



Nuestro Tiempo Youth Ensemble

Placement Audition Details

Placement Auditions are for the purpose of accepting students into the Nuestro Tiempo Ensemble.

Students entering grades 7-12, with at least one (1) year experience in a school band/orchestra, private music lessons or other, are eligible.

Once the online registration has been received, parents and students will be notified with a specific audition time and date.

Auditions will be between 7-10 minutes and will be conducted individually. Our Latin Jazz faculty members will conduct the auditions for all students.

What to Expect at the Audition

All applicants should be prepared to demonstrate the following.

1. **SCALES:** Major Scales and Chromatic Scale (these scales may be chosen by the student.)
2. **SONG OF CHOICE:** 1 to 2 songs of the student's choice (the songs may be music learned in band, etudes learned during private instruction, etc.)
3. **SIGHT READING:** A short excerpt will be provided to the student during the audition.
4. **(OPTIONAL) IMPROVISATION:** Students will have the choice to perform the melodies and improvise on one or more of the chosen tunes. (Sheet music may be found for these songs on various sites online, or your band director/music teacher):
 - a. [Blue Bossa by Joe Henderson](#)
 - b. [Song for my Father by Horace Silver](#)
 - c. [Watermelon Man by Herbie Hancock](#)
 - d. [Black Orpheus by Luiz Bonfa](#)
 - e. [Besame Mama by Poncho Sanchez](#)

Percussionists/Drummers- Percussionists will be asked to demonstrate the following:

- Perform various rhythms, Latin groove and feel, including familiarity of the clave.
- The following individual percussion seats will be assigned:
 - Congas
 - Drum Kit
 - Timbales
 - Bongos
 - Clave
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A NOTE FOR BEGINNERS...

We realize that preparing all of the above materials may be beyond some students' abilities (if they only have one year of experience). ***This should not deter students from attending the audition as everyone will be assessed based on their individual skillset.***

Questions and requests for more information can be directed to Lonnie Davis, at info@theJazzArts.org or call 704-334-3900.