQ is August 1, 2015.**
4. By submitting your audition video, you are agreeing to attend ALL Territorial Band rehearsals and performances for the 2015-2016 season (below).
 - a. October 14-18, 2015 – Atlanta, GA (125th Anniversary)
 - b. February 11-14, 2016 – Atlanta, GA (Recording)
 - c. May 19-22, 2016 – Long Beach, CA (National Staff Band Gathering)
5. The video audition is the first step in the application process to become a member of the Territorial Band for the 2015-2016 season. If you are selected by the audition committee, THQ will then seek approval from your Divisional Commander and the Territorial Secretary for Program before you are confirmed as a member.