

Thank you for your interest in joining the 2024 Valdosta State University Blazin' Brigade Drumline! Auditions will be held in two parts: a preliminary video audition and an in-person audition. Information about the two auditions is listed below. Please register using the form listed on the website.

#### <u>Video Audition Information:</u>

- 1. Video auditions for all returning and prospective members are due May 1st, 2024.
- 2. If you do not have access to a marching instrument for this audition (both battery and front ensemble), sticks and a practice pad are acceptable.
- 3. For **Battery**, videos should show FULL member's body and clearly show hands and feet. For **Front**, videos should show UPPER body and hands.
- 4. Audition video should contain all required exercises (please DO NOT submit a playlist of individual videos); auditions do not have not to be one continuous take.

#### <u>Instructions for Uploading Videos:</u>

- 1. Upload your audition video to YouTube.
- 2. Set the privacy to 'Unlisted.'
- 3. Include the link as part of the registration form.

Instructional staff will review videos beginning May 2nd, 2024. All new and returning members will be notified via e-mail about their preliminary placement no later than **Saturday**, **May 4th**.

#### **In-Person Auditions:**

- 1. In-person auditions will take place on **Saturday, May 11th from 9:00 am-4:30 pm** in the Fine Arts Building on the campus of Valdosta State University.
- 2. Schedule:

Rehearsal 1: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Lunch (on your own): 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Rehearsal 2: 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

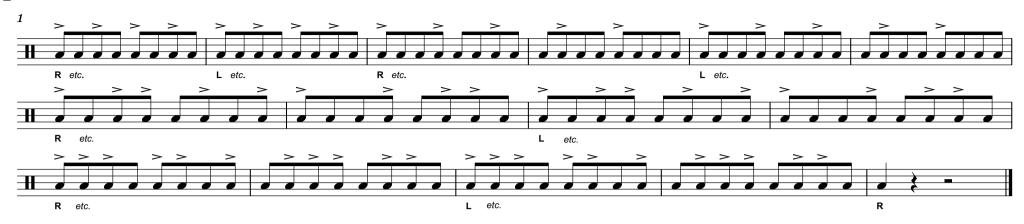
- 3. Drums and keyboards for all members will be provided.
- 4. Please bring your own sticks/mallets.

All questions/conflicts should be directed to Dr. Smith at <a href="mailto:ryanmsmith@valdosta.edu">ryanmsmith@valdosta.edu</a>.

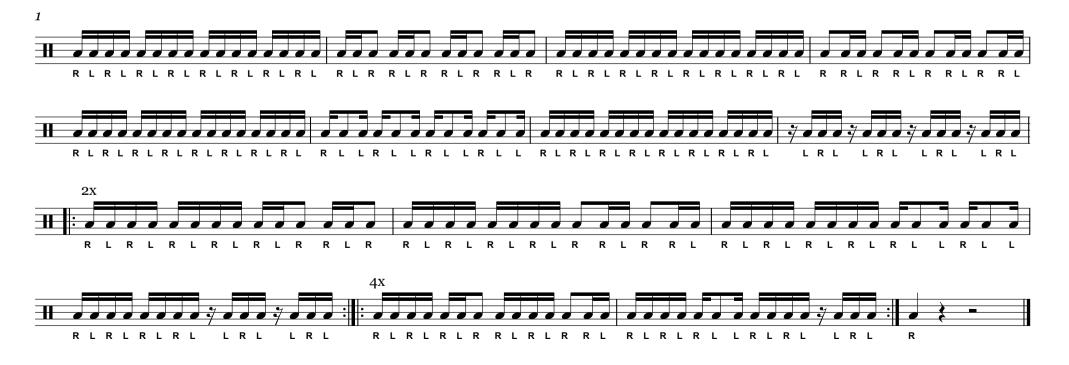
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### 2024 VSU Blazin' Brigade Video Audition Exercises





### 16th Timing

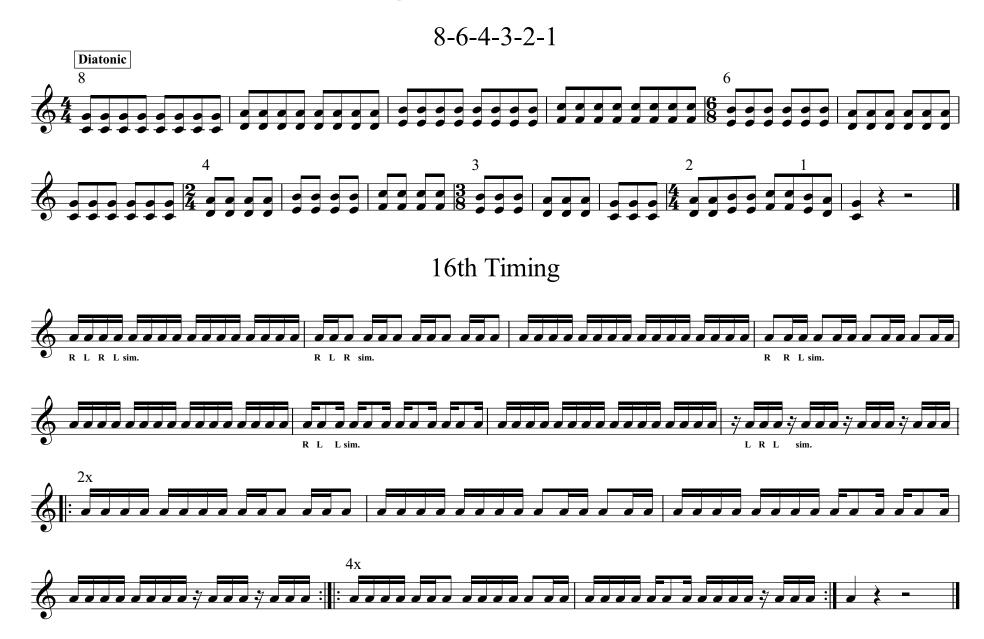


### Triplet Rolls

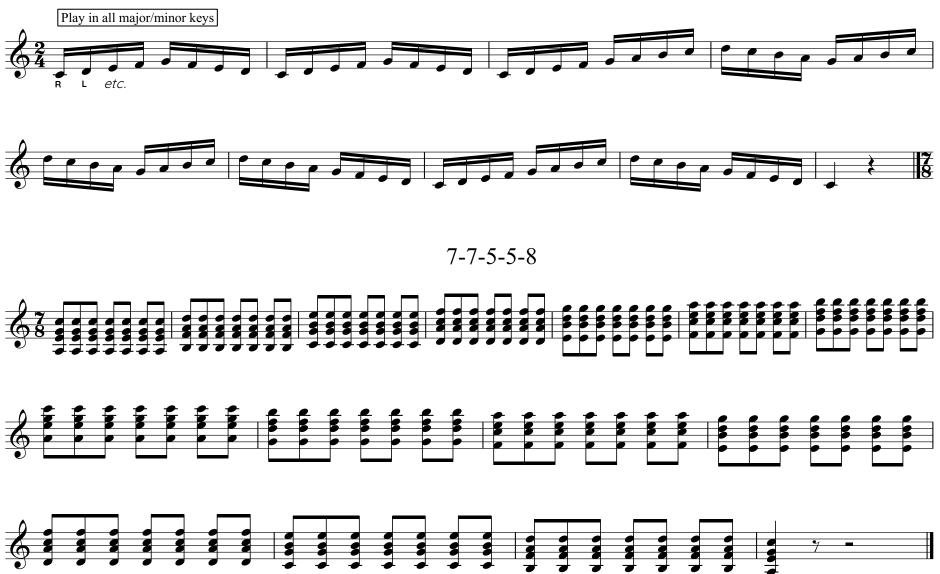


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## 2024 VSU Blazin' Brigade Front Ensemble Audition Packet



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#### Front Coordination Exercise

This short example is written in the style of what might be expected for an auxillary rack or keyboard player with auxillary instrument. There is no expectation to play the actual instruments listed; play the rhythm and sticking as written w/ sticks on a practice pad.

Ryan M. Smith

