

MINNESOTA BRASS

INDOOR DRUMLINE



2016
Audition Packet
Battery Percussion

Welcome

Thanks for your interest in Minnesota Brass Indoor! We hope you're as excited as we are about the upcoming 2016 winter drumline season. Congratulations on taking the first step toward membership in our ensemble!

First of all, the most important thing to keep in mind when considering whether you should attend auditions is that the number one thing keeping people from joining our ensemble is thinking you're "not good enough." Our auditions are more than just that - they are a complete educational experience. These first two weekends are open to all ability levels, including those who are not planning on joining our ensemble this season. While there is an audition component to the weekends, the primary purpose is to help you grow as a performer on whatever instrument you choose. Our incredible staff is excited to meet you and help you reach your full potential!

Details

The audition process will have two components - a GROUP and an INDIVIDUAL audition. For the GROUP portion potential members should prepare ALL exercises in the packet to get the most out of this experience. Members will be evaluated based on their ability to play within the ensemble as well as apply any information given by the instructors. There will also be a visual component to evaluate auditionees' ability to combine musical and visual responsibilities.

The second component will be an INDIVIDUAL audition. In this audition we will ask you to play a couple exercises from the packet so we can more accurately evaluate your individual sound quality and timing. Members auditioning for snare or tenors are also asked to prepare a solo that best shows off your abilities. This can be anywhere from 30 seconds to 1 minute. For this we recommend members prioritize quality over quantity - we want to hear your best sounds!

Snares will be playing traditional grip. Quads should first focus on one drum. Arounds will be added as the techs see fit. Bass drums should pick a part to learn splits for. Please be aware that we will most likely ask you to try other parts as well. Cymbal auditions will be based primarily on the application of information provided by the cymbal tech at auditions.

Contact Info

Don't hesitate to contact us anytime with questions. We look forward to meeting you!

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Score

Legatos

This should be played first without the written shaping at one volume at all dynamic levels (p-ff), then with the shaping. Basses will always play 16th notes on the last two bars regardless of which part of the cycle they're on.

$\text{♩}=100-200$

Snareline

Tenorline

Bass Drums

S. Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

Score

Accent Tap

$\text{♩} = 100-180$

Snareline: The first staff consists of three measures. Measure 1: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Measure 2: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Measure 3: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Performance instruction: R above the first measure, L below the first measure, L above the second measure, R below the second measure.

Tenorline: The second staff consists of three measures. Measure 1: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Measure 2: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Measure 3: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Performance instruction: R above the first measure, L below the first measure, R above the second measure, L below the second measure.

Bass Drums: The third staff consists of three measures. Measure 1: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Measure 2: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Measure 3: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Performance instruction: R above the first measure, L below the first measure, R above the second measure, L below the second measure.

S.Dr. (Snare Drum): The fourth staff starts at measure 5. It has four measures. Measure 5: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Measure 6: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Measure 7: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Measure 8: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Performance instruction: R above the first measure, L below the first measure, R above the second measure, L below the second measure, R above the third measure, L below the third measure, R above the fourth measure, L below the fourth measure.

T. Dr. (Tenor Drum): The fifth staff has four measures. Measure 5: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Measure 6: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Measure 7: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Measure 8: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Performance instruction: R above the first measure, L below the first measure, R above the second measure, L below the second measure, R above the third measure, L below the third measure, R above the fourth measure, L below the fourth measure.

B. Dr. (Bass Drum): The sixth staff has four measures. Measure 5: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Measure 6: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Measure 7: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Measure 8: 8th note followed by two groups of eighth-note pairs. Performance instruction: R above the first measure, L below the first measure, R above the second measure, L below the second measure, R above the third measure, L below the third measure, R above the fourth measure, L below the fourth measure.

Score

16th note timing

Universal

The score displays a continuous sequence of 16th note patterns across five staves. Each staff is in 4/4 time. The first four staves are grouped by measure numbers 1 through 4. The fifth staff is grouped by measure numbers 5 through 18. The patterns include various rhythmic combinations such as eighth-note pairs, sixteenth-note groups, and rests.

Triplet Timing

#1

Sheet music for Triplet Timing exercise #1. The music is in 12/8 time, common time, and consists of four measures. The first measure shows a pattern of eighth-note triplets with a note head and a vertical stroke. The second measure shows a similar pattern with a note head and a vertical stroke. The third measure shows a pattern of eighth-note triplets with a note head and a vertical stroke. The fourth measure shows a pattern of eighth-note triplets with a note head and a vertical stroke.

1
natural sticking

5

9

#2

Sheet music for Triplet Timing exercise #2. The music is in 12/8 time, common time, and consists of six measures. The first measure shows a pattern of eighth-note triplets with a note head and a vertical stroke. The second measure shows a similar pattern with a note head and a vertical stroke. The third measure shows a pattern of eighth-note triplets with a note head and a vertical stroke. The fourth measure shows a pattern of eighth-note triplets with a note head and a vertical stroke. The fifth measure shows a pattern of eighth-note triplets with a note head and a vertical stroke. The sixth measure shows a pattern of eighth-note triplets with a note head and a vertical stroke.

5
natural sticking

9

13

17



Trip Dub

MBI Staff

MBI 12

Snareline Tenorline Bass Drums

12

R> L R L R R L R R L R R L>

S.Dr. T. Dr. B. Dr.

R L L R L L R L L R L L R> L R R L R R

S.Dr. T. Dr. B. Dr.

L> R L L R L L R> L R R L> R L L R R R L R R

S.Dr. T. Dr. B. Dr.

L L R L L R> R R L R L> L L R L

S.Dr. T. Dr. B. Dr.

R> R R L R L> L L R L R> R R L R L> L L R L R

Score

Hybrid 3.2

Asleson

$\text{♩} = 140\text{--}200$

2:00

Snareline 

Tenorline 

Bass Drums 

R R L L ...
p

R R L L ...
p

p *R R L L R R L L R R L L R R L L R R L L R R L L*

S. Dr. 

T. Dr. 

B. Dr. 

S. Dr. 

T. Dr. 

B. Dr. 

7

S.Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

9

S.Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

11

S.Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

13

S.Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

Rolls

Snares & Tenors

Variation #1

Musical score for Variation #1. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in common time (indicated by a 'C') and the bottom staff is in 12/8 time (indicated by a '12/8'). Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music starts with a dynamic of **p**. The notes are primarily eighth-note rolls, with sixteenth-note patterns appearing in the later measures.

Variation #2

Musical score for Variation #2. The staves and time signatures are identical to Variation #1. The dynamic is **p**. The notes are primarily eighth-note rolls, with sixteenth-note patterns appearing in the later measures.

Variation #3

Musical score for Variation #3. The staves and time signatures are identical to Variation #1. The dynamic is **p**. The notes are primarily eighth-note rolls, with sixteenth-note patterns appearing in the later measures. There are several grace marks (>) placed above specific notes in the first half of the variation.

Variation #4

Musical score for Variation #4. The staves and time signatures are identical to Variation #1. The dynamic is **p**. The notes are primarily eighth-note rolls, with sixteenth-note patterns appearing in the later measures. There are many grace marks (>) placed above specific notes throughout the variation.

Variation #5

Musical score for Variation #5. The staves and time signatures are identical to Variation #1. The dynamic is **f**. The notes are primarily eighth-note rolls, with sixteenth-note patterns appearing in the later measures.

Variation #6

Musical score for Variation #6. The staves and time signatures are identical to Variation #1. The dynamics are **p**, **f**, **p**, **f**, **p**, and **f**. The notes are primarily eighth-note rolls, with sixteenth-note patterns appearing in the later measures. The dynamics are indicated by horizontal lines with arrows pointing to specific notes.

Rolls

Bass Drums

Variation #1

p

5

Variation #2

p

5

Variation #3

5 > > > > > > > > > > >

Variation #4

> > > > > > > > > > > > >

5 > > > > > > > > > > > > >

Variation #5

f

5

Variation #6

R R R R R R L R L R L R L R L P f f

5 p f p f f

The sheet music for Bass Drums contains six variations of drum rolls. Variation 1 consists of eighth-note pairs. Variation 2 consists of eighth-note pairs followed by sixteenth-note pairs. Variation 3 shows a pattern of sixteenth-note pairs with accents. Variation 4 shows a pattern of sixteenth-note pairs with accents and a different note value. Variation 5 features sixteenth-note patterns with grace notes and a forte dynamic. Variation 6 includes a rhythmic pattern of R, R, R, R, R, R, L, R, L, R, L, R, L, followed by dynamics and a performance instruction.

Score

The Upbeast

Starting in mm. 14, the metronome will be on the upbeat

Jaeger, Asleson

Snareline

Tenorline

Bass Drums

S. Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

S. Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

Snareline: R l r L R l r r L r l R l r r | L r l R L r l l R l r L r l l | R l r L R l r r L r l R l r |
 Tenorline: f R l r L R l r r L r l R l r r | L r l R L r l l R l r L r l l | R l r L R l r r L r l R l r |
 Bass Drums: f R l r L R l r r L r l R l r r | L r l R L r l l R l r L r l l | R l r L R l r r L r l R l r |
 S. Dr.: R ... L R L R R R R | R R R R R R R R |
 T. Dr.: L r l R L r l l R l r L R | L r l R l r L r l R l r L R | r L r l R l r L l R r L l R r L |
 B. Dr.: L r l R L r l l R l r L R | L r l R l r L r l R l r L R | r L r l R l r L l R r L l R r L |
 S. Dr.: R L | L natural | R L R R R R | natural |
 T. Dr.: l R l r L r l R l r L r l R r L | l R l r L r l R r L l R r L l R | L r l R l r L r l R l r L l R |
 B. Dr.: l R l r L r l R l r L r l R r L | l R l r L r l R r L l R r L l R | L r l R l r L r l R l r L l R |
 Motions: muffle | R ... R R R R | R R R R R |
 Tempo: =100

10

S.Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

r L r l R l r L l R r r L l R r L
r l R l r L r l R l r L r l R L
r L r l R l r L l R r L l R r L
r l R l r L r l R l r L r l R L
r l R l r L l R r L l R r L
r l R l r L r l R L r l r l R L

3 3 3

13

S.Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

R L R R l r L R l r L R l r L r l R l r L r L l l
R L R R l r L R l r L R l r L r l R l r L l L l
R L R R l r L R l r L R l r L r l R l r L l L l
R L R R l r L R l r L r l R l r L l L l

3 3 4 4

R L R R L R

16

S.Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

R r r L l l l R r r r r L l l l l R R L R L l l l l R L R R R R
R r r L l l l R r r r r L l l l l R R L R L l l l l R L R R R R
R r r L l l l R r r r r L l l l l R R L R L l l l l R L R R R R