



TRUMPET AUDITION

U.S. Army Ceremonial Band

October 15th-16th, 2026

RECORDED & REGIONAL PRELIMINARY AUDITION REPERTOIRE

- All candidates have the choice of playing a live or recorded preliminary audition.
- Candidates that do not advance from a recording may still attend the live preliminary audition on October 15th, 2026.
- For civilian candidates that advance from a recording into the semi-finals, the U.S. Army will cover travel expenses (pending enlistment qualification and funding approval).
- The semi-final round, and any subsequent rounds, will take place on October 15th-16th, 2026.

Deadline to Submit Recorded Preliminary Audition

August 20th, 2026

Semi-Final and Final Auditions

October 15th-16th, 2026

A complete packet of excerpts will be made available to those who apply on the U.S. Army Band website before the application deadline.

EXCERPTS

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| ⑪ MUSSORGSKY
<i>arr. Ravel</i> | Pictures at an Exhibition; beginning to ② |
| ④ COPLAND | An Outdoor Overture; mm. 16-34 |
| ⑥ ELLIOT | British Eighth; beginning to ② |
| ⑧ HINDEMITH | Symphony for Band in B-flat Major, Mvt. 1; beginning to ⑧ |
| ⑰ VANNETELBOSCH | Melodic Study No. 1; beginning to m. 25 |

RECORDING INSTRUCTIONS

- The U.S. Army Band will accept audio-only recordings of auditions as .wav or .mp3 files. **Video submissions will not be accepted.**
- Each excerpt should be recorded as an individual track. Tracks should be labeled in the order listed above using the following format: **[Name]_TRUMPET_[Excerpt #]**.
Example: Alex Williams_TRUMPET_11
Alex Williams_TRUMPET_04
- Do not speak or make any identifying sounds on the recording, as it will serve as a blind preliminary audition.
- All application materials must be uploaded to the U.S. Army Band website; an upload link will be provided upon receipt of the candidate's application/résumé.
- **IMPORTANT:** You will receive confirmation that your recordings were received and processed. If you do not receive a confirmation within 1-2 business days, please contact the Auditions Coordinator.