

PERCUSSION

Audition Packet

2024

Reach for the Star





MESSAGE FROM THE CORPS DIRECTOR

Congratulations on taking the first steps towards joining the South's premier All-Age Drum and Bugle corps! We are thrilled you are interested in becoming a part of the CV Family. The 2024 season marks CV's 27th season of all-age drum corps competition. 2024 also marks the beginning of a new venture as part of the Inaugural DCI All-Age Class! Our organization is thrilled to be a part of the transition from DCA to the Drum Corps International umbrella. As we move forward, Atlanta CV is working to build a foundation to propel the organization into continued organizational growth, competitive heights, and the unparalleled education of a new generation of drum corps fans! We want YOU to be a part of this journey!

At the forefront of the 2024 journey will be Atlanta CV's Mission: To foster within each member world-class performance and personal skills through a positive and challenging marching arts program emphasizing character, work ethic, and teamwork. Atlanta CV's Core Values of **EDUCATION, EXCELLENCE, INTEGRITY, RESPECT,** and **SAFETY** are the pillars that will serve as the foundation of our work in order to provide our membership with the best possible experience.

This packet contains the first step in joining our amazing organization. We are excited to be holding two rounds of auditions this year in search of the most committed, hardest working, talented, group of members we can find. As we embark on the 2024 season, Atlanta CV will only be as successful as the members who are chosen to represent our organization. We are thankful for your commitment to the audition, however, the formal "audition" is just ONE part of the process and just ONE part of the evaluation to seek members who are committed to the opportunity to develop and refine artistic, athletic, performance, and personal skills through a positive, high-quality, and challenging arts education programs that emphasize character building, a strong work ethic, teamwork, and the pursuit of performance excellence. We have an incredibly talented and experienced staff. Most are degreed music educators belonging to GMEA and Nafme – and all are very experienced in the performing arts. Your talent and motivation, combined with their instruction and design, will make 2024 Atlanta CV an exceptional experience you will cherish.

Whether you are looking at building your experience or continuing your love of the marching and performance arts, we are grateful you have chosen to Reach for the Star in 2024!



Sincerely,

Russell Thompson

Russ Thompson
Executive Director



Welcome Prospective CV Member

Congratulations on taking the first step toward becoming a part of Atlanta CV, and we're glad you've made the decision to join (or continue your journey with) the CV family! This audition packet provides you with important information about audition weekend, the audition process, and what it takes to become a member of Atlanta CV.

Please read everything carefully, complete the information where requested, and make sure you have this entire packet with you during your audition.

I. ABOUT ATLANTA CV

The Atlanta CV Drum & Bugle Corps is an open class drum and bugle corps participating in Drum Corps Associates (DCA) from the state of Georgia. Atlanta CV performs under our parent 501(c)3 not for profit organization, CorpsVets, Inc. The corps is a musical performance organization which consists of members playing brass and percussion instruments and spinning flags, rifles and sabers to superb achievement levels with high energy, excitement, and entertainment. The performance and competitive season take place during the summer months where we will perform at several drum and bugle corps competitions culminating at the DCI Championships held at Lucas Oil Stadium in August. The 2024 season will mark our 27th year of continuous, competitive operation.

The demographics of the corps include members from ages 14 to 60. Occupations range from high school and college students to lawyers, band directors, engineers, scientists and medical professionals. Primary membership is from the immediate Atlanta area, but because of the corps' great reputation for excellence we also draw members from all over the country including the states of Alabama, Tennessee, Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi.

The last five seasons, Atlanta CV has excitedly welcomed a new era of highlights:

- 2017; Atlanta CV saw its highest placement in the corps history with a 2nd place finish, the highest score, DCA 1st Place Color Guard, Director of the Year Award, largest corps and the largest horn line in the corps' 24-year history.
- 2018; was another high achievement year for the corps and its members with a 3rd place finish in the DCA World Championships.
- 2019; Atlanta CV saw continued motion as a new powerhouse in DCA with another 2nd Place finish and DCA 1st Place Color Guard.
- 2020-2021; Atlanta CV finished as a Top-3 corps in DCA; DCA 1st Place Color Guard and 1st Place Percussion
- 2022; 2nd place finish in DCA Open Class; 1st Place Percussion; Director of the Year.
- 2023; 4th place finish in DCA World Class; Director of the Year.

II. WHAT TO BRING

- A three-ring binder with clear plastic sheets – this will contain sectional information, handouts, schedules and should be kept organized in clear sheet protectors. ANY information you could possibly use, or need should be in this binder.
- Pens, sharpened or mechanical pencils, sharpies, highlighters – Have a pencil with you at all times. Notes will be taken at every rehearsal and at all meetings. Write down everything!



- Gloves – Cotton gloves are required for all corps owned horns, type with grips are okay. Leather or other materials are not permitted.
- WATER JUG
- Equipment – Corps-owned equipment will be available, though we strongly recommend you bring your own for rehearsal and audition, as we are limited in the number of corps-owned equipment.
- While some meals, on certain days during the summer will be provided by CV; rehearsal weekend meals are not provided by CV. Please, always read over the information for each weekend, so you know what to expect.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your section leader/section staff member. Our BandApp, social media, and info@atlantacv.org are great places to have questions answered quickly.

III. REHEARSAL/COMPETITION ATTENDANCE

We do expect everyone to attend all rehearsals and **ALL** competitions. However, we understand that conflicts can arise and pre-arranged events that deal with school. We ask for transparency with your schedule as we are providing the same to you. You can request a “Band Director Conflict Letter” for those in high school or college that will include a copy of our season schedule. This form can be signed by your band director, you and your parent(s) and returned and will be included in your membership folder. This will help keep conflicts at a minimum between the corps and your school.

NON-COMMUNICATION IS UNACCEPTABLE!

The full season schedule will be released before the audition weekend, so you will know every date you are expected to be with Atlanta CV. Please look it over completely before signing a contract. It is imperative that you communicate with your section staff and CV administration on any conflicts you may have, ASAP. The schedule will be updated periodically and posted in BandApp, on the website, and on social media platforms.

NOTE: If you are in school during the Championship Dates (*August 8th through August 10th, 2024*) please start to communicate as soon as possible to any school administration and band directors to get approval for this time with Atlanta CV. Many teachers and band directors are understanding so long as you are a good, responsible student, a plan can be worked out that helps keep your commitment to both Atlanta CV and school/band/work, etc.

If you will miss any or all weekend, you must contact your caption head, section instructor, section leader and administration as soon as you know of the conflict. See contact information below.

IV. LOGISTICS

You are responsible for your own travel to and from rehearsal weekends as well as any local shows. Many of our members carpool together. Social media is the best place to communicate if carpooling is something you are interested in pursuing.

RSVPs are DUE by the date listed in the RSVP description. Staff and administration need to know these details for rehearsal facilities, music, administration items, and many more details...all to provide an experience of the highest quality!



We will request each and every member to RSVP for each camp weekend. You will receive communication about the weekend schedule prior to each camp, and will need to notify the administration, the caption head, section staff member, section leader, as well as to info@atlantacv.org in the event of any conflicts.

V. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Yes, there is a cost to audition and to be a member of this organization. While we only ask you to pay a small part of what the total cost is to run the organization, your part is vital and a mandatory commitment that you agree to when you accept a spot with Atlanta CV.

We also expect you to follow the payment schedule and communicate with administration. More detailed information will be provided regarding tuition cost when you audition. We will have a parent meeting after registration to go over all the details.

Fees:

All fees will be clearly communicated out in the *Member Contract and the Member Tuition and Fees document*.

- There is a one-time audition fee for 2023:
 - o \$100.00 - This fee **will count** towards Membership Tuition if contracted with ACV in 2024

Fees may be paid via check, cash, Venmo, PayPal or via the CV store at:
www.atlantacv.org/shop

Fundraising:

Atlanta CV has several fundraisers throughout the season.

Sponsorships:

Some members do well in finding sponsorships from the community, friends, and family. However, it is up to each member to seek out sponsors and maintain communication with them regarding their contributions.

VI. PAPERWORK

Please complete the Waiver of Liability form provided. You cannot participate in Open House activities/audition without this form. *If you are a minor member under the age of 18, your form must be signed by a parent or guardian.* If selected to be a member of Atlanta CV, there will be a required medical form for all members.

VII. CORPSDATA PROFILE

CorpsData.net is the database system used by the Atlanta CV administrative team. It is the main information source for everyone involved with the corps, including members, staff, volunteers, parents and applicants. Before you travel to the audition camp(s), please complete all information in your CorpsData profile, including mailing address, email address, home and/or cell phone, glove size, T-shirt size (you will receive several T-shirts throughout the season), and visit the site frequently for updates.

- Use this link to create/update your CorpsData profile: <http://www.trigonroad.com/cd>



- To be included in our information emails, you will want to be sure that your corps history includes “2024 Atlanta CV” and the section/position for which you’ll be auditioning.
- If under 18 years old, a parent must have a CorpsData profile as well. Please set them up with one when you register.
- Update all information in the CorpsData profile, and for those of you who already have accounts, please make sure all information is current, including T-shirt and glove size as well.

VIII. WEEKEND PACKING LIST

Most weekends we can sleep at the school where we are rehearsing. If you live close enough to the rehearsal site, you may choose to go home and sleep. Our Open House Camp is a **ONE DAY** camp. Rehearsal will end at 9:00 pm.

REHEARSAL CLOTHING

- Athletic Shorts/Pants
- Athletic Socks (required)
- T-shirts (loose and comfortable)
- Tennis Shoes/Sneakers (required)
- Guard auditionees should wear clothing appropriate for dance class and spinning.

INSTRUMENT & EQUIPMENT (bring your own unless told otherwise)

- Brass players:
 - o Gloves (\$5/pair at camp, subject to change) – Cotton is required on corps owned horns, type with grips are okay. Leather or other materials are not allowed.
 - o Towel that will accommodate the size of your horn to use to set your horn down on.
 - o Bring the mouthpiece that you are currently most comfortable playing on.
 - o Valve oil
 - o Music Stand (if you have one)
- Front Ensemble:
 - o Mallets
 - o Music
- Percussion:
 - o Sticks
 - o Tape
 - o Practice Pad
- Color Guard:
 - o Gloves
 - o Tape
 - o Dance Clothing (section leader will post information on this)

REHEARSAL SUPPLIES

Binder with clear plastic sheets, pens, sharpened or mechanical pencils, highlighters, notebook, copies of all music, forms and paperwork, ONE GALLON water jug.



IX. IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Executive Director	Russ Thompson	director@atlantacv.org
Assistant Director		assistantdirector@atlantacv.org
Percussion Caption Head	Alex Shive	percussion@atlantacv.org
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Visual Caption Head	Lamont Hall	visual@atlantacv.org
Treasurer	Sue Nedvidek	treasurer@atlantacv.org
Fundraising		fundraising@atlantacv.org
Whistleblowing		whistleblower@atlantacv.org

X. RESOURCES

ATLANTA CV DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

www.atlantacv.org

BANDAPP

<https://band.us/n/a5a594e01cBfl>

CORPSDATA

www.trigonroad.com/cd

DRUM CORPS International

<https://dci.org>

REHEARSAL/HOUSING SITE:

[CASS HIGH SCHOOL](#)

1000 Colonel Way

White, GA 30184





Participation Waiver

In signing this waiver, I, _____, agree and understand all information presented below. **This waiver must be turned in to administration of Atlanta CV before member can participate in activities with Atlanta CV, including open house or auditions.**

MEDICAL:

Atlanta CV is NOT responsible or to be held liable responsible for any unforeseen injuries or any past medical issues the member or auditionee might have. This includes but not limited to, broken bones or any fractures, heart conditions, asthma or any other breathing issues, concussions or any other brain related issues, diabetes, use of over medication (prescription or non-prescription), etc.

Atlanta CV is NOT responsible for any injuries caused by the member to his/herself or by other membership or auditionees, staff members in the organization. Some examples include but not limited to, playing basketball, walking up or down stairs, running or walking recklessly, crossing the street, boxing, wrestling, play fighting, horsing around or reckless behavior, walking with or pushing equipment, the cause of death to oneself or the cause of death by another member or staff member. If legal options are to be pursued, I will pursue legal options against the person(s) who caused the act(s) and not against the Atlanta CV/Corpsvets, Inc. organization, Staff or volunteers of Atlanta CV, the Board Members of Corpsvets, Inc., Cass High School, or any other facility Atlanta CV rehearses in, houses in, or performs in.

_____ I have read and understand Atlanta CV's policy on medical requirements

(Initial)

I have read all the above section and will comply fully.

Member _____

Parent/Guardian (If under 18) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

Emergency Contact Person and Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

(Optional) Second Emergency Contact Person and Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PERCUSSION CAPTION HEAD

Welcome to the 2024 Atlanta CV Percussion Auditions!

If you are reading this, then you are already taking the first step in what I can guarantee will be a phenomenal season of educational growth, lasting friendships, and memories you will cherish for a lifetime to come.

There are numerous updates to our packet from last season. To better prepare yourself, you should immediately get started by familiarizing yourself with these exercises. While these exercises do not need to be memorized for your first audition, memorization will aide in your confidence in playing.

As you can see below, all exercises for every instrument can be found in this singular document. You will need to print out all exercises applicable to the instrument you are auditioning for to be able to reference them quickly at auditions. I highly recommend using a three-ring binder with sheet protectors to stay organized. Preparedness and organizational skills are equally as important as knowing the materials and showing up on time.

Lastly, most of our communication for this season will take place on the “BAND” app. This is vital for our success as an organization as communication is key to productive rehearsals and show weekends. Please make sure you have joined the 2024 Band App interest page using the following link:

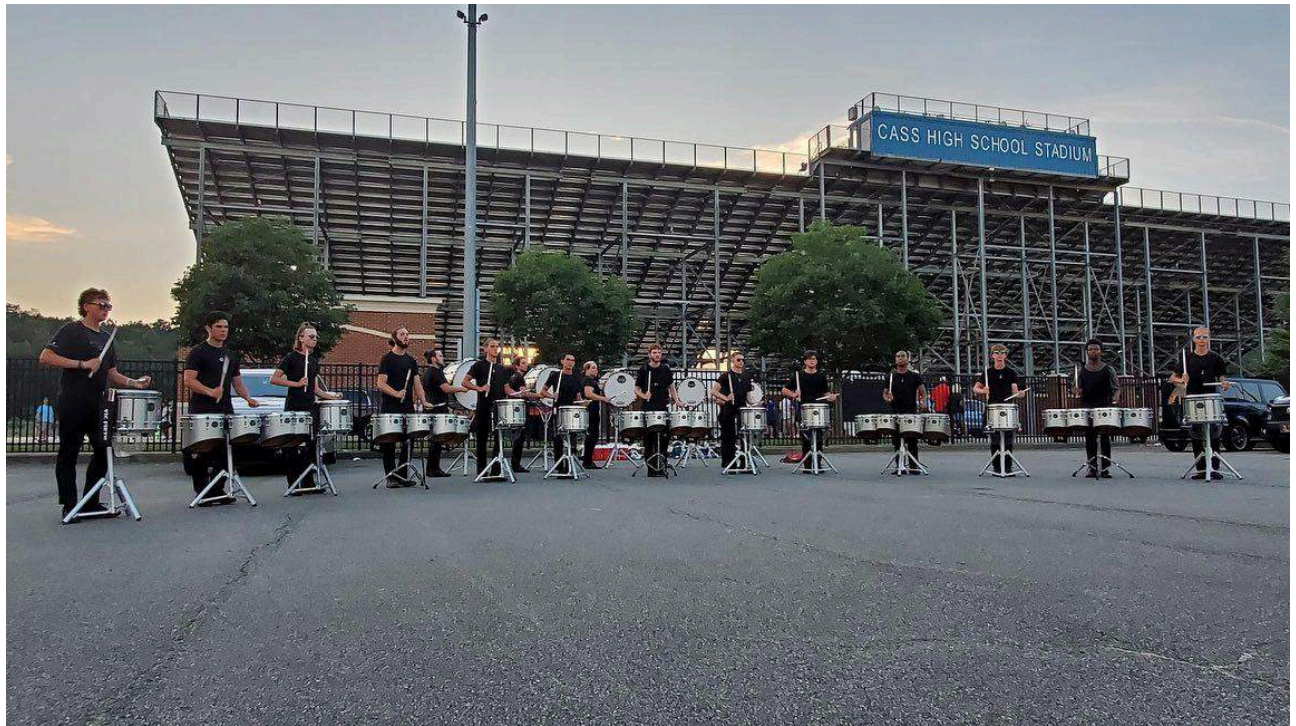
<https://band.us/n/a7ab97e9lbH5i>

Our staff is excited to get to work on another incredible season here at Atlanta CV, and that excitement comes from being able to work with and educate some of the most amazing students in the southeast (YOU!). We look forward to seeing you at auditions and are thankful that you chose to go on this journey with us all here at the Atlanta CV Family.



ALEX SHIVE
Percussion Caption Head

BATTERY PACKET



EIGHTS

CV 2023

♩ = 140 - 170

Stock Variation

1 2 3 4

R L R

f

Detailed description: This block contains the first four measures of the 'Stock Variation'. Each measure consists of a continuous eighth-note pattern. Measure 1 starts with a right-hand drum (R), measure 2 with a left-hand drum (L), and measure 3 with a right-hand drum (R). Measure 4 is a right-hand drum (R). The first measure is marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic. Above the notes are accents (>).

5 6 7 8 9

L R L R

Detailed description: This block contains measures 5 through 9 of the 'Stock Variation'. Measure 5 is a left-hand drum (L), measure 6 is a right-hand drum (R), measure 7 is a left-hand drum (L), measure 8 is a right-hand drum (R), and measure 9 is a right-hand drum (R). The pattern continues with eighth notes and accents.

Inverted Variation

1 2 3 4

R L L >> L R R >> R L L >>

Detailed description: This block contains the first four measures of the 'Inverted Variation'. The drum patterns are inverted from the stock variation. Measure 1: R L L >>. Measure 2: L R R >>. Measure 3: R L L >>. Measure 4: R L L >>. Accents (>) are placed above the notes.

5 6 7 8 9

L R R >> R L L >> L R R >> R

Detailed description: This block contains measures 5 through 9 of the 'Inverted Variation'. Measure 5: L R R >>. Measure 6: R L L >>. Measure 7: L R R >>. Measure 8: L R R >>. Measure 9: R. Accents (>) are placed above the notes.

Accent Tap Variation

1 2 3 4 5

r l r L

Detailed description: This block contains the first five measures of the 'Accent Tap Variation'. Measure 1: r. Measure 2: l. Measure 3: r. Measure 4: r. Measure 5: L. The notes are eighth notes with accents (>).

6 7 8 9 10

R L R L I I L L I I L R r r R R r r

Detailed description: This block contains measures 6 through 10 of the 'Accent Tap Variation'. Measure 6: R. Measure 7: L. Measure 8: R L I I L L I I. Measure 9: L R r r R R r r. Measure 10: L R r r R R r r. Accents (>) are placed above the notes.

11 12 13

R L I >> L R r >>

Detailed description: This block contains measures 11 through 13 of the 'Accent Tap Variation'. Measure 11: R L I >>. Measure 12: R L I >>. Measure 13: L R r >>. Accents (>) are placed above the notes.

14 15 16 17

R L I >> L R r >> R

Detailed description: This block contains measures 14 through 17 of the 'Accent Tap Variation'. Measure 14: R L I >>. Measure 15: L R r >>. Measure 16: L R r >>. Measure 17: R. Accents (>) are placed above the notes.

EIGHTS

CV 2023

$\text{♩} = 140 - 170$

Stock Variation

1 2 3 4

R f L R R

5 6 7 8 9

L R L R R

Inverted Variation

1 2 3 4

R L >> L R >> R L >> R L >>

5 6 7 8 9

L R R >> R L L >> L R R >> R R

Accent Tap Variation

1 2 3 4 5

r l r R L

6 7 8 9 10

R L R L l l L L l l L R r r R R r r R

11 12 13

R L >> L R >> L R >>

14 15 16 17

R L >> L R >> R R

EIGHTS

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♩ = 140 - 170

Stock Variation

1 2 3 4

R L R

f

5 6 7 8 9

L R L R

1 2 3 4

R R R R R R R R L L L L L L L L R R R R R R R R R R R R R R

5 6 7 8 9

L L L L L L L L R R R R R R R R L L L L L L L L L L L L L L R

Accent Tap Variation

1 2 3 4 5

R L R L R L R L R L

6 7 8 9

R L R L R L R L

10 11 12 13

R L R L R L R R r r r r R R r

14 15 16 17

L L l l l l l l 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 R

ROBBIE BUCS

remix

Rob Sirat
Arr. Savage

♩=70

Snareline

Tenorline

Bass Drums

S.Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

L...

R L R L R L R L R L R L

S.Dr.

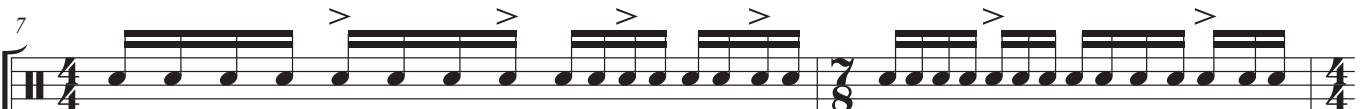
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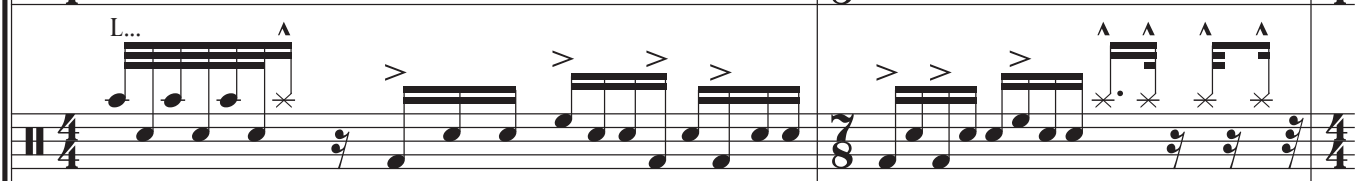
B. Dr.


R...

Robbie Bucs

7

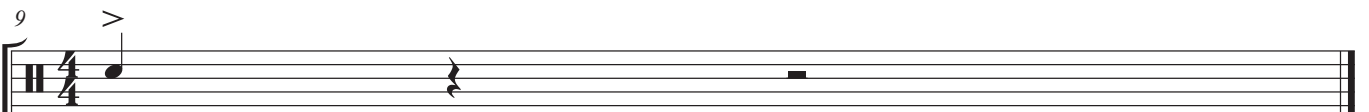
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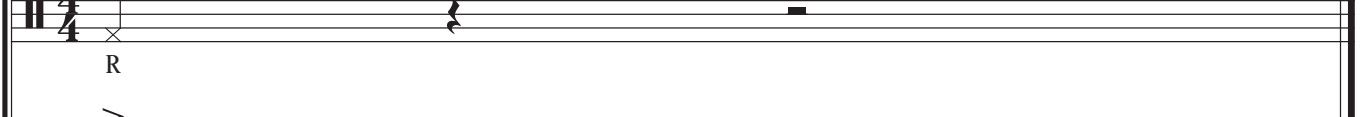
B. Dr. 

R L R L R L R L... L... R L R L R L R L R L R L L R R R

9

S. Dr. 

T. Dr. 

B. Dr. 

R R R

Hemeola

Roger Carter

arr. Savage

Snareline

Tenorline

Bass Drums

4

S.Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

7

S.Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

Hemeola

10

S. Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

L... L R R R R L L L B B B B other guys drum

c/o

13

S. Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

R

Snareline

Tenorline

Bass Drums

S.Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

S.Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

7

S. Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

R R R L R L R L R L R L R L R L L L R L L R L L L R L

9

S. Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

R L R L ... R L R L ... R L R R L R L L R R L R L R L ... R L R L ...

11

S. Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

R L R L R L R L ... R R R R R R R R R R

13

S. Dr. R R L L R R L L ...

T. Dr. R R L L R R L L ...

B. Dr. R R

14

S. Dr. R R R R R L

T. Dr. R R R R R L

B. Dr. R L R

Score

Roll Out

v2

Savage

$\text{♩} = 152$

Snareline

Tenorline

Bass Drums

4

S.Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

8

S.Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

R R L R L R R R R R R R

11

S. Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

R R R R R R R R R R R L R L R R R R R R R R R L

14

S. Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

R L R R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R R R R

16

S. Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

R L R R L R R L R R L R R L R R L R L R L R R R

Roll Out

18

S. Dr. 

T. Dr. 

B. Dr. 

R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R R R R R R R

20


S. Dr. 

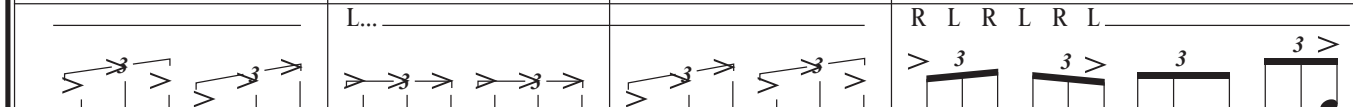
T. Dr. 


B. Dr. 

R L R R L R R L R R L R R R R R R R L R L R L R L R R R... R... R...

23

S. Dr. 

T. Dr. 

B. Dr. 

L... R L R L R L R R L R R R R R R

Roll Out

27

S. Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

R R R R R R L R L R R L R L R L R L R L R L R R R

30

S. Dr.

T. Dr.

B. Dr.

R

Score

CV Flam Breakdown

Savage

♩. = 154

Drum score for Flam Breakdown, measures 1-12. The score is in 12/8 time and consists of three systems of staves. Each system includes a Snareline, Tenorline, and Bass Drums staff. The notation includes rhythmic patterns with accents and corresponding letter notation (R for Right, L for Left) for the snare and tenor lines. The bass drum line is also notated with rhythmic patterns and letter notation.

System 1 (Measures 1-3):

- Snareline:** R R R R R R R R R R R R R R L L L L L L L L
- Tenorline:** R R R R R R R R R R R R R R L L L L L L L L
- Bass Drums:** R R R R R R R R R R R R R L L L L L L L L

System 2 (Measures 4-6):


- S. Dr.:** L L L L L L L L R R R R R R R R R R R R L R
- T. Dr.:** L L L L L L L L R R R R R R R R R R R R L R
- B. Dr.:** L L L L L L L R R R R R R R R R R R L R R R R

System 3 (Measures 7-9):


- S. Dr.:** L L L L L L L L L L L L L L R L R L R L R L R L
- T. Dr.:** L L L L L L L L L L L L L L R L R L R L R L R L
- B. Dr.:** L L L L L L L L L L L L L L R L R L R L R L R L R L

CV
Flam Breakdown


10

S. Dr. 

R L R L R L R L R L R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R


T. Dr. 

R L R L R L R L R L R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R


B. Dr. 

R L R L R L R L R L R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R R


13

S. Dr. 

L L L L L L L L L L L L R L R L R L R L R L R L


T. Dr. 

L L L L L L L L L L L L R L R L R L R L R L R L

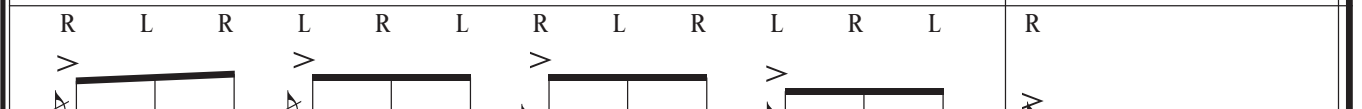
B. Dr. 

L L L L L L L L L L L L R L R R L R R L R R L R


16

S. Dr. 

R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R

T. Dr. 

R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R

B. Dr. 

R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R

FRONT PACKET



Keyboard Guidelines

Approach

When approaching a mallet instrument, make sure the instrument is at the appropriate height before setting your hands. The top of the keys should be at the same height as your waist or belt. Your feet should be shoulder-width apart and at an appropriate distance from the keyboard (one foot should be slightly in front of the other so you can move back and forth between manuals). This distance is determined by the length of your arm in relation to the type/size of the instrument. When you put your mallets in the center of the bar on the natural keys, your forearm should be slightly below level creating an angle greater than 90 degrees at the elbow. If your forearm is completely level then you need to lower the instrument.

When playing vibraphone, the right foot will be on the pedal and the left will be comfortably behind the pedal. The balance point will be between the heel of the right foot and the ball of the left foot. When playing in the highest register it is suggested that the left foot go behind the right, to make sure the keys are played in the correct playing zone.

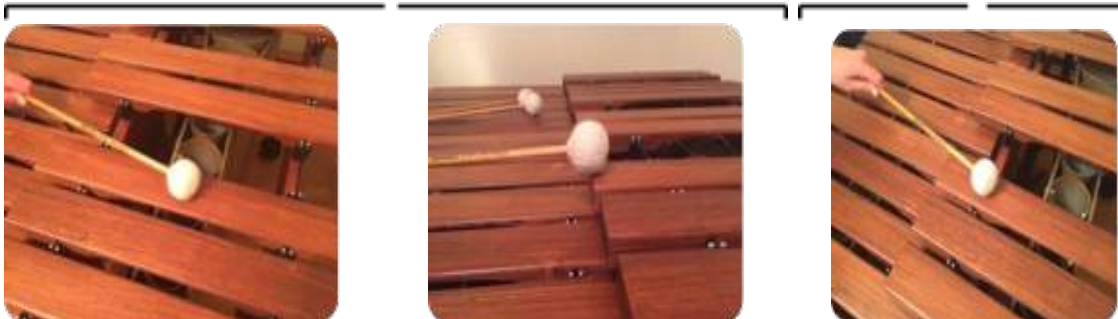


Playing Zones

The correct playing zones for keyboards are in the center of the bar directly over the resonators. For the accidentals it is best to aim for the top of the resonator tube to ensure that you play directly in the center of the bar. When playing on the edges of the marimba (not applicable to vibes, xylo, or bells) you must make sure you are not playing on the very edge of the key, so that you can produce a good full sound. **Do Not Play On The NODES!**

YES!

NO!!! ☹



Two-Mallet Technique

Grip

At Atlanta CV we use the “rear fulcrum” 2-mallet grip. You hold the mallet by the middle, ring, and pinky fingers with around 1½ inches from the back of the hand to the end of the mallet shaft. The thumb and index finger then wrap around the mallet (as seen in figure 2). These two fingers should not place any pressure on the mallet. The hand should not be flat but turned inwards at a slight angle (45 degrees). The wrist and arms should form a natural angle that puts no stress on the wrist joint.



Stroke

From the set position of about a half-inch above the bar, the stroke begins with the head of the mallet and then is continued through the wrist and arm in a fluid motion. The mallet should come directly up and not away or towards the body or move from side to side. At a moderate tempo the stroke will be mostly wrist and less arm. As the tempo increases the stroke will become all wrist, however as the tempo decreases you will incorporate arm to connect the strokes. The speed of the mallet coming down to make contact with the board should never change, but the speed of the rebound stroke will be determined by how fast or slow you are playing. When playing slow connected strokes the mallet should feel like there is a rubber band attached to the keys. So, when you move the mallet up it will be as if you are trying to stretch the rubber band. When you initiate the downward motion, the mallet will shoot downward, as if you gave in to the pull.



Four-Mallet Technique

Grip

At CV we use the Steven's technique when playing four mallets. When beginning to learn Steven's technique we highly recommend purchasing "Method of Movement" by Leigh Howard Stevens. This method book has everything you could possibly need to fully understand the grip and different ways you can approach the instrument. This packet will go through the basics of setting the grip and striking the instrument with some of the different techniques that will be used at Central High School.

1. Turn your hand sideways in a "Handshaking" position.
2. For the inside mallet, put the "butt" of the mallet in the center of the palm, slightly above the "life Line" that goes around the thumb pad.
3. Curve out your pointer finger as if you were creating a perch for a small bird. The mallet will rest on the 3rd joint of the pointer finger, directly above the fingernail.
4. The Outside mallet will be placed in between the middle finger and the ring finger directly under the first joint (knuckle). The pinky and ring finger will then wrap around the bottom of the shaft.
5. The thumb will rest on the top of the mallet creating a fulcrum for the inside mallet. The middle finger will then create stability by resting on the bottom of the shaft. (Your middle finger will either be on top of the shaft or slightly wrapped around it, depending on your hand size.)



Interval Changes

When changing intervals, your goal should be to always keep your thumb on top of the mallet and facing towards the ceiling. You should also make sure to keep your “perch” out and never curl your finger into your palm. Interval changes up to a seventh should always be done by “spinning” or rolling the mallet shaft in between the pointer finger and thumb. As you roll to a larger interval you will see that your pointer finger begins to straighten as your thumb remains on top of the mallet.



When using an extended octave grip for long use of right hand octaves or octaves at the bottom of the keyboard, (Left Hand) your mallet will roll up your palm towards the base of your fingers. The inside mallet will “lock” in to position at the base of the middle finger and at the top of the palm.



Rhythm Section:

(Bass Guitar, Synth, Drumset, Auxiliary Percussion)

For **Bass**, being able to produce a good sound and intonation are key. Plus a prepared piece/solo.

Drumset candidates should be able to play a variety of styles and grooves and improvise over the exercise. During the audition process we will call out different things for you to do and see how you adapt.

Synth/Piano – We are looking to see evenness and finger control/dexterity as well rhythmic accuracy and a good sense of tempo. Plus an optional (but preferred) prepared piece/solo.

Rack/Aux – We want to see a buzz roll from ppp<FFF>ppp in 1 min, paradiddles open–close–open to a comfortable tempo, a suspended cymbal roll and choke, triangle roll, and a tambourine thumb or finger roll.

Exercises are provided on the next few pages.

Lockjaw

This exercise can be played in the circle of fourths, circle of fifths, and chromatically. Drumset players will be asked to play in different styles.


$\text{♩} = 90 - 150$ Continue to the next key...

The score is arranged in five staves. The Maracas staff (top) uses a treble clef and contains a melodic line with eighth-note patterns. The Piano staff uses a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with chords and moving lines. The Bass Guitar staff uses a bass clef with a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The Rack Drumset staff uses a drum set icon and contains a complex rhythmic pattern with accents. The Rack staff uses a drum set icon and contains a bass line with notes labeled 'R ...', 'L ...', 'B B B B', and 'R ...'.

Green

Play in all Major and Minor keys


♩ = 110-180

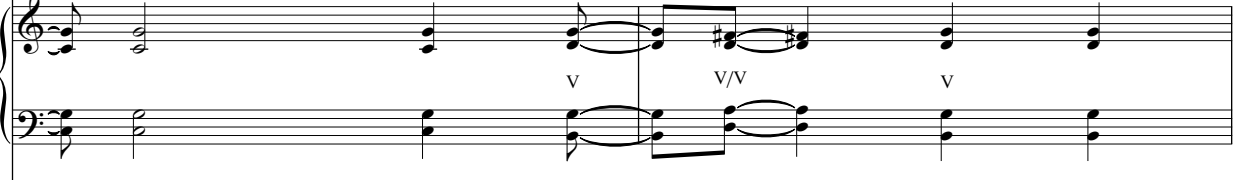
Mar. 


Piano 


B. Guit. 

Rack/Drumset 
Drum set will keep a 4/4 groove and emphasize the accents

Mar. 

Piano 

B. Guit. 

Rack/Drumset 

Mar. 

Piano 

B. Guit. 

Rack/Drumset 

Metric Green




Rack and Drum set should keep time and play the rhythm of the keyboard part.

Play in all Major and Minor keys

♩ = 100-180

Mar. 
Piano 
B. Guit. 

Mar. 
Piano 
B. Guit. 

Mar. 
Piano 
B. Guit. 

Mar. 
Piano 
B. Guit. 

Space and Timing

ALL players in the ensemble will play this exercise at a forte dynamic. The keyboard and rack players will connect each stroke while still using a fast velocity wrist stroke down to the keyboard. The upstroke will then be slower as it connects back to the top of the stroke.

Mar.  Musical notation for Maracas part 1. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. The notation is divided into four measures. The first measure is marked with '4's' and contains four quarter notes. The second measure contains four eighth notes. The third measure contains four eighth notes. The fourth measure is marked with '2's' and contains two quarter notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Mar.  Musical notation for Maracas part 2. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. The notation is divided into three measures. The first measure contains four quarter notes. The second measure contains four eighth notes. The third measure is marked with '1's' and contains one quarter note followed by a half rest. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Mar.  Musical notation for Maracas part 3. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. The notation is divided into three measures. The first measure contains four quarter notes. The second measure contains four eighth notes. The third measure contains four eighth notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Blocks

Mr. Stephens

Blocks is designed to strengthen double vertical, and single alternating strokes.
Using piston strokes ensure that all of your mallets return to the same heights.

Bass Guitarist begin with a strong finger plucking, then staccato slaps, the tenuto hammer-ons.

Keyboards

Double Verticals

2 3 4 5 6 7

Synth

Bass Guitar

Percussion

R r r r r r R r r r r r L l l l l l L l l l l l R r r r r r r r R r r r r r r r L l l l l l l l

8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Single Alternating (13/24)

Kbd.

Synth

B. Guit.

Perc.

L l l l l l l l R r r r r r r r R r r r r r r r L l l l l l l l L l l l l l l l R r r r R r r r R r r r R r r r

15 16 17 Single Alternating (14/23) 18 19 20

Kbd.

Synth

B. Guit.

Perc.

Detailed description: This block contains measures 15 through 20. The keyboard part (Kbd.) and synth part (Synth) are written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The keyboard part features a sequence of chords and melodic lines. The synth part features a similar sequence of chords and melodic lines. The bass guitar part (B. Guit.) is written in bass clef and features a bass line. The percussion part (Perc.) is written in a drum staff and features a drum pattern with accents. A box labeled "Single Alternating (14/23)" is placed over measures 17 and 18.

21 22 23 24 25 Tag 26 27

Kbd.

Synth

B. Guit.

Perc.

Detailed description: This block contains measures 21 through 27. The keyboard part (Kbd.) and synth part (Synth) are written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The keyboard part features a sequence of chords and melodic lines. The synth part features a similar sequence of chords and melodic lines. The bass guitar part (B. Guit.) is written in bass clef and features a bass line. The percussion part (Perc.) is written in a drum staff and features a drum pattern with accents. A box labeled "Tag" is placed over measure 25.

London Bridge

All Variable Permutations: single independent 16th notes
1234, 4321, 1324, 4231, 1423, etc.
80 - 140bpm

Marimba

Piano

Percussion

4

Mar.

Pno.

Perc.

8

Mar.

Pno.

Perc.

11

Mar.

Pno.

Perc.

15

Mar.

Pno.

Perc.

20

Mar.

Pno.

Perc.

25

Mar.

Pno.

Perc.

29

Mar.

Pno.

Perc.

34

Mar.

Pno.

Perc.

39

Mar.

Pno.

Perc.

43

Mar.

Pno.

Perc.

1 2 3 4 4 1 2 3 4

8-16


This exercise will be used with all of the different duple-based permutations.
For example: 1234 (as written), 1243, 1324, 1423, etc..


♩ = 45-130


Mar.
Piano
B. Guit.
Rack/
Drumset


Mar.
Piano
B. Guit.
Rack/
Drumset

Mar.
Piano
B. Guit.
Rack/
Drumset

Mar. 

Piano 

B. Guit. 

Rack/ Drumset 

Mar. 

Piano 

B. Guit. 

Rack/ Drumset 

Mar. 

Piano 

B. Guit. 

Rack/ Drumset 

Mar.

Piano

B. Guit.

Rack/ Drumset

The first system of music consists of four staves. The Maracas staff (top) is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats and a 4/4 time signature, playing a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The Piano staff has a treble clef with a similar melodic line and a bass clef with sustained chords. The Bass Guitar staff (B. Guit.) is in bass clef, playing a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The Rack/Drumset staff is in common time, showing a drum pattern with 'r' for right and 'l' for left, with ellipses indicating continuation.

Mar.

Piano

B. Guit.

Rack/ Drumset

The second system of music also consists of four staves. The Maracas staff continues the melodic line from the first system, ending with a double bar line. The Piano staff continues its accompaniment, also ending with a double bar line. The Bass Guitar staff continues the eighth-note accompaniment, ending with a double bar line. The Rack/Drumset staff continues the drum pattern, ending with a double bar line.

Broccoli

4's $\text{♩} = 50-150$

Mar.

Piano

B. Guit.

Rack/ Drumset

DS should play accents while keeping time

2's

4's

Mar.

Piano

B. Guit.

Rack/ Drumset

2's

Mar.

Piano

B. Guit.

Rack/ Drumset

1's

Mar.

Piano

B. Guit.

Rack/ Drumset

1 2 3 4 2 3 4 1 3 4 1 2 4 1 2 3

Mar.

Piano

B. Guit.

Rack/ Drumset

Mar.

Piano

B. Guit.

Rack/ Drumset

Most Advanced Combination

This 4-mallet exercise works on the independence of each mallet and each hand. The beams going up will be played with the right hand and the beams going down will be played with the left hand. Rack and Drum set should keep time and play the rhythm of the bass guitar.

♩ = 50-100 **A**

Mar.
Piano
B. Guit.

Mar.
Piano
B. Guit.

B

Mar.
Piano
B. Guit.

Mar. 

Piano 

B. Guit. 

Mar. 

Piano 

B. Guit. 

Mar. 

Piano 

B. Guit. 

Mar. 

Piano 

B. Guit. 