MOBILE SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA
ROBERT J. SEEBACHER MUSIC DIRECTOR

2017-2018 Auditions: Flute/Piccolo

Thank you for your interest in the MSYO. The following is a list of audition requirements. Please do not let this list worry you about your audition. You may not be able to play all of the requested material. The conductor and audition judges expect this. If you are willing to make MSYO a commitment and you are interested in performing with us, please audition.

Audition Date: Saturday, August 26, 2017
Audition Location: Larkins Music Center, 257 Dauphin Street, Mobile, AL 36602
PRIOR TO THE AUDITION DATE, YOU MUST CALL 251-432-2010 TO SCHEDULE AN AUDITION TIME.

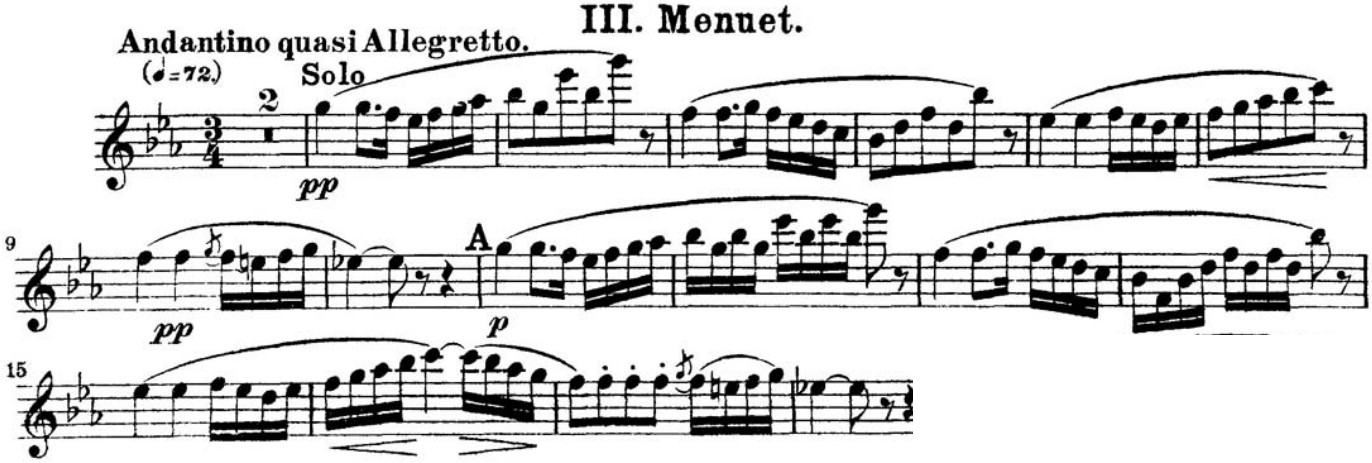
Please prepare the following:

1. Major Scales
2 Octaves - The judges will select two Major Keys

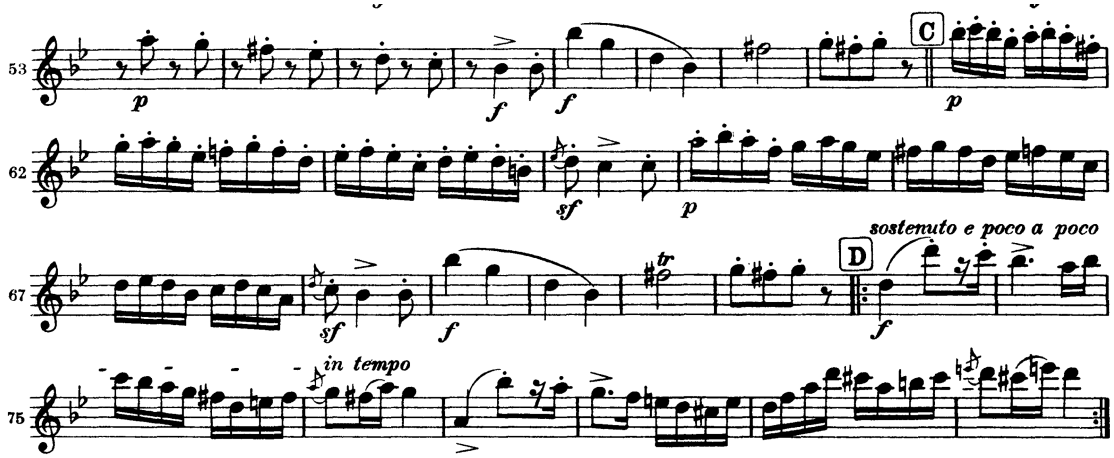
2. A Solo of your choice from the standard repertoire for your instrument.
A concerto, concert piece, or sonata is strongly recommended.

3. Excerpts (Listed Below)
You should prepare these excerpts to the best of your ability. The tempo indications are only suggestions. While you may not be able to play at the indicated tempo, you are expected to make a reasonable effort to perform each excerpt. It is strongly recommended that you consult your private teacher in your preparation and that you listen to these excerpts on YouTube.

FLUTE: Bizet – L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2



PICCOLO: Brahms – Hungarian Dance No. 1
It is strongly recommended to audition on piccolo. However, if you do not play piccolo, please play the following excerpt on flute.



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Audition Guidelines

(Revised: May 11, 2017)

1. Read and prepare the audition sheet to the best of your ability. You may not be able to play all of the excerpts, but you are expected to make a reasonable effort to play the requested material.

2. If you are interested in the concerto competition, please refer to the rules and regulations sheet for that competition.

3. You must schedule an audition time by calling 251-432-2010.

4. Guitar, electric bass, electric keyboard, drum set, or any other instruments found primarily in rock/pop bands are not included in the Mobile Symphony Youth Orchestra.

5. Bass clarinet and contrabassoon are occasionally called for in the MSYO, but there is not a separate audition for these instruments. Students wishing to play bass clarinet in the MSYO MUST audition on B-flat clarinet. Students wishing to play contrabassoon MUST audition on bassoon.

6. The MSYO occasionally has a need for orchestral piano and harp. Please be aware that orchestral piano is far different from taking piano lessons or playing solo piano. Please call the music director to discuss the need for and the auditioning of piano and harp.

7. Euphonium players may audition for the MSYO. Please prepare the trombone audition requirements. In certain years there may be a separate euphonium audition sheet.

8. You may audition for and participate in the MSYO if you are under the age of 21. If your 21st birthday will occur during the performance season, you are not eligible for the MSYO.

9. Please be aware that the MSYO is an honors orchestra. Audition only if you are able and willing to commit to the ensemble. This means that you will practice, actively participate in the music making process, and attend all rehearsals, concerts, and functions of the MSYO. If you plan to regularly miss rehearsals, please do not audition.

10. If you are accepted into the MSYO, you and your parent must sign the contract before the start of the retreat. This contract will serve as your agreement to be dedicated to the MSYO and it will serve as an agreement with your parents that they understand the need for you to be dedicated to the group.

11. The final decision in all matters relating to the MSYO will be at the sole discretion of the music director.

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2017 -2018 Season Dates

August 25-27, 2017
Auditions – Larkins Music Center

September 13, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.
Concerto Competition Final Round – Larkins Music Center

September 16-17, 2017
Opening Retreat – Larkins Music Center and The Admiral Hotel

November 5, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.
Concert No. 1 – Saenger Theatre

December 1, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
Holiday Concert – Foley, AL Civic Center

March 4, 2018 – 2:00 p.m.
Concert No. 2 – Saenger Theatre

May 6, 2018– 2:00 p.m.
Concert No. 3 – Saenger Theatre

May 13, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.
Mother's Day Concert – Bellingrath Gardens

Information is subject to change.
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