

Dear Incoming Students,

My name is Abbey Springer, and I am the Director of Ensemble Operations at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. I am excited to welcome you to campus, and I want to provide you with some information regarding large ensemble placement auditions that will take place in September. As you will see in your New Student Portal and on the Admitted Student Next Steps page, each instrument has its own set of excerpts to prepare. You will take some time to prepare these excerpts over the next few weeks and will **audition during the first week of classes** for our performance faculty. This will allow the faculty to hear your musical growth over the summer, and generate ensemble placement that will be the best fit for your curricular & educational experience.

While Large Ensemble (ENS 200) is a **requirement for all orchestra instrumental majors every semester**, *any qualified student is eligible to audition* for an elective. There are usually opportunities for pianists, saxophonists, and guitarists each semester. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to me.

Visit your New Student Portal to download the audition links for your respective instruments. **Seating auditions will begin on the first day of classes, from September 3rd - September 9th, and I will reach out to you directly with more info in the coming weeks.** If there are any issues accessing the excerpts or schedule, please let us know. Please take a look at the large ensemble school year schedule, and please plan to attend the LE orientation meeting on Tuesday, September 10th starting at 12:30pm.

Along with the excerpt files, I've also included our ENS 200 syllabus, the Large Ensemble Absence form, the repertoire listing for the school year (as much as we know so far!), and the full Large Ensemble year schedule. The final document is for the winds/brass/percussion/harp concerto competition which will take place in the Fall. The Violin, Low Strings and Piano concerto competition will take place in the spring semester and I'll have more information when the school year begins.

I look forward to meeting all of you when you arrive on campus! If you have any questions, concerns or troubles accessing files, please do not hesitate to contact me.

My best,

Abbey

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