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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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Air Force Bands Division, SAF/PA
1690 AF Pentagon, Room 1D857
Washington, DC 20330-1690

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the drum set audition hosted by the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band. This musical audition will consist of a prescreen and a live audition; Please look over the requirements carefully to determine if you are prepared to audition at this time. The following information outlines important dates and requirements.

9 March 2026 – Prescreens due

20 March 2026 – Candidates will be notified

18 May 2026 – Live audition at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, VA

In addition to passing the musical audition, applicants must meet all Air Force age, weight, medical, financial, legal, and citizenship requirements. Many of your initial questions concerning the USAF enlisted military experience can be answered at <https://www.airforce.com/>. If you are invited to the live audition, you will be required to meet with an official Air Force recruiter to be pre-qualified for basic military training. The audition coordinator can assist with this process and provide further instructions.

Qualified applicants may be assigned to any USAF Regional Band, depending on the greatest need of the Air Force. Air Force Regional Bands are located at the following Air Force Bases: Langley, Wright-Patterson, Scott, Offutt, Lackland, Travis, Ramstein, Hickam and Yokota.

Thank you for your interest in the upcoming audition for the United States Air Force Bands. We hope you have a great experience during this process and wish you the best of luck. Please contact the Heritage of America Band with any questions at 757-764-6069 or hoabauditions@gmail.com.

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The United States Air Force Heritage of America Band

ANNOUNCES AN AUDITION FOR

Drum Set

PRESCREEN REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- a. Snare Drum: rudimental solo, candidate's choice
- b. Drum Set: submit \approx 1-2 minutes of the following styles, performed with live musicians or tracks (or solo, if necessary). Applicants are encouraged to add variety and fills within each style to further demonstrate musicality.
 - i. General Styles: Rock, Shuffle, Funk, and Country
 - ii. Jazz Styles: Medium Swing w/sticks, Straight 8th Jazz Ballad w/brushes, and Medium Waltz w/brushes
 - iii. World Styles: Fast Samba, Afro-Cuban 6/8, and Mambo

****Prior Service, ANG, and Active Duty members, please contact the USAF Heritage of America Band Auditions Team for additional information prior to submitting materials.**

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