



Wind Studies Ensemble Placement Auditions Bassoon Studio Fall 2026

Welcome to the 2026–2027 UNT Mean Green Bassoon Studio!

Large ensemble auditions at UNT are split into two rounds that occur over two days. Round one is performed for Dr. Hale. This round consists of the excerpts listed below as well as a solo piece of your choosing. The solo piece can be an etude, movement, or solo excerpt from a longer work, but should not be longer than one minute in length. After the first round, you will be placed into either the A or B groups for the second round of auditions. Those students advancing to the Group 2a audition will be asked to play any of the excerpts from the required list as well as the GROUP A ONLY excerpts listed below. **All performance major undergraduates and graduate students are required to prepare all the excerpts (required and Group A) listed below.**

Please note that all bassoonists enrolled in lessons are required to audition for ensembles at the beginning of the fall semester. Exceptions to this policy can only be granted by Dr. Hale. Request for exceptions must be submitted in writing to Dr. Hale no later than August 1, 2026.

Round 1 – Monday, August 10, 9:30 AM–1:00 PM, MU 258

1. Prepare a solo of your choice (no longer than two minutes in length). Select a piece that demonstrates your strengths as a performer and presents you at your best. This is a solo audition; no accompaniment is required or allowed.
2. Required Excerpts (see below)

Round 2A – Tuesday, August 11, 1:15–2:35 PM, LOCATION TBA

1. Required Excerpts as well as the additional GROUP A ONLY excerpts.

Round 2B – Tuesday, August 11, 1:15–2:00 PM, LOCATION TBA

1. Required Excerpts (see below)

Required Excerpts

Excerpt #1a: Ludwig von Beethoven, Symphony No. 4 I. Allegro Vivace, mm. 65-82

Excerpt #1b: Ludwig von Beethoven, Symphony No. 4 II. Adagio, mm. 59-72

Excerpt #2: Ludwig von Beethoven, Symphony No. 5 III. Allegro, mm. 241-324

Excerpt #3a: Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky, Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 74 'Pathétique' Finale: Adagio lamentoso mm. 2 to 36

Excerpt #3b: Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky, Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 74 'Pathétique' - III. mm 82 – 87, 2nd Bsn

Excerpt #4: Ottorino Respighi, Trittico Botticelliano Movement II. L'Adorazione dei Magi, mm. 1-10

Excerpt #5: Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky, Nutcracker, Act I - Rehearsal 16 – Rehearsal 17, 2nd Bsn

Excerpt #6a: Paul Hindemith, Symphony in Bb, Mvt. I, mm. 51 – 68

Excerpt #6b: Paul Hindemith, Symphony in Bb, Mvt. II, mm. 49 – 59

Additional Excerpts for Round 2A - *These additional excerpts are required of all performance majors and graduate students.*

To be considered for placement in Symphony Orchestra, Concert Orchestra, Wind Symphony, or Wind Orchestra, students must prepare all required excerpts and the GROUP A ONLY excerpts. All performance majors and graduate students are required to prepare these excerpts.

Excerpt #7: Igor Stravinsky – *Petroushka*, Danse Russe, Rehearsal 73 – Rehearsal 76

Excerpt #8: Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky, Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 74 'Pathétique' I. mm. 1-12

Excerpt #9a: Ludwig von Beethoven, Symphony No. 4 IV. Allegro ma non troppo, mm. 15 – 25

Excerpt #9b: Ludwig von Beethoven, Symphony No. 4 IV. Allegro ma non troppo, mm. 184 - 190

Excerpt #1a

Ludwig von Beethoven, Symphony No. 4

I. Allegro Vivace (Whole-note = 80)

mm. 65-82

Excerpt #1a shows measures 64 to 82. The music is in bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). Measure 64 starts with a *pp* (pianissimo) dynamic. The melody is marked *staccato*. Measures 72-82 feature a *cresc.* (crescendo) leading to a *ff* (fortissimo) dynamic. The notation includes various note values, rests, and articulation marks.

Excerpt #1b

Ludwig von Beethoven, Symphony No. 4

II. Adagio (8th=84)

mm. 59-72

Excerpt #1b shows measures 53 to 72. The music is in bass clef with a key signature of two flats. Measure 53 starts with a *sf sf sf* (sforzando) dynamic, followed by a *p* (piano) dynamic. Measures 59-64 are marked with a *pp* (pianissimo) dynamic. Measures 64-72 feature a *cresc.* (crescendo) leading to a *sf* (sforzando) dynamic. The notation includes various note values, rests, and articulation marks, including a *4* (quadruple) and a *1* (first ending) marking.

Excerpt #2

Ludwig von Beethoven, Symphony No. 5

III. Allegro (Dotted Half = 96)

mm. 241-324

241 *poco ritard.* *a tempo* *poco ritard.* *a tempo*

250 *pp* *p* *pp* *pp sempre*

277 *pp*

291

306 *pp*

321 *C* *38* *Viol. I* *pp cresc.* 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Detailed description: This musical score excerpt covers measures 241 to 324 of the third movement of Beethoven's Symphony No. 5. It features five staves of music. The first staff (measures 241-250) is in bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It includes dynamic markings of *pp* and *p*, and tempo markings of *poco ritard.* and *a tempo*. A 2-measure rest is indicated above measure 245. The second staff (measures 250-277) continues in bass clef with *pp* and *pp sempre* dynamics, and a 4-measure rest above measure 255. The third staff (measures 277-291) is in bass clef with a *pp* dynamic. The fourth staff (measures 291-306) is in bass clef with a 3/8 time signature and a *pp* dynamic. The fifth staff (measures 306-324) begins in bass clef and changes to treble clef at measure 318. It includes a common time signature 'C' at measure 321, a 38-measure rest, and a *Viol. I* part starting at measure 318. The *pp cresc.* dynamic is marked for the first staff of this system. The *Viol. I* part consists of eight eighth notes, numbered 1 through 8, with slurs over each note.

Excerpt #3a

Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky, Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 74 'Pathétique'

Finale: Adagio lamentoso - mm. 2 to 36

FAGOTT I

IV Finale

Adagio lamentoso
Viol. I

Adagio poco meno che prima

B espressivo

1

1

35

Excerpt #3b

Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky, Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 74 'Pathétique'

III. mm 82 – 88 (dotted quarter = 126 – 138)

82

86

Excerpt #4

Respighi

Trittico Botticelliano

II. *L'Adorazione dei Magi* (dotted-quarter = 52-58)

Mm. 1-10

II. L'ADORAZIONE DEI MAGI

Andante lento $\text{♩} = 52$

SOLG

p dolce

12/8

15/8

p

Excerpt #5

Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky

Nutcracker Act I - Rehearsal 16 – Rehearsal 17 (Second Bassoon)

Allegro vivace (dotted quarter = 112 – 126)

This musical score is for the Second Bassoon part of the Nutcracker Act I, specifically Rehearsal 16 to Rehearsal 17. The tempo is marked 'Allegro vivace' and the time signature is 3/4. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The score is written on six staves. Rehearsal 16 begins with a forte (ff) dynamic and a triplet of eighth notes. The music features various dynamics including pp, cresc., mf, f, and dim. There are also markings for 'sempre stacc.' and 'sim.'. Rehearsal 17 is marked 'Meno' and begins with a forte (ff) dynamic. The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, and dynamic markings.

16 Allegro vivace

ff

pp

cresc.

mf

sim.

cresc.

f

dim.

sim.

poco a poco cresc.

ff

17 Meno

18

Excerpt #6a

Paul Hindemith

Symphony in Bb

Mvt. I, mm. 51 – 68 (Half note = 88-92)

51 **(D)**

p

54

57 *p* *cresc.*

60

63 **(E)**

f

66

3 1

This musical score is for a bassoon part in Hindemith's Symphony in B-flat, first movement, measures 51-68. The key signature has two flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor). The time signature is 3/4. The score is written on a single staff in bass clef. It begins with a circled 'D' above measure 51. The music consists of continuous eighth-note and sixteenth-note passages, often beamed together. Dynamic markings include piano (*p*) at measures 51, 57, and 60, and forte (*f*) at measure 63. A crescendo (*cresc.*) is marked between measures 57 and 60. The piece concludes with a circled 'E' above measure 63, followed by a triplet of eighth notes and a final quarter note in measure 66.

Excerpt #6b

Paul Hindemith

Symphony in Bb

Mvt. II, mm. 49 – 59 (dotted quarter = 112)

49 Fast and gay (♩. 112)



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Excerpt #7

Igor Stravinsky – *Petrouchka* (1946)

Danse Russe – Rehearsal 73 – Rehearsal 76 (quarter = 116)

73 Solo *ff* *meno f*

74 Solo *ff* *meno f*

75 Solo *ff* *meno f*

76 6 77 6 78 6 79 1 Ob. *mf* 2

Excerpt #8

Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky, Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 74 'Pathétique'

I. mm. 1-12

Symphonie pathétique

(Nr. 6)

FAGOTT I

P. Tschaikowsky, Op. 74

I

Adagio Solo

Kb. *pp* *p* *mp* *sf* *p* *pp*

8 *p* *mp* *sf* *p*

Excerpt #9a

Ludwig von Beethoven, Symphony No. 4

IV. Allegro ma non troppo (marked half = 80, can be played quarter = 138-152)

mm. 15 - 25

Allegro ma non troppo $\text{♩} = 80$

Viol. I

20

cresc. *ff*

Excerpt #9b

Ludwig von Beethoven, Symphony No. 4

IV. Allegro ma non troppo (marked half = 80, can be played quarter = 138-152)

mm 184-190

5

Fagotto 1

184

Solo

p dolce *p* *f*