



Percussion

Percussionists in the U.S. Army Bands perform in a variety of ensembles making it essential that they have expertise in many different styles of music.

Percussionists perform drum set in rock/pop band, jazz band, Latin/salsa band, and other popular music ensembles. Additionally, percussionists perform marching snare and bass drum in the ceremonial band and concert snare, mallets, and auxiliary percussion in the concert band. The Army looks for musicians who are professionals in all of these idioms.

Audition Requirements

Part 1: Prepared Music-Drum Set

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. Percussionists should prepare four selections of contrasting styles to emphasize your technical, musical, and stylistic ability. Prepare a selection from each of the columns below.

All selections must be performed with a drum-less backing track.

Jazz

- *Swing*
- *Ballad*
- *Bebop*
- *Blues*

Rock

- *Country*
- *Rock*
- *Pop*

Latin

- *Bossa*
- *Samba*
- *Salsa*

Funk

- *Soul*
- *Funk*
- *R&B*
- *Motown*

Part 2: 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 day prior to your audition, you will be given a packet of music of various styles for drum set, concert snare, marching snare, and mallets. You will be responsible for preparing the music by your scheduled audition time.