

June 2017

Dear UIC Instrumental Music Student,

Welcome to the Fall 2017 semester at the University of Illinois at Chicago! This is information for students auditioning for UIC Bands, Orchestra, and Chamber Music. The UIC Bands and Orchestra have planned an exciting semester of engaging repertoire, performances, and programs.

Woodwind, brass, string, and percussion auditions for these UIC Ensembles will take place August 28-30. The following is information regarding the audition procedure. There is a great deal of detailed information. Please read carefully.

#### **Audition Procedures:**

- Note the dates, times, and locations of the audition blocks for your instrument. Sign-Up sheets are located on the board next to L048 of the ETMSW building. Sign up for a time that works for your schedule. Auditions will occur in eight-minute intervals in Rm L033. Percussion auditions will be in L060.
- Arrive to the audition site 20 minutes prior to the start of your audition block. Practice rooms are available on the lower level of the ETMSW building.
- There will be a stand outside the audition site which has an information form and a media release form to fill out. You will indicate what ensembles you are auditioning for here. Please fill this out prior to your audition.
- If you have any questions, please wait until the current audition to finish and feel free to ask the directors inside any questions you may have.
- If you are not able to audition during your instrument's allotted time, please email Dr. Riojas at [rjiojas@uic.edu](mailto:rjiojas@uic.edu) to schedule an alternate time.



#### **Audition Material:**

- Musical excerpts are included in this packet. Questions regarding percussion excerpts can be directed at Prof. Kamps at [jkamps@uic.edu](mailto:jkamps@uic.edu).
  - Prepare all or a portion of **each** excerpt

### Audition Blocks:

#### Monday, August 28

9:00 am – 10:45 am Wind Instruments  
12:30 pm – 3:00 pm Wind Instruments  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Wind Instruments

#### Tuesday, August 29

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Strings  
3:00 pm – 5:30 pm Strings  
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Wind Instruments

#### Wednesday, August 30

9:00 am – 10:45 am Wind Instruments  
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Wind Instruments  
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Percussion  
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Strings

### Audition results

- Audition results will be emailed to all students who auditioned.
- Results for Bands and Strings will also be posted Thursday, August 31 no later than 2:00 pm outside of L048.
- Results for Orchestra and Chamber Music will be posted on Friday, September 1.
- Auditions are intended to provide the directors with the information needed to place students in the correct ensemble, assign parts appropriately, and program the best music for each ensemble. Auditions are not intended to disclude anyone from participation in the Band, Orchestra, and Instrumental Music Program. All are welcome!

### Course Sign-up

- It is a requirement for members of all ensembles to enroll in the proper course and section for each ensemble: MUS 151 (Bands), MUS 157 (Orchestra); MUS 152 (Chamber Music). Each course earns you 1 Credit Hour.
- Exceptions to this requirement are considered on an individual basis by the appropriate instructor. Please contact the instructor of the appropriate ensemble if you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy.

### First Required Rehearsals/Meetings

- Chamber Music
  - Students placed in a Chamber Music Ensemble will first meet the second week of school as organized by your instructor according to your schedules.
- UIC Orchestra
  - First rehearsal for strings will be on Thursday, August 31 at 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm and all members, including winds and percussion, on Tuesday, September 5 at 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm.
- UIC Symphonic Band
  - Students interested exclusively in the UIC Symphonic Band should just plan to attend the first meeting on Monday, August 28 at 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. You will receive a syllabus and music for hearings to be heard on Wednesday, August 30 between 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm.
  - The UIC Symphonic Band will have its first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm.
- UIC Wind Ensemble
  - First rehearsal will be on Friday, September 1 at 4:00 pm - 4:50 pm.

### First Concerts

- UIC Orchestra
  - The orchestra's first performance is scheduled for Sunday, October 15 at 3:00 pm.
  - Repertoire will include selections from the following:
    - Hector Berlioz, "Rakoczy March" from *Damnation of Faust* (5:00)
    - Michael Daugherty, *Pachelbel's Keys* (5:00)
    - Johann Sebastian Bach (orchestrated by Lucien Calliet), *Sheep May Safely Graze* (5:00)
    - Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, *Symphony #5, "Reformation"* (27:00)
- UIC Symphonic Band
  - The UIC Symphonic Band's first performance is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11 at 7:30 pm.

- UIC Wind Ensemble
  - The UIC Wind Ensemble's first performance is scheduled for Friday, October 13 at 7:30 pm.
  - The repertoire for this concert will be as follows:

A Glimpse of the Eternal, Aaron Perrine (4:00)

The Athens Concerto, John Hennecken (11:00)

Brenna Curtis, guest conductor

John Hennecken, guest composer

Velocity Festivals, Paul Dooley (6:00)

Paul Dooley, guest composer

Attack Decay Sustain Release, Mason Bates (5:00)

Sound Asleep, Andrew Boss (9:30)

Polovtsian Dances, Alexander Borodin, trans. Riojas (11:00)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the audition material, audition times, or rehearsal times please feel free to contact Dr. Riojas at [jriojas@uic.edu](mailto:jriojas@uic.edu).

We hope you have had a relaxing summer and are ready for a semester of great music making here at UIC!

Sincerely,



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in all excerpts.  $\ell$  = lift/retake bow

## AUDITION EXCERPTS

Fall 2017

### Viola

$\text{♩} = 60$

#### Excerpt 1

Musical score for Excerpt 1, Viola part. The score consists of four staves. The first staff is the treble clef, and the second and third are bass clefs. The fourth staff is a short ending. The score includes various dynamics such as *p*, *cresc.*, *ff*, *f*, *dim.*, and *pp*. There are also performance markings like *div.*, *stay*, and *sol.*. The tempo is marked as  $\text{♩} = 60$ .

#### Excerpt 2

$\text{♩} = 100$

Musical score for Excerpt 2, Viola part. The score consists of four staves. The first staff is the treble clef, and the second, third, and fourth are bass clefs. The score includes various dynamics such as *ff sempre*, *div.*, and *unis.*. There are also performance markings like *3*, *2*, and *3*. The tempo is marked as  $\text{♩} = 100$ . A red circle highlights the beginning of the first staff.

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$\ell$  = lift, retake bow in all excerpts

$\text{♩} = 80$

## Excerpt 3

Handwritten musical score for Excerpt 3. The score is written on seven systems of staves. The first system shows a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. It includes dynamic markings *f*, *cresc.*, *mf*, and a triplet of eighth notes. The second system begins with a tempo marking *Allegro vivace.* and a tempo of  $\text{♩} = 120$ . It features dynamic markings *f*, *cresc.*, and *più f*. The third system includes *cresc.* and *sempre cresc.*. The fourth system starts with a section marked **B** and includes *p*, *f*, and *cresc.*. The fifth system has *cresc. sempre*. The sixth system includes *cresc.*, *al-*, and *più f*. The seventh system ends with *ENI*. The score is heavily annotated with bowing techniques, including *ℓ* (lift) and *V* (vibrato), and various slurs and phrasing marks.

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## Excerpt 4

$\text{♩} = 128$   
arco

*pp* *p* *cre*

*scen* *do* *poco* *a* *poco*

*f* *cresc.*

*sin* *al* *ff*

*ff* *con fuoco*

*più f*

*non legato*

*ff* *f*

Detailed description of the musical score: The score consists of ten staves of music. The first staff is a treble clef with a handwritten tempo of quarter note = 128 and the instruction 'arco'. It begins with a *pp* dynamic and a *cre* (crescendo) marking. The second staff is a bass clef with lyrics 'scen do poco a poco' and a *poco* marking. The third staff is a treble clef with a *f* dynamic and a *cresc.* marking. The fourth staff is a bass clef with lyrics 'sin al' and a *ff* dynamic. The fifth staff is a treble clef with a *ff* dynamic and a *con fuoco* marking. The sixth staff is a bass clef with a *più f* marking. The seventh staff is a treble clef with a *non legato* marking. The eighth staff is a bass clef with a *ff* dynamic. The ninth staff is a treble clef with a *f* dynamic. The tenth staff is a bass clef with a *ff* dynamic. The score is heavily annotated with handwritten notes, including fingerings, slurs, and dynamic changes.