

2021 MARCHING RAVENS AUDITIONS: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT WILL 2021 MARCHING RAVENS AUDITIONS LOOK LIKE?

2021 Marching Ravens are anticipating hosting in-person (safe, socially distanced) auditions on May 22nd. This will obviously depend on the landscape at the time as well as NFL and state and local protocols and guidance. We will update applicants as we move along in this process. Auditions are currently scheduled for one day and will be organized into 3 time slots: 9 AM, 12 PM, and 3 PM. Participants will be assigned a time slot. Unfortunately, we cannot make accommodations for alternate dates if you cannot make the in-person audition.

Auditions will be hosted either in Owings Mills or M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. More information and any updates will be communicated with registrants as the audition date gets closer.

To attend auditions on May 22nd, you must register online by Thursday, May 20th, 2021.

WHO CAN AUDITION FOR THE MARCHING RAVENS?

Baltimore's Marching Ravens have openings in all sections for 2021.

Sections we will be auditioning for are:

Flute Clarinet
Saxophone Mellophone
Trumpet Trombone
Baritone Sousaphone
Percussion-Snare Percussion-Tenor

Percussion-Bass Percussion-Cymbal

Equipment Crew

We will not be auditioning for the following sections: keyboards, guard, dancers, guitar, twirlers, drum kits.

WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS TO AUDITION?

You must be 18 years or older by May 22, 2021 to audition for the Marching Ravens. You must have a background in reading music and marching. You will be required to pass a background check.

WHAT CAN I DO TO PREPARE FOR AUDITIONS?

To audition for the 2021 ensemble, you must submit your registration by Thursday May 20th, 2021. We also recommend you review the audition packet in full. If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach out to the Marching Ravens Administration via email at marchingravens@ravens.nfl.net or by phone at (410) 701-4229.

ARE AUDITIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?

No, auditions are closed to the public. Family and friends are not permitted to watch auditions. If musicians are driven by someone else, the driver will be asked to wait outside of our facilities.

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WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO AUDITIONS?

Please bring your own instrument for 2021 auditions. Exceptions can be made for baritones, mellophones, sousaphones, and percussion instruments. The Marching Ravens will reach out to you if an exception can be made. Please bring your own drinking water.

Please wear sneakers or athletic shoes. Sandals or flip flops are not permitted. Wear clothing that you feel comfortable marching in. Please bring music for your audition, as music will not be provided onsite.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF BEING A MARCHING RAVENS MUSICIAN?

Members of the Marching Ravens have several opportunities, including but not limited to:

- The ability to perform in front of 70,000 fans during Ravens home games
- Exposure through network television, media, high profile events, and community relations events
- Occasional opportunity for travel to represent the Baltimore Ravens at parades and other events outside of Baltimore
- Uniforms and apparel are provided for all performers; brass and percussion instruments are provided for those performers outside the audition date
- Pride of becoming a Marching Raven and inclusion in a diverse community of musicians known worldwide

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT OF JOINING THE MARCHING RAVENS?

Being a member of the Marching Ravens is an experience you will never forget. You can expect the following as a Marching Ravens performer:

- Attending and performing at all home games for the season. The Marching Ravens arrive approximately
 5 hours before kickoff for each game. Games are typically on the weekends but there is a possibility of
 weekday games throughout the season.
- Rehearsals are once a week, typically on Wednesday nights from 7-10 pm.
- Rehearsals begin mid-spring and continue through the entire Baltimore Ravens football season, including Playoff games in January
- Each Marching Raven should plan to attend approximately 10 appearances (not including home games) each season. Dates of mandatory full-band appearances will be provided with ample notice.

IS THERE AN AGE LIMIT TO AUDITION FOR THE BAND?

You must be 18 years or older by May 22, 2021 to audition for the Marching Ravens.

ARE BAND MEMBERS PAID?

Yes, members of the Marching Ravens are paid for rehearsals, games, and appearances.

2021 MARCHING RAVENS AUDITIONS: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for the 2021 season of Baltimore's Marching Ravens. Following this page, you will find information regarding the music audition, marching audition, and opening rehearsal. The goal of Marching Ravens auditions is to ensure that the highest quality musicians and marchers represent the Ravens in every aspect of musical performance. We are the largest musical group in the NFL, representing our team, metropolitan Baltimore, the state of Maryland, and the NFL on local and world stages.

MUSIC AUDITION

The wind music audition will consist of three (3) parts: 2 segments of prepared music and 1 segment of sight reading. Each part of the audition will be performed for a different set of judges. Judges include drum majors, section leaders, and instructional staff. The scales provided on wind music also have specified articulations. Percussion music will be performed with a metronome. Scoring for the music audition is point-based. The scoring guide is based on criteria used by the Pennsylvania Music Educators' Association, Maryland Music Educators' Association, and National Association for Music Education.

MARCHING AUDITION

All percussionists will march and play at the same time during the audition with percussion staff. Veteran wind musicians will be exempt from a marching audition to help mitigate the number of auditions happening at one time. Any new Marching Raven audition will demonstrate basic marching fundamentals with marching staff. Veteran members may be called upon to marching with a new audition to help with spacing or formation marching.

FIRST REHEARSAL

The first rehearsal is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 9th at 7:00pm, location to be determined. Date and time are subject to change. You will receive email notification on the specific location with address and directions in the future, should you be accepted as a Marching Raven. Rehearsals will begin promptly at 7:00pm, however, you are encouraged to arrive approximately 15-minutes early to ensure you are prepared to begin at 7pm.

Thank you again for your interest in auditioning for Baltimore's Marching Ravens. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out via email at marchingravens@ravens.nfl.net or by phone at (410) 701-4229.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, May 22nd!

MARCHING RAVENS AUDITION MUSIC: FLUTE



FLUTE



Baltimore's Marching Ravens Wind Instrument Audition

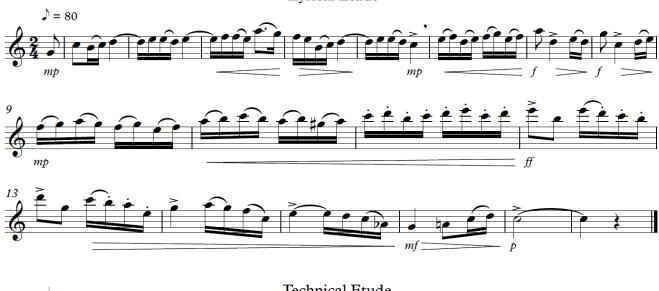
Part 1: Scales

- Chromatic scale, 2 octaves. Starting pitch is performers preference
- Major scales up to 4 sharps or 4 flats.

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C Major	
F	G
Bb	D
Eb	Α
Ab	E

Part 2:









Part 3: Sight Reading. You will see this part of the audition on audition day.

MARCHING RAVENS AUDITION MUSIC: CLARINET



CLARINET



Baltimore's Marching Ravens Wind Instrument Audition

Part 1: Scales

- Chromatic scale, 2 octaves. Starting pitch is performers preference
- Major scales up to 4 sharps or 4 flats.

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C Major	
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Part 2:

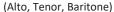


Part 3: Sight Reading. You will see this part of the audition on audition day.

MARCHING RAVENS AUDITION MUSIC: SAXOPHONE



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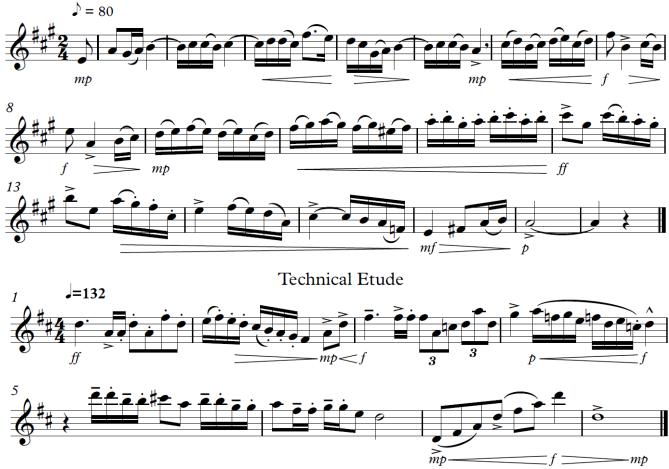
Baltimore's Marching Ravens Wind Instrument Audition

Part 1: Scales

- Chromatic scale, 2 octaves. Starting pitch is performers preference
- Major scales up to 4 sharps or 4 flats.

C Major	
F	G
Bb	D
Eb	A
Ab	E

Part 2:



Part 3: Sight Reading. You will see this part of the audition on audition day.

MARCHING RAVENS AUDITION MUSIC: MELLOPHONE



MELLOPHONE



Baltimore's Marching Ravens Wind Instrument Audition

Part 1: Scales

- Chromatic scale, 2 octaves. Starting pitch is performers preference
- Major scales up to 4 sharps or 4 flats.

C Major	
F	G
Bb	D
Eb	A
Ab	E

Part 2:



Part 3: Sight Reading. You will see this part of the audition on audition day.

MARCHING RAVENS AUDITION MUSIC: TRUMPET



TRUMPET



Baltimore's Marching Ravens Wind Instrument Audition

Part 1: Scales

- Chromatic scale, 2 octaves. Starting pitch is performers preference
- Major scales up to 4 sharps or 4 flats.

C Major	
F	G
Bb	D
Eb	A
Ab	E

Part 2:



Part 3: Sight Reading. You will see this part of the audition on audition day.



TROMBONE/BARITONE



Baltimore's Marching Ravens Wind Instrument Audition

Part 1: Scales

• Chromatic scale, 2 octaves. Starting pitch is performers preference

• Major scales up to 4 sharps or 4 flats.

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Bb	D
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Ab	E

Part 2:





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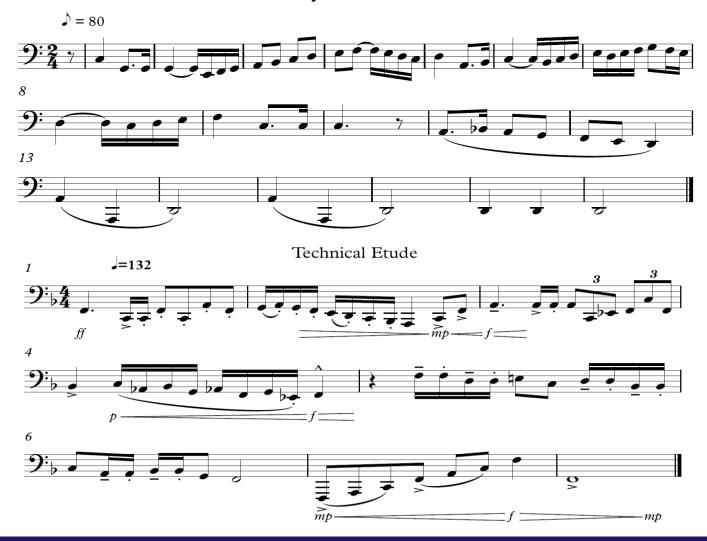
Baltimore's Marching Ravens Wind Instrument Audition

Part 1: Scales

- Chromatic scale, 2 octaves. Starting pitch is performers preference
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C Major	
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Ab	E

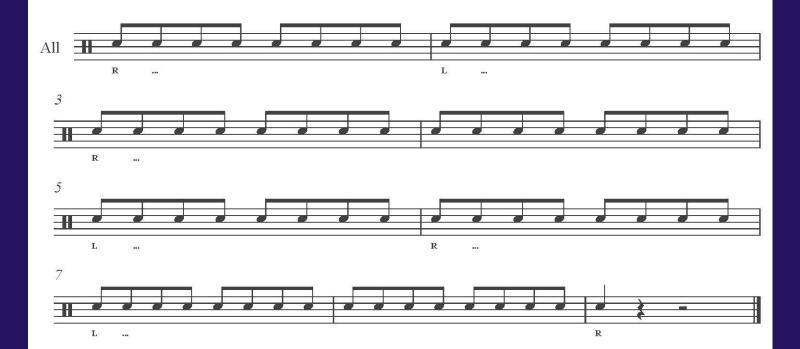
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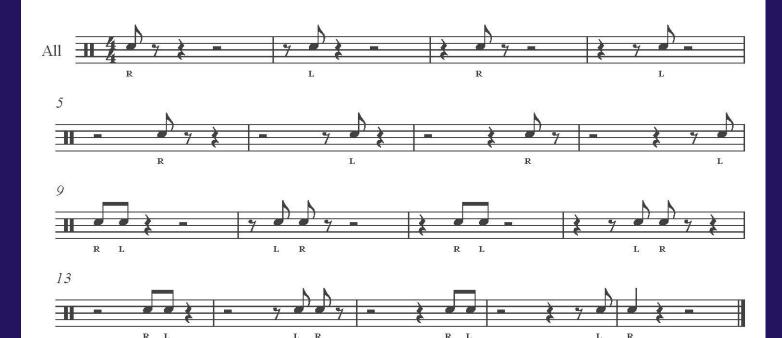
Variations:

- 1. Crescendo every bar
- 2. Decrescendo every bar
- 3. Crescendo 1 bar, Decrescendo 1 bar. Repeat
- 4. Decrescendo 1 bar, Crescendo 1 bar. Repeat
- 5. Bucks, Accents on Down Beats
- 6. UpBucks, Upbeat Accents









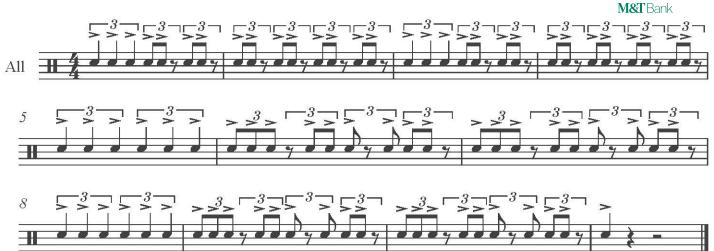
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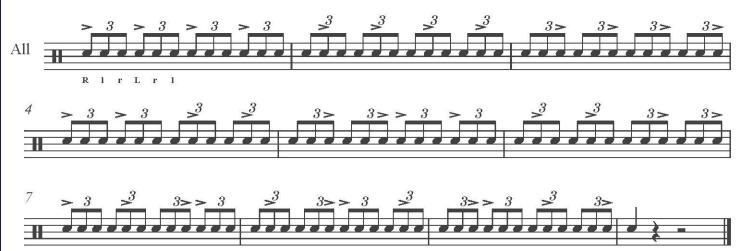


TROUBLE BEAT





THE GRIND



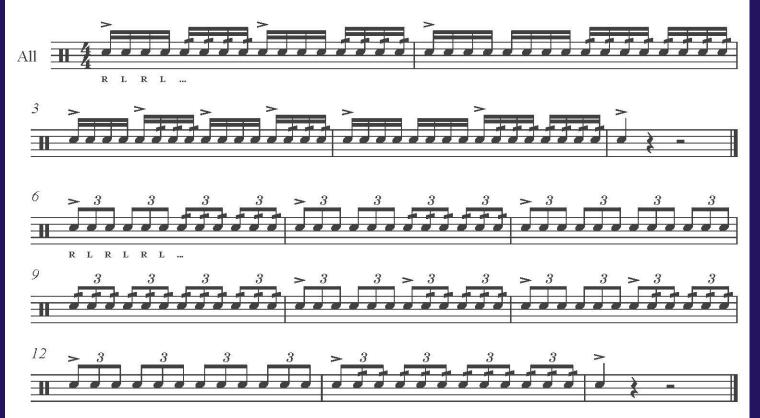
Variations:

- 1. Backwards (Accents on 3rd partial first, then 2nd partial, then 1st partial)
- 2. Diddles on accents (Also Flams or Buzzes)
- 3. Diddles on 1st partial of every beat (Also 2nd or 3rd partial) (Also Flams or Buzzes)
- 4. Flam Drags (Flam on every 1st partial and Diddle on every 2nd partial)
- 5. Cheeses (Flam AND Diddle on every 1st partial)
- 6. Flams Fives (Flam AND Diddle on every 1st partial AND only a Diddle on every second partial)



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Variations:

- 1. One Height
- 2. Accents
- 3. Accents on All Down Beats
- 4. 3 in with Cresendo Rolls,

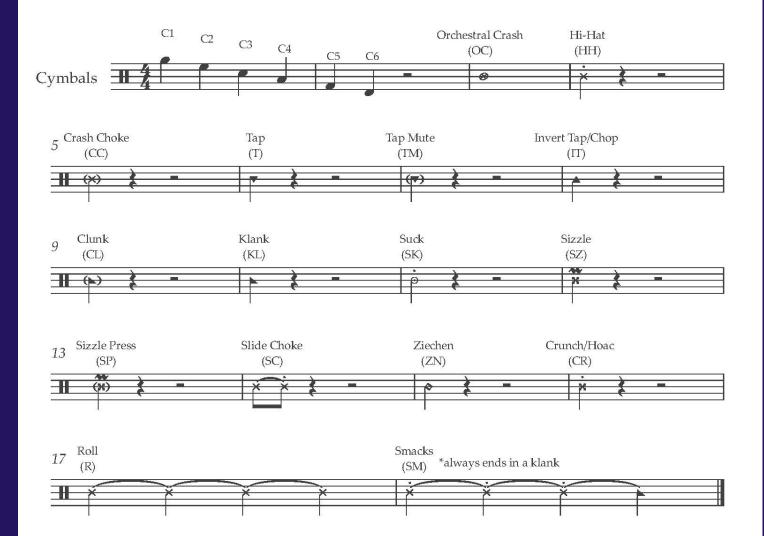






MARCHING RAVENS AUDITION MUSIC: CYMBAL

CYMBAL NOTATION KEY





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