

THE CHIPPEWA MARCHING BAND

at Central Michigan University

Clarinet Audition Materials



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Greetings!

I'm excited to know of your interest in the 103rd Chippewa Marching Band! The attached materials will help you to prepare for your audition.

The enclosed technical and lyrical exercises are intended to let you demonstrate the best of your abilities. We also ask that you play at least one octave each of the "concert" B-flat, E-flat, and F major scales, and a chromatic scale.

Additionally, we ask that you perform one of the major scales while marking time. You may use any style that's familiar to you. Our style is fairly simple: Holding your instrument in a comfortable playing position, stand with your heels together, your toes comfortably apart, and your body aligned vertically from your ankles up through your knees, hips, abdominal core, and shoulders. Leaving your toes on the ground, mark time with your heels alternating from left to right, and play an octave of a concert F, B-Flat, or E-Flat scale, following the pattern below:



Mark time and play the scale of your choice once at a moderate tempo and again as quickly as is both comfortable and reasonable. As an example, 100 beats per minute and 132 beats per minute would provide a good contrast.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. Be sure to look through the general Audition information at music.cmich.edu/cmb to see how you can register for Orientation and register for your live audition or submit an audition video using YouTube.

I'm looking forward to seeing YOU at CMU!
Dr. James Batcheller, Director

Audition Music: Technical Exercise

Eleanor Kane's Reel

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♩.=128

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 6/8 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 128. The score consists of 20 measures. Measure numbers 8, 10, 14, and 18 are indicated in boxes above the staves. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together, with some measures containing slurs and accents. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the 20th measure.

Audition Music: Lyrical Exercise

Clarinet

If I Were a Blackbird

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Moderato e cantabile

The musical score is written for Clarinet in 3/4 time, featuring a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo and mood are indicated as **Moderato e cantabile**. The score consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a *mf* dynamic marking. The second staff starts at measure 6, and the third staff starts at measure 12. The music is characterized by a lyrical, flowing melody with various note values, including quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, often grouped with slurs. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the third staff.