FALL 2019 - SCHOOL OF MUSIC ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS

All MTSU students with prior music experience are welcomed to participate in School of Music Ensembles! Auditions take place during the first week of classes as listed below.

WIND ENSEMBLE/CHAMBER WINDS - Dr. Reed Thomas, Reed.Thomas@mtsu.edu, 615-898-2472
SYMPHONIC BAND - Prof Craig Cornish, Craig.Cornish@mtsu.edu, 898-2486
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WINDS & PERCUSSION - Dr. Carol Nies, Carol.Nies@mtsu.edu, 615-898-5318

• **Monday, August 26**
  - 9:45-11:00am  Trumpet  Green Room/WMB
  - 11:30am-12:30pm  Euphonium  Green Room/WMB
  - 1:00-1:30pm  Piano  Hinton Recital Hall
  - 1:45-2:45pm  Double Reeds  Green Room/WMB 174
  - 3:30-4:30pm  Tuba  IRH/WMB 173
  - 4:45- 6:00pm  Saxophone  IRH/WMB 173

• **Tuesday, August 27**
  - 11:15am-12:30pm  Flute  Green Room/WMB 174
  - 2:00-4:00pm  Clarinet  Green Room/WMB 174
  - 4:15-5:30pm  Trombone  Green Room/WMB 174
  - 5:00-5:30pm  Cello  IRH/WMB 173
  - 5:30-6:00pm  Double Bass  IRH/WMB 173
  - 6:00-7:30pm  Violin & Viola  IRH/WMB 173

• **Wednesday, August 28**
  - 10:00-11:30am  Horn  Green Room/WMB 174
  - 3:30-5:30pm  Percussion  IRH/WMB 173

Audition music is online: [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/f6loep55y9hl2mv/AABI3JXPF_NX6TvbsnnNnPL2a?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/f6loep55y9hl2mv/AABI3JXPF_NX6TvbsnnNnPL2a?dl=0)

Percussion music will be released on August 19. Audition sign-up sheets are in the MTSU Band office, WMB 155.

ORCHESTRAS - Dr. Carol Nies, Carol.Nies@mtsu.edu

• **SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**: String Auditions: Tuesday, August 27 (6:00-7:30 pm) and Wednesday, August 29 (5:00-6:30 pm). Audition excerpts are posted on the MTSU Orchestra web-site. [http://mtsu.edu/music/orchestra.php](http://mtsu.edu/music/orchestra.php) Audition sign-up sheets are at Wright Music Bldg 264. **Woodwind, Brass and Percussion Auditions**: see above.

• **CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**: String Auditions: Tuesday, August 27 (6:00-7:30 pm) and Wednesday, August 28 (5:00-6:30 pm). Audition excerpts are posted on the MTSU Orchestra web-site. [http://mtsu.edu/music/orchestra.php](http://mtsu.edu/music/orchestra.php). Audition sign-up sheets are at Wright Music Bldg 264.

• **CONCERT ORCHESTRA**: Open to all MTSU students, faculty and staff without an audition. Rehearsals: Fridays, 3:00- 4:00 pm, SFA 101, first rehearsal is Friday, August 30

JAZZ ENSEMBLES, COMBOS, COMMERCIAL MUSIC ENSEMBLE (drums only for CME) - Prof. Jamey Simmons, James.Simmons@mtsu.edu, 615-898-2724

Wednesday, August 28 – Saunders Fine Arts 101 - 3:00-5:15pm
• **Saxophones, Voice, Trombones, and Trumpets**
Thursday, August 29 – SFA 101 - 3:30-6:00pm
• **Drums, Percussion, Piano, Guitar and Bass**

Sign up for an audition on the Jazz Bulletin Board outside Saunders Fine Arts 101 and pick up the audition requirements/music.

CHINESE MUSIC ENSEMBLE - Dr. Mei Han, Mei.Han@mtsu.edu, 615-898-5718

Contact Dr. Han for more information on ensemble auditions and rehearsal times.
COMMERCIAL MUSIC ENSEMBLES - Professor Matt Lund, matthew.lund@mtsu.edu
Monday, August 26, 5:00-9:00 pm in Saunders Fine Arts 117
Sign-up 10-minute time slots on the door of SFA117. Vocalists, guitar (acoustic and electric), electric bass, keyboard/piano, and drum set are needed. Be prepared to sing or play along with part of a song (4 minutes max.) of your choice. Please sing/play along with a recording, video or backing track. If you sing and play an instrument, please sign up for two back-to-back times. There will be sight-reading in standard music notation; for instrumentalists, a Chord Names Chart and a Nashville Number Chart. Vocalists will be asked to sing chord tones and harmonize with a lead vocal melody. Guitar and bass amps, piano, microphone & P.A will be provided. Please bring other gear you need. Drums: see jazz auditions above under JAZZ ENSEMBLES.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLES, STEEL BANDS & SALSA BAND - Prof. Lalo Davila, Lalo.Davila@mtsu.edu, 615-898-2803
Contact Professor Davila for more audition information.

MTSU SINGERS (vocal jazz ensemble) - Dr. Cedric Dent, Cedric.Dent@mtsu.edu, 615-904-8361
Auditions will be on Tuesday, August 27 and Thursday, August 29, 2:40-4:05pm, Saunders Fine Arts 308. Auditions are open to music majors and non-majors. All students must audition including returning ensemble members. Sign up for a specific time on the list on the door. Be prepared to sing two tunes of your choosing, preferably in the jazz style (but not necessarily). You may sing a cappella or with an accompaniment, which you must provide. Singers will also sight-read a short melody (a 4-bar phrase). Please fill out the information sheet posted on the door before entering for your audition.

OPERA THEATER - Dr. Will Perkins, William.Perkins@mtsu.edu, 615-904-8395
This ensemble is open to everyone, and no audition is required. Participants will acquire stage movement skills, vocal/acting techniques, and participate in an opera scenes concert at the end of the semester. For more information, contact Dr. Perkins. Even if you have not registered, come to the first rehearsal on Monday, August 26, 3pm, Hinton Music Hall, Wright Music Bldg.

WOMEN'S CHORALE - Prof. Angela Tipps, Angela.Tipps@mtsu.edu, 615-904-8354
New members will sing a simple audition for Prof. Tipps at the first class meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 1pm, Saunders Fine Arts 117.

MEISTERSINGERS (men's choral ensemble) – Prof. Angela Tipps, Angela.Tipps@mtsu.edu
All students will sing a simple audition for Prof. Tipps at the first class meeting on Friday, August 30, 1pm, Saunders Fine Arts 117.

SCHOLA CANTORUM - Dr. Raphael Bundage, Raphael.Bundage@mtsu.edu, 615-898-2849
A brief audition will be held during first rehearsal for new students. Contact Dr. Bundage for more information.

CHAMBER MUSIC ENSEMBLES - contact the appropriate professor for details:
- Strings - Dr. Christine Kim - Christine.Kim@mtsu.edu
- Brass - Dr. David Loucky - David.Loucky@mtsu.edu
- Horn Ensemble - Prof. Angela - Angela.DeBoer@mtsu.edu
- Tuba-Euphonium Ensemble - Dr. Chris Combest - Chis.Combest@mtsu.edu
- Clarinet Choir - Dr. Todd Waldecker - Todd.Waldecker@mtsu.edu
- Double Reeds - Dr. David Cyzak - David.Cyzak@mtsu.edu
- Flute Choir - Dr. Deanna Little - Deanna.Little@mtsu.edu
- Classical Guitar - Dr. Bill Yelverton - William.Yelverton@mtsu.edu
- Mixed Chamber Ensemble, Piano Ensemble, Piano Accompanying – Dr. Arun Nadgir, Arunesh.Nadgir@mtsu.edu

For more information on the School of Music, contact the Music Office, 615.898.2469; www.mtsu.edu/music