Division of Music Ensemble Audition Requirements

Placement auditions for the Division of Music ensembles take place at the beginning of the fall semester. If you are a current student non-music major and wish to audition for the Meadows Wind Ensemble, Meadows Symphony Orchestra, or SYZYGY New Music Ensemble, please contact the Division of Music to have an audition time scheduled in the designated block for your instrument. Instrumental auditions for the following instruments are available for non-music majors in 2015-16:

Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Tenor Trombone, Bass Trombone, Percussion, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass & Harp.

Students should prepare a solo and orchestral excerpts as assigned (see links above) and be prepared to sight-read.

Placement auditions for the Meadows Choral Ensembles are available to non-music majors. Please see audition schedule below and sign up for an audition time. More information about each ensemble is located here: SMU Choral Department.

Choral auditions will consist of vocalization and sight-reading. Students should also be ready to perform a prepared solo (accompanist will be provided) or non-majors may sing a hymn or “America” instead of a prepared solo. If you have questions, please contact the director of Choral Activities: Pamela Elrod Huffman

If you are interested in playing in a chamber ensemble, please contact the director of chamber music: Matt Albert

Auditions for the Meadows Jazz Orchestra and Meadows World Music Ensemble are available to non-music majors. Please see audition schedule below and sign up for an audition time. If you have questions, please contact the ensemble directors:

Meadows Jazz Orchestra: Dylan Smith
Meadows World Music Ensemble: Jamal Mohamed

If you are interested in auditioning for the Meadows Percussion Ensemble, please contact the director: Jon Lee

If you are interested in auditioning for POINT, please contact the director: Kim Corbet

Fall 2015 Ensemble Audition Schedule

Saturday, August 22

INSTRUMENTAL AUDITIONS WOODWINDS: 2:00PM-9:30PM, O’Donnell Recital Hall
• All woodwind students must audition.
• Assigned times will be posted on the Wind Ensemble board outside the Band Hall, (OFAC 1110).
• Students should prepare a solo and orchestral excerpts as assigned and be prepared to sight-read.

MEADOWS WORLD MUSIC ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS - All Instruments, 6:00PM-9:00PM, or by appointment (Email Jamal Mohamed at jmohamed@smu.edu), OFAC 1110.
• Sign up for an audition time on the Band Hall (1110) bulletin board.
Sunday, August 23

INSTRUMENTAL AUDITIONS—BRASS AND PERCUSSION
BRASS -- 9:00AM-4:30PM, Caruth Auditorium
PERCUSSION – 6:00PM-8:30PM, Band Hall
• All brass and percussion students must audition.
• Assigned times will be posted on the Wind Ensemble Bulletin Board outside the Band Hall (OFAC 1110).
• Students should prepare a solo and orchestral excerpts as assigned and be prepared to sight-read.

MEADOWS JAZZ ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS—SAX, BRASS, RHYTHM: 6:00PM-9:00PM or by appointment (E-mail Dylan Smith at dylans@smu.edu). OFAC 1060).
• Sign up on the MJJO bulletin board beside the Facilities Office (1061) for an audition time.
• Students should prepare 2-3 standard tunes from the jazz repertoire. Be prepared to play the melody and improvise a few choruses on each tune. Rhythm section accompaniment will be provided.
• If auditioning for a lead chair, also prepare an excerpt from a big band chart lead part and be prepared to play a chromatic scale demonstrating your entire comfortable range.
• For questions or suggestions of appropriate tunes or excerpts, contact Dylan Smith at dylans@smu.edu.

CHORAL AUDITIONS for non-voice majors: 2:00PM-3:30PM, Choral Hall (OFAC 1180)
• Sign up for an audition time on the Choral Bulletin Board outside of OFAC 1180.
• The audition will consist of vocalization and sight-reading. Students should also be ready to perform a prepared solo (accompanist will be provided) or non-majors may sing a hymn or “America” instead of a prepared solo.
Choir placement results will be posted late in the day on Monday, August 24

Monday, August 24

CHORAL AUDITIONS for Non-Voice majors: 12:00 Noon-1:00PM, Choral Hall (OFAC 1180); and 3:00PM-5:30PM, OFAC 2130 O’Donnell Recital Hall
• Sign up for an audition time on the Choral Bulletin Board outside of OFAC 1180.
• The audition will consist of vocalization and sight-reading. Students should also be ready to perform a prepared solo (accompanist will be provided) or non-majors may sing a hymn or “America” instead of a prepared solo.
Choir placement results will be posted late in the day on Monday, August 24

INSTRUMENTAL AUDITIONS—VIOLIN AND HARPO 3:00PM-9:00PM, Kahn Studio, OFAC B026
• All violin and harp students should check for assigned times posted on the Orchestra Bulletin Board across from Dr. Phillips office, OFAC B012.
• Students should prepare a solo and orchestral excerpts as assigned and be prepared to sight-read.

Tuesday, August 25

INSTRUMENTAL AUDITIONS—VIOLA, CELLO AND DOUBLE BASS: 3:00PM-9:00PM, Kahn Studio, OFAC B026
• All viola, cello and double bass students should check for assigned times posted on the Orchestra Bulletin Board across from Dr. Phillips office, OFAC B012.
• Students should prepare a solo and orchestral excerpts as assigned and be prepared to sight-read.
Fall 2015 Ensemble Rehearsal Schedule

**Meadows Wind Ensemble & Meadows Symphony Orchestra** (ensembles rotate concert cycles throughout the year)
Tuesday/Thursday 3:30-6:15pm & Wednesday/Friday 3-6pm in Caruth Auditorium

**Meadows Choral Ensembles**

**Meadows Chorale**
Monday/Wednesday 12-12:50pm & Tuesday/Thursday 12:30-1:50pm in the Choral Hall OFAC 1180

**Meadows Concert Choir**
Monday/Wednesday/Friday 3-3:50pm in the Choral Hall OFAC 1180

**Diva Dolce**
Monday/Wednesday/Friday 3-3:50pm in OFAC 1060

**SYZYGY**
Monday 3-6pm in Caruth Auditorium & Tuesday/Thursday 11am-12:20pm in the Choral Hall OFAC 1180

**Chamber Music Class**
Friday 12-12:50 in O'Donnell Recital Hall OFAC 2130

**Meadows Jazz Orchestra**
Tuesday/Thursday 12:30-1:50pm in the Band Hall OFAC 1110

**Meadows World Music Ensemble**
Monday 7-10pm in the Band Hall OFAC 1110

**Meadows Percussion Ensemble**
Monday 12-1:50pm & Wednesday/Friday 12-12:50pm

**POINT**
Tuesday 7-10pm in OFAC B600