

Piano/Keyboard

As a pianist in the Army Bands, you will perform in several different capacities. You will perform with the jazz band, jazz combo, rock band, and other popular music ensembles as well as covering piano parts for the concert band when needed. You will also provide solo piano music for dinner receptions and other formal events on post and in the community. Piano players

should be very experienced in several different styles and should be very familiar with keyboards as well as the piano.

Audition Requirements

Part 1: Ceremonial/Patriotic Music

Ceremonial music plays an integral part in our job as military musicians. This packet contains arrangements of "The Star Spangled Banner" and "The Army Goes Rolling Along" that will need to be performed as part of the prescreening process for the audition.

Part 2: Prepared Music

This is your time to show off your unique talents and skills. We are looking for musicians who are versatile and who have experience in many different styles of music. Piano players should prepare three to four selections of contrasting styles to emphasize your technical, musical, and stylistic ability. It is suggested that you pick a song from each of the following categories:

- Pop/Rock/Country/R&B
- Swing/Jazz/Bebop/Blues
- Latin (Bossa/Samba/Salsa)
- Jazz Ballad

Additionally, piano players should have a solo piano piece prepared. This piece should be something appropriate for a dinner reception or cocktail hour (Example: Girl from Ipanema, My Funny Valentine, etc.). In total, you should have between 10-30 minutes of music prepared. *Accompanying backing tracks should be used where appropriate.*

Part 3: Music Preparation

This portion of the audition judges how well you can quickly prepare music as if you were called to sub on a gig with short notice. The evening prior to your audition, you will be given a packet of music of various styles. As a rhythm player, you will be expected to play the written melody, comp over the changes in the appropriate style, and improvise a solo over the changes. You will be responsible for preparing the music by your scheduled audition time.

United States of America

Star Spangled Banner

Key/Smith



The Army Goes Rolling Along

(Pop Combo w/Optional Vocal)



^{*} All Soldiers are expected to stand and sing the Army Song when it is performed. Bands will ensure appropriate announcements are made to allow audiences time to stand and will always perform the written introduction.

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