

UTEP Percussion - Fall 2026 Large Ensemble Audition

Percussion Majors, Applied Minors, and anyone playing percussion in large ensembles and percussion ensemble.

Required for placement in wind bands, orchestra, and percussion ensemble (Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, Concert Band (Listed as Symphonic Band Section 2), Symphony Orchestra, UTEP Percussion Ensemble).

Auditions will be scheduled TBA between August 19 and 21 at M140 Instrumental Rehearsal Hall.

Advice

Preparation characteristic of a serious musician is expected. This involves spending appropriate and organized practice time, observing all indications in the part, applying appropriate research into stylistic considerations, and performing with artistic intent.

Start sooner than later. It's appropriate to take a few summer weeks to focus on other things. Still, the sooner you start, the more familiar your relationship with the material and the more opportunity to develop specific skills. Do your research. Always listen to exemplary recordings, and research solutions such as stickings and mallet selection. Know your tempos and rehearse your audition sequence. Practice on the instruments on which you will perform.

It is OK to confer with peers as well!

Audition Repertory

Timpani

Alex Orfaly, Studies in Copper, Etude #1 m. 6–29 (downbeat).

Tuning, touch, rhythmic accuracy, and style are key. Take care with stockings, duple and triple rhythms, rests, and metering of rolls. The tuning is very diatonic and triadic - you can use that as an aid.

Snare Drum

Shostakovich Symphony No. 10 Mvt. II six measures before 86–87; 98–end; Mvt. III 133–135.

Meter, pulse, rhythmic accuracy are paramount, along with balance and touch hand to hand. 4-stroke ruffs should sound consistent, and with a crescendo. Listen for style, character, and tempo.

Xylophone

1. Kodály Háy János Suite m. 5–rehearsal 1. Perform this twice in a row with 4 beats in between, demonstrating consistency in interpretation and execution.
2. Shostakovich, Concerto No. 2 for Cello and Orchestra, op. 126, Mvt. III, pickups to 100–101.

Perform these excerpts on the Adams Symphonic Rosewood Xylophone. However, be conservative, saving your last few run throughs for that instrument.

Tambourine

Tchaikovsky, The Nutcracker Suite, Trépak 6 after C–end; Arab Dance 12 after D–End.

Sight Reading (snare drum and 2-mallet marimba).

The Audition

Attire - It's Band Camp - you are welcome to "come as you are."

Perform the auditioning the order listed above for efficiency.

Have a plan - Sticks and mallets, your marked-up music, envision yourself relaxed and confident and playing successfully in the audition environment.

Be cordial and concise in communication with adjudication panel and proctor. TURN SNARES ON AND OFF.

Sight Reading - turn the page back over when completed.

Timpani - Orfaly # 1

Etude #1

Many of the etudes in this book are derived from major pieces of the symphonic rep, *this one is not*. A major point of concern in this etude is the clear delineation between duple and triple rhythms, especially those not starting on the beat. Particular attention should be paid to measures 56-59 where the slur above the rolls indicates that the rolls should be played as connected as possible.

Allegro Moderato ♩ = 100

Handwritten musical score for "General sound" in bass clef, 4/4 time. The score consists of six staves. The first staff is marked *f* and has a purple wavy line above it. The second staff is marked *ff* and has a purple bracket with the number 6 above it. The third staff is marked *mp*. The fourth staff has a measure rest for 4 measures, marked 23 - G, 29 - B $\flat$, and is marked *pp* and *mf*. The fifth staff has a measure rest for 2 measures, marked 32 - F, and is marked *f*. The sixth staff is marked *ff* and has a purple wavy line above it. The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, and dynamic markings.

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Shostakovich No. 10, Allegro $\text{♩} = 176$

Handwritten musical score for Shostakovich No. 10, Allegro, measures 10-118. The score includes various dynamics, articulations, and performance instructions.

Measures 10-18: *mf* (timpani)

Measures 85-94: *p cresc.*

Measures 95-104: *ff*

Measures 105-110: *p cresc.*

Measures 111-118: *ff*

Measures 119-128: *ff*

Measures 129-138: *ff*

Measures 139-148: *ff*

Measures 149-158: *ff*

Measures 159-168: *ff*

Measures 169-178: *ff*

Measures 179-188: *ff*

Measures 189-198: *ff*

Measures 199-208: *ff*

Measures 209-218: *ff*

Measures 219-228: *ff*

Measures 229-238: *ff*

Measures 239-248: *ff*

Measures 249-258: *ff*

Measures 259-268: *ff*

Measures 269-278: *ff*

Measures 279-288: *ff*

Measures 289-298: *ff*

Measures 299-308: *ff*

Measures 309-318: *ff*

Measures 319-328: *ff*

Measures 329-338: *ff*

Measures 339-348: *ff*

Measures 349-358: *ff*

Measures 359-368: *ff*

Measures 369-378: *ff*

Measures 379-388: *ff*

Measures 389-398: *ff*

Measures 399-408: *ff*

Measures 409-418: *ff*

Measures 419-428: *ff*

Measures 429-438: *ff*

Measures 439-448: *ff*

Measures 449-458: *ff*

Measures 459-468: *ff*

Measures 469-478: *ff*

Measures 479-488: *ff*

Measures 489-498: *ff*

Measures 499-508: *ff*

Measures 509-518: *ff*

Measures 519-528: *ff*

Measures 529-538: *ff*

Measures 539-548: *ff*

Measures 549-558: *ff*

Measures 559-568: *ff*

Measures 569-578: *ff*

Measures 579-588: *ff*

Measures 589-598: *ff*

Measures 599-608: *ff*

Measures 609-618: *ff*

Measures 619-628: *ff*

Measures 629-638: *ff*

Measures 639-648: *ff*

Measures 649-658: *ff*

Measures 659-668: *ff*

Measures 669-678: *ff*

Measures 679-688: *ff*

Measures 689-698: *ff*

Measures 699-708: *ff*

Measures 709-718: *ff*

Measures 719-728: *ff*

Measures 729-738: *ff*

Measures 739-748: *ff*

Measures 749-758: *ff*

Measures 759-768: *ff*

Measures 769-778: *ff*

Measures 779-788: *ff*

Measures 789-798: *ff*

Measures 799-808: *ff*

Measures 809-818: *ff*

Measures 819-828: *ff*

Measures 829-838: *ff*

Measures 839-848: *ff*

Measures 849-858: *ff*

Measures 859-868: *ff*

Measures 869-878: *ff*

Measures 879-888: *ff*

Measures 889-898: *ff*

Measures 899-908: *ff*

Measures 909-918: *ff*

Measures 919-928: *ff*

Measures 929-938: *ff*

Measures 939-948: *ff*

Measures 949-958: *ff*

Measures 959-968: *ff*

Measures 969-978: *ff*

Measures 979-988: *ff*

Measures 989-998: *ff*

Measures 999-1008: *ff*

Measures 1009-1018: *ff*

Measures 1019-1028: *ff*

Measures 1029-1038: *ff*

Measures 1039-1048: *ff*

Measures 1049-1058: *ff*

Measures 1059-1068: *ff*

Measures 1069-1078: *ff*

Measures 1079-1088: *ff*

Measures 1089-1098: *ff*

Measures 1099-1108: *ff*

Measures 1109-1118: *ff*

Measures 1119-1128: *ff*

Measures 1129-1138: *ff*

Measures 1139-1148: *ff*

Measures 1149-1158: *ff*

Measures 1159-1168: *ff*

Measures 1169-1178: *ff*

Measures 1179-1188: *ff*

97 10 98 *Solo* *f*

99 *ff*

sffff



A musical score for a piano solo, consisting of six staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. It contains a whole rest for 10 measures, followed by a measure marked with a handwritten purple bracket and an asterisk. The second staff continues with a series of eighth-note chords, marked with accents and a forte (*f*) dynamic. The third staff continues the eighth-note pattern, marked with accents and a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The fourth staff has a whole rest for the first measure, followed by eighth-note chords with accents. The fifth staff continues the eighth-note pattern with accents. The sixth staff concludes with a few notes and a fortississimo (*sffff*) dynamic marking. The score is marked with measure numbers 97, 98, and 99.

110 (1st violins) 14 (bass drum) 111 2 2

112 2 2

113 *Tacet until* 127 (tambourine) 128 12 129 14 12 (strings)

130 (woodwinds) 12 131 *accel.* 12 132 *Più mosso* $\text{♩} = 80$ 133 12 *f*

134 *sf*

135 5 *ff*

136 5 *sf*

137 *Tacet to the end* 2

Detailed description: This is a page of musical notation for an orchestral score. It contains eight staves of music. The first staff is for 1st violins, starting at measure 110 with a 14-measure rest, followed by a bass drum part. The second staff continues the violin part. The third staff has a 6-measure rest for the woodwinds, then a 12-measure rest for the strings, followed by a 14-measure rest for the strings. The fourth staff is for woodwinds, starting at measure 130 with a 12-measure rest, followed by an acceleration and a change to 'Più mosso' at measure 132. The fifth staff is for strings, starting at measure 134 with a fortissimo (sf) dynamic. The sixth staff is for woodwinds, starting at measure 135 with a fortissimo (ff) dynamic. The seventh staff is for woodwinds, starting at measure 136 with a fortissimo (sf) dynamic. The eighth staff is for woodwinds, starting at measure 137 with a fortissimo (sf) dynamic and a 2-measure rest, followed by a 'Tacet to the end' instruction. Handwritten purple annotations include a bracket from measure 132 to 133, a bracket from measure 135 to 136, and an asterisk in measure 127.

Xylophon

Háry János

Suite

Zoltán Kodály
(1882-1967)

I. - V. TACET

VI. Entrance of the Emperor and His Court

Alla Marcia ♩ = 128

f

1

15

f

1a

4 12 12

(trumpets) (trombones)

2 8 3 8 4 22

(timpani) (glockenspiel)

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Shostakovich Concerto No. 2

93

94

95

96

97

98

99 (French horns)

100

ff sub.

p

ff

rit.

a tempo

fff

(strings)

rit.

a tempo

fff

The musical score consists of eight staves of music. The first staff (measure 93) is in 5/4 time. The second staff (measure 94) is in 5/4 time. The third staff (measure 95) is in 3/4 time. The fourth staff (measure 96) is in 3/4 time. The fifth staff (measure 97) is in 3/4 time. The sixth staff (measure 98) is in 4/4 time. The seventh staff (measure 99) is in 4/4 time. The eighth staff (measure 100) is in 4/4 time. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. There are also some handwritten annotations in purple ink, including a bracket and an asterisk.

II. DANSES CARACTÉRISTIQUES

a) b) - TACET

c) DANSE RUSSE TRÉPAK

Tempo di trepak, molto vivace

A Tamb. 16 *ff* *ff* *mf*

f *ff* *ff* *mf*

B 16 **C** 5 (timpani) *ff* *

ff >

ff >

stringendo *sempre fff*

Prestissimo 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

SYMPHONY No. 10

Tambour

FULL PART for study - All movements

Dimitri Shostakovich
(1906-1975)

I.

Moderato $\text{♩} = 108$

36 ff (tam-tam) **37** 7 9 (horns)

38 7 **39** 9 **40** 10 **41** ff

(trumpets) (trombones)

ff

2 ff

2 **42** 6 **43** 1 2 ff

3 4 5 6

7 8 9 10

44 8 **45** *Tacet to the end*

sf

II.

71 **Allegro** $\text{♩} = 176$ **72**

6 14 9 3

(woodwinds)

73 *Solo* *ff* *mf*

74 9 7 75 *Solo* *ff* (horns)

76 8 *f* *sf* *ff*

77 *ff* 2

78 3 *p cresc.* *fff* *ff* *ff*

79 14 80 7 81 9 82 6 3/4

(timpani) (timpani) (bassons)

83 15 84 9

(timpani) (woodwinds)

10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

mf (timpani)

85

p cresc.

ff

1 2 3 4 5 6

p cresc.

86 Solo

ff

87 10 88 11

ff

89 9 90 10 91 13

ff

92 8 (timpani) 93 5 (timpani)

sf

1 2 3 4 5 94 11

p cresc.

95 13 96 9

sff

97 10 98 *Solo* *f*

99 *ff* *sffff*

III.

100 Allegretto ♩ = 138

101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109

(timpani) (strings)

110 14 (bass drum) 111 2 2

(1st violins) *p* *p*

112 2 2

113 *Tacet until* 127 (tambourine) 128 14 129 12

mf (b.d., cyms.) (strings)

130 12 131 *accel.* 12 132 *Più mosso* 133 *♩. = 80* *f*

(woodwinds)

134 *sf*

sf *sf* *sf*

135 5 *ff*

136 5 *sf*

137 *Tacet to the end* 2

sf *sf* *sf*

IV.

144 Andante *Tacet until* 180 $\text{♩} = 176$

ff (woodwinds) 2 3 4 5 6

7 8 9 10 11 12 13

181 14 182

(timpani) *ff*

183 8

1 2 3 4

ff *cresc.*

5 6 7 184 1 2 3

cresc.

4 5 6 7 3

fff *ffff*

185 L'istesso tempo 186 187 188 189 190

12 19 9 15 10 19

(1st violins) (1st trumpet) (woodwinds) (1st trumpet) (violins)

191 2 4

(1st trumpet) *p*

192 *pp*

1 2 3 4 5 193

194 10 195 12 196 10 197 9
(oboe) (horns) (violins)

198 13 199 12 200 9 201 8 *Solo*
(strings) (timpani) (flute, picc.) (woodwinds) *f*

202 203 7 3 (tuba) *p cresc.* *ff* 2 *p cresc.*

204 2 15 205 *ff* *p cresc.* *ff* *p cresc.* *ff*

3 *Solo* 206 *ff*

p cresc. *sfff*

FULL PART for study - Shostakovich Concerto Mvt 3

60 (French horn) (French horn)

61

62

63

64 (wvs., strings)

65

attacca

Detailed description: This block contains five staves of music. The first staff is for French horn, starting at measure 60 with a triplet of eighth notes, followed by a half note, and then a quarter note. The second staff continues the French horn part with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note. The third staff continues with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note. The fourth staff continues with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note. The fifth staff is for woodwinds and strings, starting at measure 64 with a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a half note. The piece ends with a double bar line and the word 'attacca'.

III

66 Allegretto $\text{♩} = 100$

67

68

69 (solo)

70

71

72 (solo)

73

ff

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of music. The first staff is for snare drum, starting at measure 66 with a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a half note. The second staff continues the snare drum part with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note. The third staff continues with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note. The fourth staff is for solo, starting at measure 69 with a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a half note. The piece ends with a double bar line and the word 'ff'.

5 rit. 2 74 a tempo $\text{♩} = 100$ 75 7 76 9 77 6

(harp) (French horn)

78 15 79 2 rit. 3 a tempo 4 80 6 11 poco rit. 2

(percussion) (1st violins) (1st clarinet)

81 a tempo 12 82 10 83 2 9 84 9

(vc., cb.) (percussion) (solo)

85 2 rit. (solo) a tempo

(1st violins) 3 4 5 6 7

86 *ff*

87 *ff*

88 11 89 2 (bassoons) (percussion) 4 4 4 4

90 4 rit. 3 a tempo 4 rit. 2 91 a tempo 11

(1st violins) (vc.) (solo)

92 *p* (woodwinds) *p*

93

94

95

96

97

98

99 (French horns)

100

p

ff sub.

(strings)

ff

rit.

fff

a tempo

rit.

a tempo

