



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BAND OF THE GOLDEN WEST (AMC)
TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE CALIFORNIA**

1 Dec 2016

The USAF Band of the Golden West
551 Waldron St, Bldg 240
Travis AFB, CA 94535

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the Oboe/English Horn audition for The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West. This musical audition will be conducted in two parts: (a) an initial screening and selection by pre-recorded CD and (b) a live audition for those selected from the initial screening. Details concerning both CD submission and the live audition are attached. Please look over these requirements carefully to determine if you are prepared to take the audition at this time. The following information outlines requirements and important dates:

30 Jan 2017	Deadline for receipt of all musical pre-screening materials. Demonstration CDs cannot be returned to applicant.
03 Feb 2017	Each candidate will be notified whether or not he/she is invited to participate in the live auditions.
31 Mar 2017	Live auditions at Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, CA

Members of the USAF Band receive full medical and dental benefits, 30 days' vacation with pay per year and Post 9/11 GI Bill for college up to \$80,000. There is a four-year minimum enlistment required and the maximum age at time of enlistment is 39.

In order to eliminate any disqualifying factors, every candidate will be required to meet with an official United States Air Force Recruiter prior to attending the live audition to ensure they are pre-qualified to attend basic training. Our office will initiate this visit after we find you musically qualified. Once we have received an official memorandum from your recruiter you will receive an official audition invitation from The Band of the Golden West containing instructions for travel as well as details for the audition day.

Thank you so much for contacting the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West regarding this upcoming audition. We hope you have a great experience during this process and wish you the best of luck. Please let me know if I can help you along in this process. Contact the Band of the Golden West Auditions Coordinator directly at bandofthegoldenwestauditions@gmail.com or (707) 424 - 8777 if you have any additional questions.

Attachments:

1. Audition Pre-Screen Requirements

The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West

Travis AFB, Fairfield, CA



OBOE/ENGLISH HORN AUDITION

Resumes and recordings must be delivered by January 30th, 2017. Applicants who are considered qualified for the live audition will be contacted by the USAF Band auditions team and then by an Air Force recruiter to assess each applicant's eligibility to enlist in the Air Force. Once approved by the recruiter, applicants will receive an audition invitation letter. All invited candidates must be prepared to meet Air Force maximum allowable weight standards.

PRE-SCREENING REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

1. One page Resume
2. Audio recordings to include (please record in the following order):
 - Select one of the following solos:
 - i. Mozart: Oboe Concerto in C Major, K. 314, First Mvt exposition only (Recommended edition Barenreiter Urtext)
 - ii. Mozart: Oboe Quartet in F Major, Mvt I Beginning to [C]
 - Oboe Excerpts:
 - i. Rossini: Overture to *La Scala de Seta*, pick-up to [2] to downbeat of [3]
 - ii. Brahms: Violin Concerto Mvt 2, mm 3 – 32
 - iii. Choose one additional Oboe 1 excerpt from the standard repertoire
 - iv. Choose one additional Oboe 2 excerpt from the standard repertoire
 - English Horn Excerpts (select one from the following list):
 - i. Berlioz: Roman Carnival Overture, Andante sostenuto to 3 after [1]
 - ii. Debussy: Three Nocturnes, "Fetes" mm 3-8 and mm 41-47
 - iii. Dvorak: Symphony No. 9 in e "New World," Mvt II opening solo
 - iv. Falla: Three Cornered Hat part II, Miller's Dance reh [1] to reh [2]
 - v. Respighi: The Pines of Rome, Mvt IV The Pines of the Appian Way, solo part
 - vi. Rodrigo: Concerto de Aranjuez for Guitar and Orchestra, Movement II Adagio, mm 2 - up to Reh [1]; Reh [2] to Reh [3]
 - vii. Rossini: William Tell Overture, Movement II Andantino, Beginning to measure 15; mm 21 - downbeat of measure 34

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Send Resume and Recorded Materials to:

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Digital Packages (resume and .mp3 files) can be emailed to bandofthegoldenwestauditions@gmail.com

Call Auditions Coordinator at 707-424-8777
or visit our website at www.bandofthegoldenwest.af.mil for further information.
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