



2026-2027 Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Association
Jazz - Guitar Audition Music

Audition Requirements

- **Scale:** Play a three octave chromatic scale, full range at a tempo and style of your choice. Accuracy is more important than speed.
- **Improvisation:** Play two choruses of improvisation to “Eb Blues,” uptempo sing and a backing track online. Here’s one you could use - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9skAcih1eLs>
- **Excerpt:** This is from “Crescent River Ramble” by Erik Morales. Play with the recording (recommended), or use a metronome set at 178. Here is a link to the recording - <https://jwpepper.com/crescent-river-ramble-2474100/p>

Excerpt - ♩ = 178

Handwritten musical score for guitar in B-flat major, 4/4 time. The score consists of several staves of music with various annotations and chord changes.

- Staff 1:** Starts with a circled measure number 137 and the text "UN CUE". The chord is G7. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 178. The staff contains a melodic line with accents and a fermata over measure 138.
- Staff 2:** Continues the melodic line with chords A7, Bb7, G+7, F#7, G+7, Db-9, and C-9. Measure 139 has a forte (f) dynamic marking, and measure 142 has a fortissimo (ff) marking. There are triplets in measures 141 and 142.
- Staff 3:** Starts with a circled measure number 143 and the text "SWING SHOUT CHORUS". The chord is Ab7. The staff contains a melodic line with accents and a fermata over measure 145.
- Staff 4:** Continues the melodic line with chords Ab7, G+7, C-7, Eb7, Ab7, G7, Db-9, and C-9. Measure 147 has a first ending bracket (L) over measures 148-150.
- Staff 5:** Starts with a circled measure number 155 and the text "COMP". The chord is F-9. The staff contains a melodic line with accents and a fermata over measure 154.
- Staff 6:** Continues the melodic line with chords C-9, F-9, and "AS WRITTEN". Measure 155 has a forte (f) dynamic marking, and measure 159 has a mezzo-forte (mf) marking.
- Staff 7:** Continues the melodic line with chords G7 and C-9. Measure 165 has a circled measure number 167.