

Jazz Port Townsend 2018

Bass Application Guidelines for New or Returning Applicants

After you have chosen whether you would like to audition for the BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED or SEMI-PRO level, make and upload a recording of yourself performing the required works for the category you have chosen. Performing your tune requirements with accompaniment is encouraged, but not mandatory. If you use accompaniment, please be sure that your instrument can be heard clearly. You can play your tunes with other musicians or use a play-along recording, such as those from Jamey Aebersold (see Song Source List for tune requirements). Play the tunes at a comfortable tempo to ensure accuracy.

You can upload a maximum of six files, so you'll need to combine several scales and arpeggios into one or two files.

BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE

1. Bass Lines

- Play a walking bass line to one of the following songs: “Blue Bossa,” “Green Dolphin Street,” “Moanin’.” (If you don’t know any of these tunes, consult the Song Resource List below).
- A 12 BAR BLUES (choose one of the following blues tunes): “Blue ‘n Boogie,” “Sandu,” “Walkin’.”

If you don’t know any of these tunes, consult the Song Resource List below.

*Note: For bonus points, play the melody of each song before and after playing your walking bass line.

2. Scales

Play ascending and descending: a) as quarter notes at ♩ = 100-130, and b) as eighth notes (twice as fast)

♩ = 100-130:

- Major: B^b, C, F, E (one or 2 octaves)
- Harmonic Minor: B, D, A, E (one or 2 octaves)

3. Chord arpeggios (tempo of your choice)

- Play ascending and descending: Major triad, Minor triad, Dom. 7th, Minor 7th, Diminished 7th, Augmented 7th (see Musical Examples)
- (Major triads) E, F, G, B^b (1 or 2 octaves)
- (Minor triads) E min, F min, A min, B min (1 or 2 octaves)
- C7, B^b7, F7, G7 (1 or 2 octaves)
- A min7, B min7, E min7, G min7 (1 or 2 octaves)
- C Maj7, B^b Maj7, E^b Maj7, A Maj7 (1 or 2 octaves)
- E dim7, F dim7, G^b dim7 (1 or 2 octaves)

ADVANCED

1. Tunes

- Play melody, walk 2 choruses and improvise 1 chorus to one of the following: “Anthropology,” “Don’t Get Around Much Anymore,” “Woody ‘n You.”
- Play melody, walk 2 choruses and improvise 2 choruses to one of the following 12-Bar Blues Songs: “Blue ‘n Boogie,” “Sandu,” Walkin’.”

2. Scales:

- Play ascending and descending a) as quarter notes at $\text{♩} = 120-160$, and b) as eighth notes,

$\text{♩} = 100-140$

- Two octave major scales: E, A, C, D, G,
- Two octave harmonic minor scales, B, D, A, E

3. Chord arpeggios (tempo of your choice): Chord arpeggios, ascending and descending, 2 octaves:

- C7, F7, B^b7, G7
- B min7, E min7, A min7, G min7
- C Maj7, B^b Maj7, E^b Maj7, A Maj7
- E dim7, F dim7, G-flat dim7
- C aug7, F aug7, B^b aug7, G aug7

SEMI-PRO

1. Tunes

- **Play the melody, walk 2 choruses and improvise 2 choruses on one of the following:** “Cherokee,” “In Walked Bud,” “Stablemates.”
- **Play one jazz solo you have transcribed (can be a solo from another instrument that you play on bass) OR a Jazz Etude.** Transcription Tips:
 - Choose a tune that you can play accurately and convincingly.
 - Play exactly what was done on the recording—capture the dynamics, articulation, inflections, style, excitement, etc.

2. Scales:

- Play ascending and descending: a) as quarter notes at $\text{♩} = 210-220$ or above, and b) as eighth notes

(twice as fast) $\text{♩} = 210-220$ or above.

- C, F, B^b, E^b, A^b, D^b, two octave major scales
- E, A, D, G, C, F, two octave harmonic minor scales OR Diminished, Auxiliary Diminished, and Whole Tone scales in F and B^b, same metronome markings as above (see Musical Examples)

3. Chord arpeggios (tempo of your choice): Chord arpeggios, ascending and descending, 2 octaves:

- C7, F7, B^b7, G7
- B min7, E min7, A min7, G min7
- C Maj7, B^b Maj7, E^b Maj7, A Maj7

- E dim7, F dim7, G^b dim7
- C aug7, F aug7, B^b aug7, G aug7

Bass clef

Musical Examples

C Blues Scale

F Blues Scale

Two musical staves in bass clef. The first staff shows the C Blues Scale: C2, Eb, F, G, Ab, Bb, C3. The second staff shows the F Blues Scale: F2, Ab, Bb, C, Db, Eb, F3. Both scales are written in eighth notes with triplet markings over the first three notes of each scale.

Bb Blues Scale

Two musical staves in bass clef. The first staff shows the Bb Blues Scale: Bb2, C, D, Eb, F, G, Bb3. The second staff shows the Bb Blues Scale: Bb2, C, D, Eb, F, G, Bb3. Both scales are written in eighth notes with triplet markings over the first three notes of each scale.

Bb arpeggios:

Two musical staves in bass clef. The first staff shows the Bb arpeggio: Bb, D, F, G. The second staff shows the Bbm arpeggio: Bb, D, F, Ab. Both arpeggios are written in eighth notes with triplet markings over the first three notes.

Two musical staves in bass clef. The first staff shows the Bbm7 arpeggio: Bb, D, F, Ab. The second staff shows the Bbdim7 arpeggio: Bb, D, F, G. Both arpeggios are written in eighth notes with triplet markings over the first three notes.

Two musical staves in bass clef. The first staff shows the Bb+7 arpeggio: Bb, D, F, Ab. The second staff shows the BbMaj7 arpeggio: Bb, D, F, G. Both arpeggios are written in eighth notes with triplet markings over the first three notes.

C arpeggios:

Two musical staves in bass clef. The first staff shows the C arpeggio: C, E, G, Bb. The second staff shows the Cm arpeggio: C, Eb, G, Bb. Both arpeggios are written in eighth notes with triplet markings over the first three notes.

Two musical staves in bass clef. The first staff shows the Cm7 arpeggio: C, Eb, G, Bb. The second staff shows the Cdim7 arpeggio: C, Eb, F, G. Both arpeggios are written in eighth notes with triplet markings over the first three notes.

Two musical staves in bass clef. The first staff shows the C+7 arpeggio: C, Eb, F, G. The second staff shows the CMaj7 arpeggio: C, E, G, Bb. Both arpeggios are written in eighth notes with triplet markings over the first three notes.

F arpeggios:

Musical notation for F arpeggios in bass clef. The first row shows F, Fm, and F7. The second row shows Fm7 and Fdim7. The third row shows F+7 and FMaj7. Each chord is followed by an arpeggiated eighth-note pattern.

G arpeggios:

Musical notation for G arpeggios in bass clef. The first row shows G, Gm, and G7. The second row shows Gm7 and Gdim7. The third row shows G+7 and GMaj7. Each chord is followed by an arpeggiated eighth-note pattern.

F diminished scale (whole-half)

Bass

Musical notation for F diminished scale (whole-half) in bass clef. The scale is written in 4/4 time, starting on F. The notes are: F, G, A, Bb, C, D, Eb, F, G, Ab, Bb, C, D, Eb, F.

F aux. dim. scale (half-whole)

B

Musical notation for F auxiliary diminished scale (half-whole) in bass clef. The scale is written in 4/4 time, starting on F. The notes are: F, G, Ab, Bb, C, D, Eb, F, G, Ab, Bb, C, D, Eb, F.

F whole tone scale

B

Musical notation for F whole tone scale in bass clef. The scale is written in 4/4 time, starting on F. The notes are: F, G, Ab, Bb, C, D, Eb, F. The scale is divided into four groups of three notes, each marked with a '3' below it.

Bb diminished scale (whole-half)

Bass

Musical notation for the Bb diminished scale (whole-half) in bass clef, 4/4 time. The scale starts on Bb and ends on Bb. The notes are: Bb, B, Cb, C, D, Eb, E, F, G, Ab, A, Bb. The first six notes are beamed together, and the last six notes are beamed together. The final note is a whole note.

Bb aux dim. scale (half-whole)

B

Musical notation for the Bb auxiliary diminished scale (half-whole) in bass clef. The scale starts on Bb and ends on Bb. The notes are: Bb, B, Cb, C, D, Eb, E, F, G, Ab, A, Bb. The first six notes are beamed together, and the last six notes are beamed together. The final note is a whole note.

Bb whole tone scale

B

Musical notation for the Bb whole tone scale in bass clef. The scale starts on Bb and ends on Bb. The notes are: Bb, B, C, D, Eb, E, F, G, Ab, A, Bb. The first three notes are beamed together with a '3' above them. The next three notes are beamed together with a '3' below them. The final three notes are beamed together with a '3' below them. The final note is a whole note.

Song Resource List

Here are some sources that contain lots of jazz standards to help you in preparing your audition recordings.

The Best Chord Changes for the Most Requested Standards, Frank Mantooth and Dr. David Baker

Charlie Parker Omnibook, 1978 Atlantic Music Corp., Michael H. Goldsen, Publisher, Sole Selling Agent: Joe Goldfeder Music Enterprises, P.O. Box 660, Lynbrook, N.Y. 11563

The Hal Leonard Real Jazz Book, Over 500 Songs, ISBN 0-7935-9106-6

The New Real Book, C and Vocal Version, B^b, or E^b Version, Volumes 1, 2 and 3, Chuck Sher, Editor, Sher Music Co., P.O. Box 445, Petaluma, CA 94953, Copyright 1988, ISBN 0-9614701-4-3

Real Jazz Standards Fake Book, Hal Leonard

The Standards Real Book, C Version, Chuck Sher, Editor, Copyright, 2000, Sher Music Co. P.O. Box 445, Petaluma, CA 94953

Hint: You can also use the internet to search for music. A good way to look for jazz songs is to type in the title and the composer of the tune into your search engine. Indicate that you are looking for the music and the chords. If you just type the word “music” into the search engine you are liable to come up with a sound file only and not a source which allows you to obtain the printed music. Using a plus sign (+) when you type information into your search engine will help too. For example to search for a chart (printed music) you would type the following: song title + composer + the words “sheet music” + the word “chords.” This will frequently lead you to sites like Amazon.com where songbooks with the titles you are looking for are for sale and/or to websites like songtrellis.com, the Jamie Abersold site, and even individual artist websites, like the Thelonius Monk page where transcriptions are sold or sometimes can be downloaded for free.

Note that Fake Books or Real Books often contain mistakes. Check with instructors and professional musicians when in doubt of accuracy.