

UVU Drum Set Auditions

2015 Fall

Friday, August 21

1p GT 416

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Drum set auditions are held the Friday before classes start at 1p in GT 416.

This audition serves to place students in each ensemble requiring a drum set musician including pep band and all jazz and contemporary ensembles.

You will be asked to demonstrate time and solo in various rock, jazz, and Latin styles. Chart sight-reading will also be requested.

The Drummer's Workbook by Jay Lawrence offers a wealth of knowledge to help prepare for this audition. Spend plenty of time (hours upon hours—regularly) actively studying recordings suggested in each style and follow these audition tips:

- Use a metronome while practicing.
- Play musically—phrasing is not just for pitched instruments.
- Practice slowly.
- Carry yourself with a professional demeanor.
- Set up your instrument in a logically ergonomic fashion and develop relaxed efficient technique.
- Drink plenty of water, eat something healthy (bananas may act as a natural beta blocker to help calm nerves), and sleep well the night before.

Have fun, work hard, play musically, and good luck this fall!

Dr. Smith