

BUILDING BETTER BANDS

Missouri Bandmasters Association



State Auditions by President-Elect Sarah Sacco

Over the next few weeks you may be preparing your students and yourself for all-state band auditions, which can be a bit stressful to make sure you have done everything correctly. Here are some tips to help you make sure you and your students are prepared for the day!

- The registration window will be November 4 - 26, 2024, at 11:59pm.
- Registration website: <https://missouriallstateband.org/registration.php>
- The audition fee is \$15.00 per audition and you must pay for all students who have been registered.
 - PO's are NOT accepted
 - Cash or check can be paid before or on audition day
 - Credit cards must be processed before November 26th
- There will be a \$25.00 fee assessed to any late entry or correction in any part of the registration.
 - This fee will be assessed for each correction.
- On December 7, only directors/school representatives will need to check in.
 - You MUST have a school employee check in your student(s) and be on site during auditions
 - The director/school rep check-in will run from 8:30am - 11:00am
- The preliminary auditions will begin at 9:00am.
- Callbacks will be posted throughout the day using the students audition number
 - Once a student has completed their callback audition they are free to leave.
 - Not all instruments will have callback auditions.
- To achieve the highest possible score on scales, the SCALES MUST BE PERFORMED EXACTLY AS WRITTEN ON THE SCALE SHEET.
- Lastly, All the judges feel that a good audition is a good audition, whether it is at 9:00am or 1:00pm.

We know that all-state band auditions can be stressful but take a deep breath and if you have any questions please email me at presidentelectmba@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES

November 4-26, 2024

State Audition window open

December 7, 2024

State Band Auditions

December 17, 2024

All-State Paperwork Due

January 14, 2025

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January 29-31, 2025

Missouri All-State Band

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Dr. Emily Threinen: 2025 All-State Band Conductor

We are excited to have Dr. Threinen back to Missouri. She presented two great clinics at the MBA Summer Convention. One of her clinics was focused on literature selection. The process she goes through the specific titles she was considering for our All-State Band. Her other clinic titled Values, Integrity, and Passion was a great reminder about how we need to work with our students.

Dr. Threinen is the Director of Bands at the University of Minnesota. They will be performing *Infinity* by Katahji Copley, *O Magnum Mysterium* by Morten Lauridsen, *Vulcan* by Michael Daugherty, *On-Parade* by Amanda Aldridge, and *Conga del Fuego Nuevo* by Arturo Marquez.

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