



COMMERCIAL MUSIC ENSEMBLE

AUDITION PACKET • 2026-2027 SEASON

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MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER

Hello and welcome!

Thank you for your interest in the OYCE Commercial Music Ensemble. I'm thrilled at the opportunity to share this journey with you as part of our dynamic and high-achieving community.

At OYCE, we are committed to excellence, both musically and personally. Our Commercial Music Ensemble performs a wide range of thoughtfully selected repertoire that challenges, inspires, and showcases your unique voice as a musician. Your artistry, focus, and hard work bring the music to life.

Most importantly, what you learn here will stay with you, enriching your musicianship and strengthening the bands and communities you're a part of.

We're honored to have you with us.

Welcome to the Orlando Youth Chamber Ensembles!

Jesus Lopez

*Executive Director / Founder
Orlando Youth Chamber Ensembles*



Jesus Lopez, Executive Director/Founder

ABOUT OUR ENSEMBLES

We strive to create a unique music education experience, with frequent guest clinicians who help support our ensemble directors in giving you appropriate musical direction. We work on multiple concert programs simultaneously to plan for the numerous concerts and performance opportunities offered by partnering organizations.

YOUR ROLE AS A MEMBER

During your tenure, we hope to support your progress in becoming complete musicians, professionals, and individuals. We hold our groups to professional standards and therefore rehearse professionally. Our members hold each other accountable and run member-led sectionals.

Attendance Policy

- Regular and punctual attendance at all season rehearsals is required. The expectation is that once rehearsal starts, all students should be in their seats and ready to play.
- Absences: OYCE members are allowed to have two (2) unexcused absences out of the concert cycle.
- Tardies: Two (2) tardies will equal one unexcused absence. If you know you will be late, or need to leave early, please inform the instructors in advance. Try to make it to rehearsal as soon as possible — it is better to be late than not come at all.
- An unexcused absence is defined as a failure to attend a required rehearsal or performance without prior notification and approval from OYCE.
- Unplanned absences such as illness or car problems: please contact us at info@oyce.org as soon as possible, ideally at least one (1) hour before rehearsal.
- Non-compliance with this policy will lead to disqualification from participating in the concert cycle.

AUDITION GUIDELINES

How to Submit

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- Membership is granted upon fulfillment of your audition and completion of your member packet, registration fee payment, and membership fees — or an emailed notice of intent to pay in installments.
- Financial hardship will not prevent you from participating. We are eager to collaborate with you and are happy to assist with any concerns regarding membership costs. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you require support.
- Please send all questions to info@oyce.org.
- All results are final for our groups.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Audition Order

1. Announce your name, grade, and instrument(s) auditioning
2. Play your scales
3. Play your excerpts

Winds

Scales

Your E, G, B major scales

Prepared Piece

Sir Duke (Head and Improvised Solo)

Watermelon Man (Head and Improvised Solo)

SECONDARY INSTRUMENTS

Optional doubling for saxophones on flute, clarinet, etc. (highly recommended but not mandatory). After your primary instrument, please play the previous scales and the Head to “Watermelon Man” on your secondary instrument as well.

Percussion / Rhythm

Prepared Piece

Sir Duke (groove/comping through the head, and a chorus of improvised soloing over the changes)

Watermelon Man (groove/comping through the head, and a chorus of improvised soloing over the changes)

- Drums: Demonstrate a solid funk groove (Sir Duke) and a swung/Latin-funk groove (Watermelon Man), plus the ability to take a short solo/add fills.
- Bass: Walking or groove-based bass line under both tunes, comfortable reading a lead sheet/chord chart, plus a short improvised solo over the changes.
- Piano/Keys: Comping (chord voicings/rhythm) through both tunes, chart-reading ability, plus a short improvised solo.

SIR DUKE — HORN SOLI EXCERPTS

The following excerpts are the horn soli parts for Sir Duke, provided for Tenor Saxophone, B Trumpet, Trombone, and Baritone Saxophone.

Baritone Saxophone

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BARITONE SAXOPHONE

(HORN SOLI)

f

v

Trombone

(HORN SOLI)

f

^

Trumpet

(HORN SOLI)



Trumpet musical score for Horn Soli. The score is written on three staves. The first staff begins with a dynamic marking of *f* (forte) and a breath mark (^). The music features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some measures containing rests. The second staff continues the melodic line with various articulations, including accents and slurs. The third staff concludes the passage with a final flourish and a rest.

Tenor Saxophone

2 TENOR SAXOPHONE

(HORN SOLI)



Tenor Saxophone musical score for Horn Soli. The score is written on three staves. The first staff begins with a dynamic marking of *f* (forte) and a breath mark (^). The music features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some measures containing rests. The second staff continues the melodic line with various articulations, including accents and slurs. The third staff concludes the passage with a final flourish and a rest.

WATERMELON MAN — ALL PARTS

Herbie Hancock — full instrumentation for audition preparation.

Flute

Flute

Watermelon Man

Herbie Hancock

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9

13

Vamp for Solos

17 F7 F7 F7 F7

21 Bb7 Bb7 F7 F7

25 C7 Bb7 C7 Bb7

29 C7 Bb7 F7 F7

B Clarinet

B $\flat$ Clarinet

Watermelon Man

Herbie Hancock



Vamp for Solos



Alto Saxophone

Alto Saxophone

Watermelon Man

Herbie Hancock

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Vamp for Solos

17 D7 D7 D7

20 D7 G7 G7 D7

24 D7 A7 G7 A7

28 G7 A7 G7 D7

32 D7

The musical score is written for Alto Saxophone in 4/4 time, key of D major. It begins with a melodic line in measures 1-4, followed by a repeat in measures 5-8. Measures 9-12 continue the melody. Measure 13 is the end of the first phrase. A 'Vamp for Solos' section follows, consisting of four measures of chords: D7, G7, G7, and D7 (measures 17-20). This is followed by another four-measure chord vamp: D7, A7, G7, and A7 (measures 24-27). The final four measures (28-31) contain a chord vamp: G7, A7, G7, and D7. The piece concludes with a final D7 chord in measure 32.

Tenor Saxophone

Tenor Saxophone

Watermelon Man

Herbie Hancock

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Vamp for Solos

17

20

24

28

32

G7

G7

G7

G7

$\flat$ C7

$\flat$ C7

$\flat$ C7

G7

G7

D7

$\flat$ C7

D7

$\flat$ C7

G7

G7

Detailed description: This is a musical score for Tenor Saxophone, titled 'Watermelon Man' by Herbie Hancock. The score is written in 4/4 time and G major. It consists of ten staves. The first four staves (measures 1-13) contain a melodic line. The fifth staff (measures 17-19) is a vamp for solos, consisting of three measures of a G7 chord. The sixth staff (measures 20-23) contains four measures of chords: G7, $\flat$ C7, $\flat$ C7, and G7. The seventh staff (measures 24-27) contains four measures of chords: G7, D7, $\flat$ C7, and D7. The eighth staff (measures 28-31) contains four measures of chords: $\flat$ C7, D7, $\flat$ C7, and G7. The ninth staff (measures 32-35) contains four measures of a G7 chord. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

B Trumpet

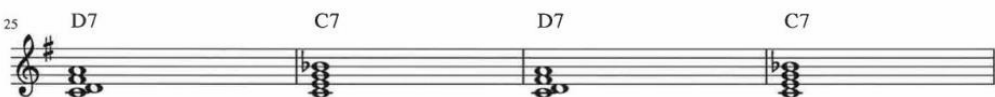
B $\flat$ Trumpet

Watermelon Man

Herbie Hancock



Vamp for Solos



Trombone

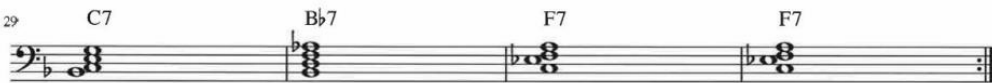
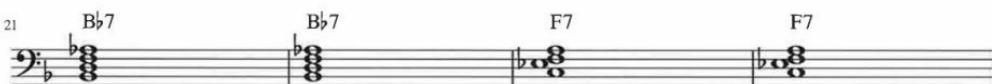
Trombone

Watermelon Man

Herbie Hancock



Vamp for Solos



Piano

Piano

Watermelon Man

Herbie Hancock

Measures 1-6 of the piano introduction. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The bass line consists of a steady eighth-note pattern. The treble line features a melodic sequence of eighth notes. Chords are indicated below the bass line: F7 (measures 1-4) and Bb7 (measures 5-6).

Measures 7-12. The bass line continues with eighth notes. The treble line has a more active melody. Chords indicated: F7 (measures 7-8), C7 (measures 9-10), and Bb7 (measures 11-12).

Measures 13-16. The bass line continues with eighth notes. The treble line has a more active melody. Chords indicated: C7 (measures 13-14) and Bb7 (measures 15-16).

Vamp for Solos

Measures 17-24, the vamp section. The bass line continues with eighth notes. The treble line has a more active melody. Chords indicated: F7 (measures 17-20) and Bb7 (measures 21-24).

Measures 25-32. The bass line continues with eighth notes. The treble line has a more active melody. Chords indicated: C7 (measures 25-26), Bb7 (measures 27-28), C7 (measures 29-30), Bb7 (measures 31-32).

Double Bass

Double Bass

Watermelon Man

Herbie Hancock



Vamp for Solos

