

Concordia College Instrumental Ensemble

TROMBONE Audition Materials

Auditions for placement into concert bands, orchestras and jazz ensembles take place during the week in which classes begin each fall. General information, including the audition schedule is available under the "Ensembles" link on the Music Department web page <www.ConcordiaCollege.edu>. All musicians wishing to audition for placement into instrumental ensembles must prepare and perform the following audition components:

Prepared Selections: Select and prepare TWO excerpts of your choosing. The first excerpt should be approximately 90 seconds in length and demonstrate your finest lyrical/expressive playing. The second excerpt should be approximately 90 seconds in length and demonstrate your finest technical playing. Etudes from a method book or portions of a solo composition are appropriate.

Sight Reading: A short sight reading exercise will be provided at the audition. You will have approximately 30 seconds to study the exercise silently before performing it to the best of your ability.

MUSICIANS WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PLACEMENT INTO THE CONCORDIA COLLEGE BAND AND/OR THE CONCORDIA COLLEGE ORCHESTRA MUST ADDITIONALLY PREPARE AND PERFORM THE FOLLOWING AUDITION COMPONENTS:

Chromatic Scale: Perform the scale using the articulations written at a tempo that enables you to perform the scale accurately and with the best tone quality.

The chromatic scale exercise is written in bass clef with a common time signature (C). It consists of three lines of music. The first line shows the scale ascending from B1 to B4 with various articulations. The second line shows the scale descending from B4 to B0 with various articulations. The third line shows a final measure with a fermata over a whole note B1.

Double Tonguing: Select any major scale and perform the following rhythmic pattern on each tone of the scale ascending and descending. The minimum tempo for this exercise is quarter note = 132.

The double tonguing exercise is written in bass clef. It shows a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes: two eighth notes beamed together, followed by a quarter note, then another pair of beamed eighth notes, and finally a quarter note. The word "Etc." is written at the end of the staff.

Triple Tonguing: Select any major scale and perform the following rhythmic pattern on each tone of the scale ascending and descending one octave. The minimum tempo for the this exercise is quarter note = 152.

The triple tonguing exercise is written in bass clef. It shows a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes: a triplet of eighth notes, followed by a quarter note, then another triplet of eighth notes, and finally a quarter note. The word "Etc." is written at the end of the staff. Below the first three groups of eighth notes are the numbers 3, 3, and 3, indicating triplets.

QUESTIONS? If you have questions regarding any aspect of the audition material, please contact Professor of Trombone Nat Dickey at <dickey@cord.edu> or Director of Bands Dr. Scott Jones at <sjones@cord.edu>.