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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 jazz trumpet 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
14 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
Jazz Trumpet

PRESCREEN REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- a. Jazz: submit 2 excerpts from big band repertoire (e.g., Splanky, Moten Swing, Groove Merchant, In the Mood, etc.).
- b. Improv: submit 2 contrasting jazz standards with live rhythm section or background track. Include the head and at least 2 choruses of improvisation on each.
- c. Lead (optional): submit 2 lead excerpts from big band repertoire (e.g., Blues in Hoss' Flat, Besame Mucho, etc.).

**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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