



# STRING BASS AUDITION

U.S. Army Concert Band

March 16th, 2026

## RECORDED PRELIMINARY AUDITION REPERTOIRE

- All candidates have the choice of playing either a live or recorded preliminary audition.
- Candidates that do not advance from a recording may still attend the live preliminary audition on March 16th, 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 March 16th, 2026.

**Deadline to Submit Recorded Preliminary Audition**

January 19th, 2026

**Semi-Final and Final Auditions**

March 16th, 2026

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### SOLO

Please record a piece of standard repertoire OR two movements of any Bach Cello Suite

### EXCERPTS

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| ① BACH      | Orchestral Suite No. 2, VII. Double; no repeats         |
| ② BACH      | Orchestral Suite No. 2, IX. Badinerie; no repeats       |
| ③ BEETHOVEN | Symphony No. 5, Mvt. III, mm. 141-218; no repeat        |
| ⑥ MOZART    | Symphony No. 39, Mvt. I, 14 m. before Ⓐ to 1 m. after Ⓒ |

### JAZZ/ACOUSTIC BASS

*To be recorded with a metronome striking on beats 2 and 4*

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| ⑨ BROWN/ROACH | Joy Spring, 3 choruses<br>Tempo: ♩ = 76 |
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Chorus 1	Chorus 2	Chorus 3
Play melody	Solo over changes	Walk time to the end

### POP/ELECTRIC BASS

*To be recorded with a metronome striking on beats 2 and 4*

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| ⑮ LUTHER VANDROSS<br>arr. Francesca Romero | Never Too Much<br>Tempo: ♩ = 55<br>Record twice: (1) slap and (2) finger style with a metronome striking on beat 2 and 4 |
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## 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]\_BASS\_[Excerpt #]**.  
Example: Alex Williams\_BASS\_04  
Alex Williams\_BASS\_06
- 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.