South Dakota Middle School All-State Jazz Band Audition Instructions

Audition Requirements

The audition will include the following items:
   a. Chromatic, Major, Blues, Etude 1, Etude 2, Improv (optional) (5-6 files)
   b. Drum Set: 30 seconds each: Swing pattern, Latin pattern, and Rock pattern, Etude (4 files)
2. Each etude should be played as written with appropriate style as indicated.
3. Please do not have the students identify themselves when recording.
4. Recordings must be uploaded to SoundCloud before they can be submitted on the Google Form.

Audition Uploads Using SoundCloud

1. Create an account at www.soundcloud.com
   a. You have the option to create an account using Facebook, Google, or an email address.
   b. Follow all steps until your account is created.
2. You may record auditions using any software you choose (Audacity, Garage Band, etc.) You may save audio recordings as FLAC, WAV, ALAC, AIFF, or MP3 files.
   a. When saving audio files, please label them with your student's initials, their instrument, and what they are playing. For instance, if your alto sax student named John Smith is playing the chromatic scale, you would label the file as **"JS Alto Sax Chromatic Scale."**
3. When you have finished recording, login to your account at www.soundlcoud.com.
4. From the top right hand corner of the screen, click "Upload."
   a. From this screen, upload ALL recordings for ONE STUDENT at the SAME TIME. Make sure the "Make a playlist when multiple files are selected" box is checked.
5. When your files have been uploaded, label the playlist with your student's initials. Make sure that the privacy setting is set to PRIVATE.
6. You can review all uploaded tracks in the playlist if you scroll down to the bottom of the screen. Make sure all components of the audition are present. Refer to the top of this page for audition requirements.
7. **When you are finished with the playlist, MAKE SURE YOU CLICK SAVE!!!!!!**
8. To view all playlists, click the "Collection" button on the top of the screen, then click the "Playlist" button.

*In summary, you should have one playlist for each student who is auditioning. Each playlist should be labeled with your student's initials. Each track within the playlist should be labeled with your student's initials, instrument, and what they are playing.

Audition Submission Using Google Forms

1. When all your playlists have been created on SoundCloud, please click the appropriate

link:
   a. For Winds, Piano, Bass, Guitar: https://goo.gl/forms/dLz57MWCKyhJLXKl1
   b. For Drum Set: https://goo.gl/forms/GX0doyvvFRKprTb42
2. Follow all instructions on the form. Copy your students' audition links from SoundCloud into the Google Form.