

Standard Audition Application Requirements for Jazz Drums

All applicants to Performers National Signing Day are required to record an audition video which includes the content outlined below:

- Each performance segment must be recorded in one take with no editing (though you may and should select the best of several takes).
- All videos must be recorded within the six months prior to the application deadline.
- Professional equipment and/or studio space is not necessary for a successful application to Performers National Signing Day. With attention to a few details, your music making can be conveyed using readily available consumer electronics; even iPhone or other smartphone recordings are acceptable.
- Please refer to [Audition Tech Tips](#) for additional information and suggestions for effectively recording your audition.

Required Video Segments for Instrumental Jazz: Brass/Woodwinds

Video 1

Introduction: Before you record your first musical selection, please include a spoken introduction in which you state your name, instrument, hometown, and state.

Musical Selections: You are asked to record only one video.

- Demonstrate the following: playing eight bars of time, eight bars of a solo, and eight bars trading twos:
 - Medium swing (quarter note = 105)
 - Medium up-tempo swing (quarter note = 190)
- One minute of each of the following styles (with optional chorus of improvisation for each):
 - Jazz shuffle
 - Funk or hip-hop

If you double on another instrument, please include one or two additional examples (jazz standard) of your playing on that instrument. You must submit examples for each doubling instrument listed on your application.

- You are asked to announce the title of the work and composer and/or arranger before you begin the performance for each required tune/style/excerpt for your instrument.
- Applicants may perform unaccompanied, with a live rhythm section, or with prerecorded rhythm tracks.

Video 2

Video Essay: Please record a 2 to 3-minute answer to **one** of the following questions:

- What do you anticipate your professional life to look like in 5 years, 10 years, and 20 years?
- What musical experiences have influenced your life and will continue to shape you as a person?

Print Music Resources

Lead sheets for the required titles can be purchased online:

- SheetMusicPlus.com
- Amazon.com

Also, here are two sources for finding public domain sheet music:

- Educational Music Service (www.emsmusic.com)
- Kalmus (www.efkalmus.com)