



**2026-2027 Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Association
Jazz - Intermediate Drums Audition Music**

Audition Requirements

- **Improvisation:** Play two choruses of improvisation to “Bb Blues” in the medium swing style (backing tracks can be found online, or you could use the “Maiden Voyage” volume 54 Bb Blues track from the Aebersold series).
- **Excerpt:** This is from “Undercover Bossa” by Erik Jeff Jarvis. Play with the recording (recommended), or use a metronome set at 152. Here is a link to the recording - <https://jwpepper.com/undercover-bossa-10455648/p>
- All drummers will be asked to play five (5) separate 16-bar phrases as follows:
 - 16-bars at the marked tempo, in the appropriate style “trading 4’s” divided alternatively as four bars of time, four bars of solo, etc. with metronome audible.
 - Medium Swing at ♩ = 120
 - Fast Swing at ♩ = 201
 - Shuffle at ♩ = 152
 - Bossa Nova at ♩ = 152
 - Contemporary Straight 8* (ECM/fusion) at ♩ = 100
 - Play the required etude on the “Undercover Bossa” page. All details are there.

Excerpt - ♩ = 152

BOSSA ♩ = 152

1 *mf*

2 3 4

5 6 7 8

9

10 11 12

13 14 15 16

17 *f* CROSS-STICK ON SNARE

18 19 20

21 22 23 24 FLL

25 *f*

26 27 28 29 30

31 32 33 34 35 36

37 38 39 40 *mf*