



2026-2027 Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Association
Jazz - Advanced Piano Audition Music

Audition Requirements

- **Scale:** Play a two-handed, two 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

The image shows a handwritten musical score for piano, consisting of four systems of music. The first system (measures 141-142) shows a complex texture with many notes and rests. The second system (measures 143-146) is labeled "SHOUT CHORUS" and includes chords: A11b, G7, C-4b, G7(b9), G7(b9) C-4b, G7(b9) C-4b. The third system (measures 147-150) includes chords: C-7, Eb7, Ab7, G7, Db9, C-4b. The fourth system (measures 151-155) is labeled "AS WRITTEN" and includes chords: Bb-4b, B-4b, C-4b. The fifth system (measures 156-160) is labeled "NEW ORLEANS STYLE". The tempo marking is ♩ = 178.