

Clarinet

Instrument Audition Submission Information and Guidelines

2021 Jazz House Summer Workshop and Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 Academic Year

A brief overview about this year's audition process:

1. The audition submission window this year is **May 1-31, 2021**
2. All auditions **MUST** be submitted on YouTube [in one complete and uninterrupted video](#)
3. For each section of the audition, prepare and record the portion of the music that is applicable to your skill level
 - Auditions will be judged first and foremost on accuracy, so please prioritize a portion of well-prepared material over performing everything (quality over quantity)
 - However, our adjudicators at Jazz House Kids will have a better sense of your skill level with more of the audition material
4. **Any student interested in the 2021 Jazz House Big Band (for either Summer Workshop or 2021-22 Academic Year) MUST perform both big band excerpts for his/her instrument**

Registration

All auditions must be submitted online for the 2021 Jazz House Summer Workshop and Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 Academic Year. Please note – our academic year program is a full-year commitment from September 2021 through May 2022.

All registrations are to be filled out by the parent/guardian, not the student.

To register and submit your audition, please follow the instructions below:

1. To access our Active registration page please use the link below:
<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/JazzHouseKids>
2. Select a program (2021 Summer Programs and/or Fall 2021-Spring 2022) by clicking “View” next to that program
3. On the following page, click “Add” to move the session into your selections and then click “continue”
4. Look up your Active account
 - If you have an Active account, be sure to use the proper email address associated with the existing account to login; existing Active accounts will automatically pre-fill any information that has already been submitted to the system

- If you do not have an Active account, enter your email address and click “next” to create an account
- 5. If you wish to register for an additional program or tuition assistance, please return to the Active homepage and select the additional item
- 6. **To return to your Active account** (edit your information, add your YouTube audition link, or make a payment), please use the link below:
<https://campsself.active.com/JazzHouseKids>
- 7. **PLEASE NOTE:** A \$125 non-refundable deposit, which includes a \$25 registration fee, is due at registration

Video Uploading

The video audition submission window is May 1-31, 2021; if you complete your registration before your video is ready, simply return to your account at any point throughout the month of May to submit your YouTube audition link

To upload your video for your Jazz House Kids audition, please follow the instructions below:

1. Go to www.youtube.com
2. Click the “create” button in the upper right corner and select “upload video,” if necessary
3. In order to keep audition videos private, please be sure the privacy tab in the middle of the screen is set to “**unlisted**” (not “public” or “private”); this will only allow the video to be viewed by those who have a direct link
4. Click on “Select files to upload” and locate/select your video
5. Once the video begins to upload, please type your name into the “title” box
6. On the left side of the screen, toward the top, you will find your URL link just below “Your video will be live at;” this URL link will also be displayed in the middle of the screen as soon as the video is fully uploaded
7. Please copy this URL link and paste it into your Active account on the line that reads “**Link to audition video on YouTube**”

Audition Guidelines

Please carefully read through all information below, as your audition will not be considered if these guidelines are not followed

1. **The audition submission window is open from May 1-31, for all programs**; in order for your audition to be given full consideration, you **must** submit within this submission window
2. Any auditions submitted after May 31 will only be considered based on instrument availability
3. **All auditions must be submitted as a YouTube link**; please paste the **entire** URL link into

the appropriate “Link to audition video on YouTube” line in your Active account (see above for details on video uploading)

4. Videos from a phone or similar device are completely acceptable as we are most interested in your playing and not the quality of the video
5. **All auditions must be video recorded in one uninterrupted, unedited segment**
6. **Please leave your video up on YouTube through September 1, 2021**; it is recommended to submit your YouTube video as “unlisted” rather than “public” or “private,” as it can only be accessed if the exact URL link is known
7. If you are interested in playing a second instrument in the program, you must submit a separate video for each instrument
 1. JAZZ HOUSE KIDS will try to accommodate students wishing to participate on two instruments where scheduling and instrumentation needs allow
 2. As priority must be given to any student on their primary instrument, Jazz House Kids cannot guarantee proper placement on secondary instruments
8. **Auditions should be approximately 6-7 minutes in length, and shall not exceed 10 minutes at the maximum**
 - **At the beginning of your video, please state your name, age, grade and school**
 - Each audition will consist of four sections:
 1. Scales and arpeggios
 2. Blues and improvisation
 3. Ballad
 4. Big band excerpts
 - **Please do not use a metronome for any sections of the audition**

***IMPORTANT:** For each section, record only as much as you are comfortable and prepared to play. Auditions will be judged first and foremost on accuracy, so please prioritize a smaller portion of well-prepared material over performing everything (quality over quantity). However, JAZZ HOUSE KIDS will have a better sense of your skill level with more material presented. As this is a placement audition, we do not need to hear you perform everything perfectly, but instead are looking to understand the best placement for your optimal learning experience

Detailed Audition Submission Information

Please prepare your audition using the audition packet specified for your instrument specifically. Also note below any specifications for your specific instrument.

Scales & Arpeggios

1. Only perform the scales or arpeggios that you are comfortable playing
2. ACCURACY is the primary element for judging scales; speed/technique will be taken into consideration, but only if the scale/arpeggio is played correctly
3. Play multiple octaves, when applicable

Blues & Improvisation

1. Please select one of the two blues options, either *Bags' Groove* or *Blues For Alice* – more advanced students who wish to demonstrate their abilities on chord progressions are encouraged to select *Blues For Alice*
2. Play the melody to *Bags' Groove* or *Blues For Alice* one time in the range most comfortable for you on your instrument
3. Improvise for two choruses of the form
4. If you currently do not improvise at all, please state that on the video before you perform, and play the melody to *Bags' Groove* with the recording; we strongly encourage everyone to attempt an improvised solo
5. For accompaniment:
 - For *Bags' Groove* use **track 7 (Blues in key of Bb concert)** from Jamey Aebersold's *How To Play Jazz & Improvise, Volume 1*:
https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B007Q0WBRM?ie=UTF8&qid=1333636230&redirect=true&ref=dm_sp_alb&sr=8-16
 - For *Blues For Alice* use **track 12 (Bird Blues)** from Jamey Aebersold's *Nothin' But Blues, Volume 2*:
https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B007Q0WJDI/ref=dm_ws_sp_ps_dp

Ballad

1. Using the attached lead sheet for your instrument, perform the melody to *Peace*, unaccompanied;
2. The melody may be embellished, but should still be clearly recognizable;
3. The primary objectives for this portion of the audition should focus on consistent time, strength of sound, and phrasing.

Big Band Excerpts

1. With the exception of anyone very new to their instrument, all students should include *Big Band excerpt #1* in their audition; we strongly encourage all students to also attempt *Big Band excerpt #2*; **for anyone wanting to be considered for the full year Jazz House Big Band, Big Band Excerpt #2 MUST BE PERFORMED**
2. Please pay close attention to notated tempo and style for each piece

NOTE: Students only auditioning for the Summer Jazz Workshop should still prepare the Big Band portion of the audition to ensure proper large ensemble placement during the Summer Workshop.

**If you have additional questions, please contact
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JAZZ HOUSE AUDITION SCALES & ARPEGGIOS

PLAY MULTIPLE OCTAVES, WHEN POSSIBLE



PLAY AS MANY OF THE FOLLOWING SCALES AS POSSIBLE:

C MAJOR

F MAJOR

B_b MAJOR

G MAJOR

D MAJOR

A MAJOR

E_b MAJOR



PLAY AS MANY OF THE FOLLOWING ARPEGGIOS AS POSSIBLE:

C MAJOR 7 (CMaj7)

F DOMINANT 7 (F7)

G MINOR 7 (G-7)

D MINOR 7_{b5} (D-7_{b5})

****PLEASE PLAY ONLY ONE OF THESE TWO PIECES FOR THE IMPROV SECTION****

B \flat

BAG'S GROOVE

PLAY MELODY IN ANY COMFORTABLE REGISTER

MILT JACKSON

Musical notation for Bag's Groove, featuring three staves of music in 4/4 time. The first staff has a C \flat 7 chord above the first measure. The second staff has an F7 chord above the first measure and a C \flat 7 chord above the fifth measure. The third staff has a D \flat MIN7 chord above the first measure, a G7 chord above the second measure, and a C \flat 7 chord above the fifth measure. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests.

BLUES FOR ALICE

CHARLIE PARKER

Musical notation for Blues for Alice, featuring three staves of music in 4/4 time. The first staff has chords G \flat MA7, F \sharp ∞ 7, B7(\flat 9), E \flat MIN7, A7, D \flat MIN7, and G7. The second staff has chords C7, C \flat MIN7, F7, B \flat MIN7, E7, B \flat MIN7, and E \flat 7. The third staff has chords A \flat MIN7, D7, B \flat MIN7, E7, A \flat MIN7, and D7. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests.

B \flat

PEACE

HORACE SILVER

Handwritten musical score for the jazz standard "Peace" by Horace Silver. The score is in B-flat major, 4/4 time, and consists of three staves of music. The notes are written in treble clef. The chord annotations above the notes are as follows:

- Staff 1: B \flat 7, E7(\flat 9), A min7, D7, C#Maj7, D \flat 7 G7(\flat 9)
- Staff 2: C Maj7, C# min7, F#7, B Maj7, G# min7
- Staff 3: F \flat 7, B \flat 7(\flat 9), E \flat Maj7, D7(#9), C#7(#11), C Maj7

The score includes various musical notations such as rests, eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes. There are also some handwritten markings like "5" and "8" below the notes, possibly indicating fingerings or specific voicings.

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Big Band Excerpt #1 Swing ♩=110

pp

31A

f

Detailed description: This musical score is for a Clarinet part in a Big Band Excerpt #1, marked Swing with a tempo of 110 bpm. It consists of six staves of music. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The music begins with a piano (*pp*) dynamic. The first staff contains the first measure, starting with a quarter rest followed by eighth notes. The second staff contains measures 2-3, with a boxed section labeled '31A' in the second measure. The third staff contains measures 4-5. The fourth staff contains measures 6-7. The fifth staff contains measures 8-9, ending with a double bar line and a forte (*f*) dynamic marking. The sixth staff contains measures 10-11, ending with a double bar line.

Big Band Excerpt #2 Swing ♩=140

(ENS.)

I

f mf

Detailed description: This musical score is for a Clarinet part in a Big Band Excerpt #2, marked Swing with a tempo of 140 bpm. It consists of four staves of music. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The music begins with a triplet of eighth notes. The first staff contains measures 1-2. The second staff contains measures 3-4, with a '(ENS.)' marking above the final measure. The third staff contains measures 5-6, with a boxed section labeled 'I' in the first measure. The fourth staff contains measures 7-8, ending with a double bar line and dynamic markings of forte (*f*) and mezzo-forte (*mf*).