



TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
DIAMOND BAND

**Temple University Diamond Marching Band
2009 Drum Major Audition Procedure**

The Drum Major is one of the most important positions in the DMB. In addition to the conducting and performing with the band, the Drum Major also acts as the principal liaison between the students and directors, a teacher on and off the field, and the motivational leader of the band.

Auditions are open to all members of the Temple University student body, regardless of his/her declared major. No preference is given to music majors over non-music major candidates. A candidate for the Drum Major position must have been a member in good standing of the Temple University Diamond Marching Band for at least two (2) years and a member of the 2008 DMB.

Procedures:

The audition process will consist of three separate segments:

1. Interview (Dr. Brunner's office, arranged time) on **Monday, April 20.**
2. Conducting (240, 4:35 PM) on **Tuesday, April 21.**
3. Marching/Vocals/Teaching/Salute/Special Skills (Arronson, 6:45 PM) on **Tuesday, April 21.**

Interview (Monday, April 20)

Sign up for a ten-minute interview on the sheet outside Dr. Brunner's office. The interviews will take place during the morning/afternoon of Monday, April 20, 2009. Turn in your completed application at this time including petition signatures.

Conducting (Tuesday, April 21)

Conduct *The Star Spangled Banner*. The Collegiate Band will be the performance ensemble.



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The following events will take place in Arronson beginning at 6:45 PM on Tuesday, April 21

Marching

All candidates will be asked to perform the attention, mark-time, forward march, back march, left and right slides from until asked to stop. No instruments will be needed. We will be looking at all aspects of your marching style (i.e. posture, foot position, 8 to 5, etc.)

Vocals

We will be looking for voice projection, proper voice usage, authoritative vocals, proper cadence, and good tempos on basic commands.

Teaching

You will have up 5 minutes to teach a basic marching fundamental (one will be selected for you), then make comments and suggestions that will help clean and perfect the move.

- Call to attention
- Right Face and Left Face
- Horns Up and Down
- Forward March
- Back March
- Right Flank and Left Flank (facing new direction)
- Right Slide and Left Slide (horns face front)

Salute

Execute a prepared routine of 5-15 seconds. *Creativity is a MUST!!!* You should be original, utilizing arm movements, various steps/turns/acrobatics, etc.

Special Skills (optional)

You may perform any Special Skills you may have that you feel could add to the Temple University Drum Major position. (i.e. Dancing, Mace/Baton Twirling, Gymnastics, etc.)

Decisions will be made and posted by 3:00 PM, Friday, April 24.