The University of Georgia
2017 Redcoat Band Drumline Auditions

Saturday, April 29th, 2017

Thank you for your interest in the 2017 edition of the UGA Redcoat Band Drumline. This year’s audition process will occur within one day on Saturday, April 29th, 2017. In this packet you will find a detailed schedule of our audition process, audition exercises and music, and answers to frequently asked questions.

How do I register to audition for the UGA drumline?

There are two important steps to this process:

1. Fill out the UGA Redcoat Band’s online membership application at https://ugeorgia.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ezDTWRnpF9wnDs9.

2. Email John Cypert, Percussion Coordinator, at RedcoatPercussion@gmail.com stating your intent to audition. Simply provide your name, phone number, mailing address, and UGA admissions status. Also, briefly discuss your audition intentions in regard to instrument choice and willingness to play other instruments within the percussion ensemble.

Audition Schedule

Please note that since audition times vary by section, those auditioning could potentially participate in every session throughout the entire day. Therefore, those auditioning should plan on a day from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

• 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Snare Drum & Quad Drum auditions
  ➢ Please arrive by 8:45 a.m. for this session
  ➢ Those wishing to audition for snare drum or quad drums should attend this session. “Cuts” will be made hourly until these sections are set at the conclusion of the block. If difficult decisions require additional time, potential members of the snare and/or quad sections could be asked to return for further evaluation after the lunch break.
  ➢ Those not earning membership in these sections are urged to audition for other sections within the ensemble.

• 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch on your own

• 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Bass Drum and Front Ensemble auditions
➢ Please arrive by 1:15 p.m. for this session

➢ Those wishing to audition for bass drum or front ensemble should attend this session. “Cuts” will be made hourly until these sections are set at the conclusion of the block. If difficult decisions require additional time, potential members of the bass drum and/or front ensemble sections could be asked to return for further evaluation after the dinner break.

➢ Those not earning membership in these sections are urged to audition for other sections within the ensemble.

• 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Dinner on your own
• 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. - Field Cymbal auditions

➢ Please arrive by 5:45 p.m. for this session

➢ Those wishing to audition for field cymbals should attend this session. “Cuts” will be made hourly until the section is set at the conclusion of the block.

Where?

Auditions will take place at UGA’s Hugh Hodgson School of Music located at 250 River Rd, Athens, GA 30602. Upon arrival, potential members will report to the band room located on the first floor. After a brief informational meeting at the beginning of each audition segment, the audition process will begin.

Audition fee?

Potential members, returning and new, must pay a non-refundable audition fee of $15.00. Cash, check, or debit/credit card are accepted.

What do I bring?

Potential members should bring appropriate playing implements----snare drum sticks, quad mallets/sticks, bass drum mallets, and/or keyboard mallets. Additionally, because the number of those auditioning could exceed the amount of instruments owned by the Redcoat Band, we ask those auditioning for snare drum and/or quad drums to please bring your own instruments if possible. It is not necessary to bring bass drums, field cymbals, or keyboard instruments.

How will I be evaluated during the audition process?

Evaluations take place in an ensemble setting. However, you should also expect to demonstrate your skills individually. Potential members are evaluated on their consistency in technique and sound quality as well as tempo control and rhythmic accuracy.

What will I be asked to play during the audition?
You are urged to familiarize yourself with the music materials found in this packet. So that potential members’ reading and quickness in learning can be evaluated, additional materials will be handed out on the day of auditions and utilized during the evaluation process as well. This is important since the Redcoat Band performs three-plus shows a season.

Other questions

If you should have any other questions or concerns regarding UGA Drumline auditions, please do not hesitate to contact us at RedcoatPercussion@gmail.com.

We look forward to the 2017 edition of the UGA Redcoat Band Drumline and meeting each of you at auditions on Saturday, April 29th, 2017. Best of luck and, of course, Go Dawgs!

John M. Cypert          John Moates          Jake Lyons
Percussion Coordinator  Batterie Instructor  Front Ensemble Instructor
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The 2017 University of Georgia Redcoat Band Front Ensemble Audition Materials

Potential members auditioning for the Front Ensemble should prepare and memorize the following exercises and etudes in this packet:

- *Glory Beats 2.0*
- *Space & Timing*
- *Red Scales, in ALL major and minor keys*
- *Broccoli*
- *Michi*
- *2016 Show Chunk*

Potential members should expect to perform these exercises (from memory) both individually and within a group setting. During preparation, pay attention to the marked tempo ranges but remember speed is only one consideration in the evaluation. It is important to note that the front ensemble utilizes the Lee Howard Stevens’ four-mallet grip only. There will be no two-mallet portion to the audition. All exercises and etudes will be performed while holding four mallets.

In addition to preparing the preceding six exercises and etudes, potential members should also prepare a one- to three-minute marimba or vibraphone solo that best displays one’s skill set. Excerpts from indoor, drum corps, or marching band shows are also acceptable. For the audition, all mallets and instruments will be provided. Potential members are welcome, however, to bring their own mallets if they prefer.

Remember, additional materials may be handed out and utilized during the audition process. Portions of the audition could require potential members to demonstrate advanced skills and/or understand concepts of basic music theory. Potential members’ playing will be evaluated both individually and within an ensemble setting.

Questions should be directed to RedcoatPercussion@gmail.com.
Glory Beats 2.0
University of Georgia Front Ensemble 2016
Arr. Jake Lyons
Space & Timing
University of Georgia Front Ensemble 2016

Mallets
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Percussion

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Red Scales
University of Georgia Front Ensemble 2016

Mallets

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Broccoli
University of Georgia Front Ensemble 2016

Mallets

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Michi
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Redcoat Front Ensemble Audition - 2016 Show Chunks

Vibraphone 1, 2, 3

Marin and, Bass Guitar

Racks

Vibraphone 4

Marimba 1, 2

Bass Guitar

Racks