FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

As a vocalist in the Army Bands, you will perform as a lead vocalist in popular music ensembles, as well as other commercial, jazz, patriotic, and ceremonial settings.

U.S. ARMY

Audition Requirements

Part 1: Prepared Music

Applicants must perform at least four selections in addition to the National Anthem, including two selections from the Pop/ Rock category, one from the Country category, and one from the Other category.

The National Anthem will be performed at the position of attention. The use of a microphone is optional. The auditionee may select a key signature that best fits their vocal range. It will be performed in a manner that respects the dignity and purpose as typified by the DOD-approved arrangement of "The Star-Spangled Banner". Please reference this video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGvW6jHUHiY

Part 2: Quickly Prepared Music

Applicants must perform all provided selections. Memorization is not required; however, each performance should demonstrate musical expression and stage presence.

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U.S. ARMY

Audition Requirements

1) Approach this section as a LIVE PERFORMANCE.
2) These songs should be performed from memory and with appropriate audience interaction (audience not required).
3) Auditionees must perform Part 1 with a microphone and sound system.

National Anthem

Francis Scott Key: *"The Star-Spangled Banner"*

Pop / Rock (choose 2)

Beyonce: *"Love on Top"*
Taylor Swift: *"Cruel Summer"*
Paramore: *"Ain't It Fun"*
Heart: "Alone"

Country (choose 1)

Miranda Lambert: *"The House That Built Me"*
Carrie Underwood: *"Before He Cheats"*
Toby Keith: "Courtesy of the Red White and Blue"

Other (choose 1)

Etta James: *"At Last"*
KPop Demon Hunters: "Golden"
Stephen Lawrence Schwartz: *"Defying Gravity"*
Norman Gimbel: *"The Girl from Ipanema"*
Selena: *"Bidi Bidi Bom Bom"*

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Love on Top

Beyoncé

[Verse 1]

Bring the beat in. Honey, honey
I can see the stars all the way from here
Can't you see the glow on the windowpane?
I can feel the sun whenever you're near
Every time you touch me I just melt away

Now everybody asks me why I'm smiling out from ear to ear (They say love hurts)
But I know (it's gonna take the real work) oh-oh
Nothing's perfect but it's worth it
After fighting through my tears and finally you put me first

[Chorus]

Baby, it's you
You're the one I love
You're the one I need
You're the only one I see
Come on, baby, it's you
You're the one that gives your all
You're the one I can always call
When I need to make everything stop
Finally, you put my love on top

Ooh, come on, baby
You put my love on top, top, top, top, top
You put my love on top
Ooh, ooh
Come on, baby
You put my love on top, top, top, top, top
My love on top, my love on top

[Verse 2]

Baby, baby, I can hear the wind whipping past my face
As we dance the night away
And boy your lips taste like a night of champagne
As I kiss you again and again and again and again

Now everybody asks me why I'm smiling out from ear to ear
(They say love hurts)
But I know (it's gonna take the real work)
Nothing's perfect but it's worth it

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My love on top, my love on top

[Chorus]

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You're the one I need
You're the only thing I see
Come on, baby, it's you
You're the one that gives your all
You're the one that always calls
When I need you, baby, everything stops
Finally, you put my love on top

Baby, you're the one that I love
Baby, you're all I need
You're the only one I see
Come on, baby, it's you
You're the one that gives your all
You're the one that always calls
When I need you everything stops
Finally, you put my love on top

FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

Ain’t It Fun

Paramore

[Verse 1]

I don’t mind
Lettin’ you down easy, but just give it time
If it don’t hurt now, but just wait, just wait awhile

You’re not the big fish in the pond no more
You are what they’re feedin’ on

[Pre-Chorus]

So, what are you gonna do
When the world don’t orbit around you? Ooh, uh, uh
So, what are you gonna do
When the world don’t orbit around you?

[Chorus]

Ain’t it fun
Livin’ in the real world?
Ain’t it good
Bein’ all alone?

[Verse 2]

Where you’re from
You might be the one who’s runnin’ things
Well, you could ring anybody’s bell and get what you want
See, it’s easy to ignore trouble
When you’re livin’ in a bubble

[Pre-Chorus]

So, what are you gonna do
When the world don’t orbit around you? Mm, uh, uh
So, what are you gonna do
When nobody wants to fool with you? Oh, oh, oh, uh, uh

[Chorus]

Ain’t it fun
Livin’ in the real world?
Ain’t it good
Bein’ all alone?
Ain’t it good to be on your own?
Ain’t it fun you can’t count on no one?

FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

Ain’t It Fun

Paramore

Ain’t it good to be on your own?
Ain’t it fun you can’t count on no one?
Ain’t it fun
Livin’ in the real world?

[Bridge]

Don’t go cryin’ to your mama
’Cause you’re on your own in the real world
Don’t go cryin’ to your mama
’Cause you’re on your own in the real world
Don’t go cryin’ to your mama
’Cause you’re on your own in the real world
Don’t go cryin’ to your mama
’Cause you’re on your own in the real world

[Break]

Ain’t it fun? Ain’t it fun?
Baby, now you’re one of us
Ain’t it fun? Ain’t it fun?
Ain’t it fun?

[Chorus]

Ain’t it fun
Livin’ in the real world?
Ain’t it good?
Ain’t it good bein’ all alone?
Ain’t it fun
Livin’ in the real world?
’Cause the world don’t orbit around you
Ain’t it good?
Ain’t it good bein’ all alone? Ah, ah

[Outro]

Don’t go cryin’
To your mama (Not to your mama)
’Cause you’re on your own
In the real world (Don’t go cryin’)

FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

No One

Alicia Keys

[Verse 1]

I just want you close
Where you can stay forever
You can be sure
That it will only get better

[Pre-Chorus]

You and me together
Through the days and nights
I don't worry 'cause
Everything's gonna be alright
People keep talking, they can say what they like
But all I know is everything's gonna be alright

[Chorus]

No one, no one, no one
Can get in the way of what I'm feeling
No one, no one, no one
Can get in the way of what I feel for you, you, you
Can get in the way of what I feel for you

[Verse]

When the rain is pouring down
And my heart is hurting
You will always be around
This I know for certain

You and me together
Through the days and nights
I don't worry 'cause
Everything's gonna be alright (yes, it will)
People keep talking, they can say what they like
But all I know is everything's gonna be alright

[Chorus]

No one, no one, no one
Can get in the way of what I'm feeling
No one, no one, no one
Can get in the way of what I feel for you, you, you
Can get in the way of what I feel, say it

FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

No One

Alicia Keys

[Bridge]

I know some people search the world
To find something like what we have
I know people will try, try to divide something so real
So 'til the end of time, I'm telling you there ain't no one

[Chorus]

No one, no one
Can get in the way of what I'm feeling
No one, no one, no one
Can get in the way of what I feel for you

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FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

Golden

KPop Demon Hunters

[Verse]

I was a ghost, I was alone
Given the throne, I didn't know how to believe (Ah)
I was the queen that I'm meant to be (Ah)
I lived two lives, tried to play both sides (Oh)
But I couldn't find my own place (Oh)
Called a problem child 'cause I got too wild
But now that's how I'm getting paid, on stage

[Pre-Chorus]

I'm done hidin', now I'm shinin'
Like I'm born to be
We dreamin' hard, we came so far
Now I believe

[Chorus]

We're goin' up, up, up, it's our moment
You know together we're glowin', gonna be, gonna be golden
Oh, up, up, up with our voices
Gonna be, gonna be golden

Oh, I'm done hidin', now I'm shinin'
Like I'm born to be
Oh, our time, no fears, no lies
That's who we're born to be

[Bridge]

Waited so long to break these walls down
To wake up and feel like me
Put these patterns all in the past now
And finally live like the girl they all see

[Pre-Chorus]

No more hiding, I'll be shining
Like I'm born to be
'Cause we are hunters, voices strong
And I know I believe

[Chorus]

We're goin' up, up, up, it's our moment

FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

Golden

KPop Demon Hunters

You know together we're glowing, gonna be, gonna be golden
Oh, up, up, up with our voices
gonna be, gonna be golden
Oh, I'm done hidin', now I'm shining
Like I'm born to be
Oh, our time, no fears, no lies
That's who we're born to be

[Outro]

You know we're gonna be, gonna be golden, we're gonna be, gonna be (Oh)
Born to be, born to be glowin',

You know that it's our time, no fears, no lies (Oh)
That's who we're born to be

FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

Cruel Summer

Taylor Swift

[Verse 1]

Fever dream high in the quiet of the night
You know that I caught it (oh yeah, you're right, I want it)
Bad, bad boy, shiny toy with a price
You know that I bought it (oh yeah, you're right, I want it)

Killing me slow, out the window
I'm always waiting for you to be waiting below Devils roll the dice, angels roll their eyes What doesn't kill me makes me want you more

[Chorus]

And it's new, the shape of your body
It's blue, the feeling I've got
And it's ooh, whoa-oh
It's a cruel summer

"It's cool," that's what I tell 'em
No rules in breakable heaven
But ooh, whoa-oh
It's a cruel summer with you (yeah, yeah)

[Verse 2]

Hang your head low in the glow of the vending machine
I'm not dying

You say that we'll just screw it up in these trying times
We're not trying (oh yeah, you're right, I want it)

So cut the headlights, summer's a knife
I'm always waiting for you just to cut to the bone
Devils roll the dice, angels roll their eyes
And if I bleed, you'll be the last to know, oh

[Chorus]

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FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

Cruel Summer

Taylor Swift

It’s a cruel summer with you

[Bridge]

I’m drunk in the back of the car
And I cried like a baby coming home from the bar (oh)
Said,"I’m fine," but it wasn’t true
I don’t wanna keep secrets just to keep you
And I snuck in through the garden gate
Every night that summer, just to seal my fate (oh)
And I screamed,"For whatever it’s worth
I love you, ain’t that the worst thing you ever heard?"
He looks up, grinnin’ like a devil

[Chorus]

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And it’s ooh, whoa-oh
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[Outro]

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FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

Bidi Bidi Bom Bom

Selena

[Intro]

Bidi bidi bom bom
Bidi bidi bom bom
Bidi bidi bidi bidi bom bom
Bidi bidi bidi bidi bom bom

[Verse]

Cada vez Cada vez que lo veo pasar
Mi corazón se enloquece
Y me empieza a palpitar

Bidi bidi bom bom
Y se emociona (y se emociona)
Ya no razona
No lo puedo controlar
Bidi bidi bom bom
Y se emociona (y se emociona)
Ya no razona
Y me empieza a cantar (cantar)

[Chorus]

Me canta así, así, así, así

Bidi bidi bom bom (bidi bidi bom bom)
Bidi bidi bom bom (bidi bidi bom bom)
Bidi bidi bidi bidi bidi bom bom
Bidi bidi bidi bidi bidi bom bom

[Verse]

Cada vez
Cada vez que lo oigo hablar (cada vez, cada vez)
Me tiemblan hasta las piernas (las piernas)
Y el corazón igual (bidi bidi bom bom)

Y se emociona (y se emociona)
Ya no razona
No lo puedo controlar (bidi bidi bom bom)
Y se emociona (y se emociona)
Ya no razona
Y me empieza a cantar (cantar)

FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

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Selena

[Chorus]

Me canta así, así, así, así

Bidi bidi bom bom (bidi bidi bom bom)
Bidi bidi bom bom (bidi bidi bom bom)
Bidi bidi bidi bidi bidi bom bom
Bidi bidi bidi bidi bidi bom bom

Cuando escucho esta canción
Mi corazón quiere cantar así

Bidi bidi bom bom (bidi bidi bom bom)
Bidi bidi bom bom (bidi bidi bom bom)
Me canta así
Me canta a ti
Cada vez que lo veo pasar

Bidi bidi bom bom (bidi bidi bom bom)
Bidi bidi bom bom (bidi bidi bom bom)
Mi corazón se enloquece cada vez que lo veo pasar
Y me empieza a palpitar así, así

FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

Alone

Heart

[Verse]

I hear the ticking of the clock
I'm lying here, the room's pitch dark
I wonder where you are tonight
No answer on the telephone

And the night goes by so very slow
Oh, I hope that it won't end though
Alone

[Chorus]

'Til now, I always got by on my own
I never really cared until I met you
And now it chills me to the bone
How do I get you alone
How do I get you alone

[Verse 2]

You don't know how long I have wanted
To touch your lips and hold you tight, oh
You don't know how long I have waited
And I was going to tell you tonight

But the secret is still my own
And my love for you is still unknown
Alone
Oh-oh-oh

[Chorus]

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I never really cared until I met you
And now it chills me to the bone
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FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

The House That Built Me

Miranda Lambert

[Verse]

I know they say you can't go home again
I just had to come back one last time
Ma'am, I know you don't know me from Adam
But these handprints on the front steps are mine

[Verse]

Up those stairs in that little back bedroom
Is where I did my homework and I learned to play guitar
And I bet you didn't know under that live oak
My favorite dog is buried in the yard

[Chorus]

I thought if I could touch this place or feel it
This brokenness inside me might start healing
Out here, it's like I'm someone else
I thought that maybe I could find myself

If I could just come in, I swear I'll leave
Won't take nothin' but a memory
From the house that built me

[Verse]

Momma cut out pictures of houses for years
From Better Homes and Gardens magazine
Plans were drawn and concrete poured
Nail by nail and board by board
Daddy gave life to Momma's dream

[Chorus]

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[Bridge]

You leave home, you move on

FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

The House That Built Me

Miranda Lambert

And you do the best you can
I got lost in this whole world
And forgot who I am

[Chorus]

I thought if I could touch this place or feel it
This brokenness inside me might start healing
Out here, it's like I'm someone else
I thought that maybe I could find myself

If I could walk around, I swear I'll leave
Won't take nothin' but a memory
From the house that built me

FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

Before He Cheats

Carrie Underwood

[Verse]

Right now, he's probably slow dancing
With a bleached-blond tramp
And she's probably getting frisky
Right now, he's probably buying her some fruity little drink
'Cause she can't shoot a whiskey
Right now, he's probably up behind her with a pool stick
Showing her how to shoot a combo
And he don't know

[Chorus]

I dug my key into the side
Of his pretty little souped-up four-wheel drive
Carved my name into his leather seats
I took a Louisville Slugger to both headlights
Slashed a hole in all four tires
Maybe next time, he'll think before he cheats

[Verse]

Right now, she's probably up singing some
White-trash version of Shania karaoke
Right now, she's probably saying, "I'm drunk"
And he's a-thinking that he's gonna get lucky
Right now, he's probably dabbing on
Three dollars' worth of that bathroom Polo
Oh, and he don't know

[Chorus]

Oh, that I dug my key into the side
Of his pretty little souped-up four-wheel drive
Carved my name into his leather seats
I took a Louisville Slugger to both headlights
Slashed a hole in all four tires
Maybe next time, he'll think before he cheats

[Bridge]

I might've saved a little trouble for the next girl
'Cause the next time that he cheats
Oh, you know it won't be on me

FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

Before He Cheats

Carrie Underwood

No, not on me

[Chorus]

'Cause I dug my key into the side
Of his pretty little souped-up four-wheel drive
Carved my name into his leather seats
I took a Louisville Slugger to both headlights
Slashed a hole in all four tires

[Outro]

Maybe next time, he'll think before he cheats

Oh, maybe next time, he'll think before he cheats
Oh, before he cheats
Oh

Courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue

Toby Keith

[Verse]

American girls and American guys
We'll always stand up and salute
We'll always recognize
When we see Old Glory flying
There's a lot of men dead
So we can sleep in peace at night when we lay down our head

My daddy served in the army
Where he lost his right eye but he flew a flag out in our yard
'Til the day that he died
He wanted my mother, my brother, my sister and me
To grow up and live happy
In the land of the free

Now this nation that I love has fallen under attack
A mighty sucker punch came flyin' in from somewhere in the back
Soon as we could see clearly
Through our big black eye
Man, we lit up your world
Like the fourth of July

[Chorus]

Hey Uncle Sam, put your name at the top of his list
And the Statue of Liberty started shakin' her fist
And the eagle will fly man, it's gonna be hell
When you hear mother freedom start ringin' her bell
And it feels like the whole wide world is raining down on you
Oh, brought to you courtesy of the red white and blue

Oh, and justice will be served and the battle will rage
This big dog will fight when you rattle his cage
And you'll be sorry that you messed with
The U.S. of A.
'Cause we'll put a boot in your ass
It's the American way

[Chorus]

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Courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue

Toby Keith

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And it'll feel like the whole wide world is raining down on you
Oh, brought to you courtesy of the red white and blue

Oh-oh, of the red, white and blue
Oh-oh, of my red, white and blue

FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

At Last

Etta James

At last

My love has come along
And my lonely days are over
And life is like a song, yeah

Oh, yeah-yeah-yeah, at last
The skies above are blue
And my heart was wrapped up in clover
The night I had looked at you

I found a dream that I could speak to
A dream that I could call my own
I found a thrill to press my cheek to
A thrill that I have never known

Oh, and you smiled
And then the spell was cast
And here we are in Heaven
For you are mine, at last

FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

Defying Gravity

Stephen Lawrence Schwartz

[Verse]

Something has changed within me
Something is not the same
I'm through with playing by the rules
Of someone else's game

Too late for second-guessing
Too late to go back to sleep
It's time to trust my instincts
Close my eyes and leap

[Chorus]

It's time to try defying gravity
I think I'll try defying gravity
Kiss me goodbye, I'm defying gravity
And you won't bring me down

[Verse]

I'm through accepting limits
'Cause someone says they're so
Some things I cannot change
But 'til I try, I'll never know

Too long I've been afraid of
Losing love, I guess I've lost
Well, if that's love, it comes at
At much too high a cost

[Chorus]

I'd sooner buy defying gravity
Kiss me goodbye, I'm defying gravity
I think I'll try defying gravity
And you won't bring me down

[Verse]

Unlimited (unlimited)
My future is (my future is) unlimited (unlimited)
And I've just had a vision, almost like a prophecy
I know, it sounds truly crazy
And true, the vision's hazy
But I swear, someday I'll be

FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

Defying Gravity

Stephen Lawrence Schwartz

Flying so high (I'm defying gravity)
Kiss me goodbye (I'm defying gravity)

So if you care to find me
Look to the western sky
As someone told me lately
"Everyone deserves the chance to fly"

[Chorus]

I'm defying gravity
And you won't bring me down
Bring me down
Bring me down, oh

FEMALE VOCAL: PART 1

The Girl from Ipanema

Norman Gimbel

Tall and tan and young and lovely
The girl from Ipanema goes walking
And when she passes
Each one she passes goes, ah

When she walks, she's like a samba
That swings so cool and sways so gently
That when she passes
Each one she passes goes, ah

Oh, but he watches her so sadly
How can he tell her he loves her
Yes, he would give his heart gladly
But each day, when she walks to the sea
She looks straight ahead, not at him

Tall and tan and young and lovely
The girl from Ipanema goes walking
And when she passes
He smiles, but she doesn't see

Oh, but he sees her so sadly
How can he tell her he loves her
Yes, he would give his heart gladly
But each day, when she walks to the sea
She looks straight ahead, not at him

Tall and tan and young and lovely
The girl from Ipanema goes walking
And when she passes
He smiles, but she doesn't see
She just doesn't see
No, she doesn't see
But she doesn't see