

# Homecoming 2023 - Battle Hymn Trumpet Audition Guidelines

**Deadline For Candidate Addition to This Audition List: September 24, 2023 Noon**

1. Audition Criteria: Demonstrated excellence in sound, accuracy and interpretation performing the Battle Hymn solo, via an audition on Homecoming morning.
2. Audition Candidate: Potential soloist must:
  - have played trumpet in the Redcoat Marching Band,
  - have registered for Homecoming by the HC registration deadline (no Walk-ups)
  - be a Supporting Member of the Redcoat Band Alumni Association, *[RBAA bi-laws define Supporting Member as one giving a minimum contribution of \$40 to one of the funds benefiting the Redcoats during current fiscal year.]*
  - register for the audition by sending an email to [info@RedcoatAlumniBand.com](mailto:info@RedcoatAlumniBand.com) by the **deadline listed in the header of this page** (approximately 40 days before HC). Lee Butts, RBAA Ways and Means, will respond to each email with your position on the audition list. Please **print the confirmation email** with your audition position and bring it to the audition.
  - be present at the Redcoat practice field tower for a tryout 15 minutes before the Alumni Band rehearsal on Homecoming morning (schedule may change due to TV influence)
3. Audition Name List: The Audition Name List (below and posted on the RBAA web site) will be comprised of up to 7 players (the same number of notes in the first sub-phrase). If more than 7 players register, a waiting list will be kept to backfill the list at the audition.
4. Audition Process: Similar to the current Redcoat soloist audition, the potential alumni soloist will play the solo twice for the set of judges facing away. Judges will rank each dual audition on a 1 to 10 basis (a single score reflecting sound, accuracy and interpretation). The soloist with the highest score will be the winner. If selected, you will participate in an early sound check at the stadium. If selected, your name, face, and years in school will be on the video board. The soloist will not march on the field.

Best of Luck!

## Traditions/History of the Battle Hymn

- Originally composed and first played by the Redcoats in 1987
- Originally played in the post-game show
- Moved to pre-game show and "Upper Deck" format by Brett Bawcum in 2000

Audition List: (Updated September 24, 2023, noon) **Audition Candidate List Closed**

1. Barbara Burril
2. Marion English
3. Josh Mishkin
4. Jeb Martin
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