



## **2023 MARCHING RAVENS AUDITIONS: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What will 2023 Marching Ravens Auditions look like?**

2023 Marching Ravens auditions will take place in-person on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Auditions are one day and will be organized into 3 time slots: 9 AM , 12 PM, and 3 PM. Participants will be assigned a time slot at a later date.

Auditions will be held at Owings Mills High School, located at 124 S Tollgate Road, Owings Mills MD 21117. More information and any updates will be communicated with registrants as the audition date gets closer.

To attend auditions on April 1<sup>st</sup>, you must apply online by Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 2023.

### **Who can audition for the Marching Ravens?**

Baltimore's Marching Ravens has openings in all sections for 2023. Sections we will be auditioning for are:

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Mellophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Baritone
- Sousaphone
- Snare Drum
- Tenor Drum
- Bass Drum
- Cymbal
- Crew Members\* (application due by Feb 15<sup>th</sup>)

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

### **What are the minimum qualifications to audition?**

You must be 18 years or older by April 1, 2023 to audition for the Marching Ravens. You must have a background in reading music and marching.



### **What can I do to prepare for auditions?**

To audition for the 2023 ensemble, you must submit your registration by Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 2023. We also recommend you review the audition packet in full, which will become available in March. If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach out to the Marching Ravens Administration via email at [marchingravens@ravens.nfl.net](mailto: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, and if musicians are driven by someone else, the driver will be asked to wait outside of our facilities.

### **What should I bring to auditions?**

Please bring your own instrument for 2023 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 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.

### **I have another question regarding the Marching Ravens. Who should I contact?**

Please contact the Band Administration via email at [marchingravens@ravens.nfl.net](mailto:marchingravens@ravens.nfl.net) or by phone at (410) 701 – 4229.

## ***2023 GENERAL MARCHING RAVENS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS***

### **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 of 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 April 1 2023 to audition for the Marching Ravens.

### **Are band members paid?**

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