



# Colorado All-State Band

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## Important Updates for the 2023-2024 Colorado All-State Band (October 6, 2023)

### AUDITIONS

- Directors Instructions
  - On the Directors page of the All-State web-site, we have specific instructions to help directors complete the audition process easily. We encourage you to download and read these instructions before you start your audition process.
- Student Recording Instructions
  - There are step-by-step instructions posted on the “Auditions” page of the web-site that we highly encourage all players to follow so their auditions receive full consideration
- PERCUSSION AUDITIONS ARE VIDEO THIS YEAR. We are piloting moving to video auditions by having percussion complete video (.mp4) auditions. All other auditions will be audio (.mp3) again this year.
  - ALL auditions should utilize the best equipment possible for the recording – a students phone may not be the best option for either video or audio recording.
- ALL band directors at a school must be members of CBA
  - When a school completes their School/Directors registration there is now a place to enter 2<sup>nd</sup>/assistant directors. If a 2<sup>nd</sup>/assistant director is indicated, they are also required to be a member of CBA for student auditions to be accepted.
    - If a director chooses to wait to the last minute to complete their CBA membership, we cannot guarantee that your membership status is verified before the audition upload deadline – We will do our best, but this is not an automated task.
- The audition deadline has been extended to December 1 at 5:00pm (previously November 30).
  - Any audition not received by this deadline will not be considered
  - There is a process that must be completed BEFORE students auditions can be uploaded – some parts of this are not automated and require someone to manually approve entries. For this reason, we HIGHLY encourage everyone to complete their REQUIRED CBA Membership BEFORE November 1.
- ALL audition payments are to be made by the school/band director.
  - We tried having individual students pay for auditions last year and it seemed to create many issues, so we are going back to a school/band director paying for all the auditions for their school. If you have students paying for their own audition, they should pay the school and the school pay the audition fee.
    - Schools can pay for multiple auditions at once (up to 10 at once)
    - Auditions must be paid for BEFORE the students recording can be uploaded.
- Audition “Help” videos from the faculty of Colorado State University and Colorado Mesa University are now available and linked from the “Auditions” page of the All-State Band web-site. Have students follow the link below the CSU and CMU logos.
- The audition portals open November 1. There will be links to the portal on the All-State Band web-site (for students on the “Auditions” page and for directors on the “Directors” page).

## LITERATURE

- The program for the Concert Band has been selected:
  - Clouds that Sail in Heaven (Todd Stalter); Undertow (John Mackey); Der Lehrmeister (Robert Sheldon); Just a Closer Walk with Thee (Don Gillis/Calvin Custer); Rough Riders March (Karl L. King/James Swearingen)
    - Piccolo and String Bass students from small schools SHOULD complete an audition if they want to be included in the ensemble. We have parts for both (remember, if a student auditions on Piccolo, they must ALSO complete a flute audition – they are accepted into the band based on their FLUTE audition, and the highest scoring piccolo player from the accepted flutes is named as piccolo. There is only ONE audition fee required for the flute/piccolo audition).
    - All other auxiliary instruments from SMALL schools need not audition – there are no parts for English horn, E-flat Clarinet, Harp or Piano so students will not be placed on those instruments this year.
- The program for the Symphonic Band has not been received yet. As soon as we get that program from Dr. Threinen (expected any day now), we will compile the same information and post it on the web-site (check the director page for the updated). There will NOT be a mass email that goes out alerting you to the posting.

## OTHER (re. Communication)

- As a reminder, we are posting all announcements and information on the Directors page of the All-State Band web-site rather than sending out multiple emails.
  - We are doing this to make it easier to find information (you won't need to go through multiple emails to find the answer to questions you have).
  - We will alert you to MAJOR information updates/postings with an email (if you are a current member of CBA), but minor postings may not receive an email. You are encouraged to bookmark the directors page and check it regularly.
  - To help avoid confusion, we will specifically tell you if a student is receiving information from us – if we don't tell you that, YOU need to get any relevant information to the student(s).