



USAF Band of Mid-America

Virtual Concert Band (BOMA VCB)

Recording and Uploading Instructions

Check out the FAQ page for specific questions regarding recording equipment and techniques

1. Learn the music. Parts can be downloaded from our website (www.bandofmidamerica.af.mil). The piece is “The Stars and Stripes Forever” by John Philip Sousa.
2. Choose a place to record. It should be quiet – turn off all fans, heaters, air-conditioners or any other appliance that makes noise. It should also be well lit – make sure your face is brightly lit and there are no obstructions other than your instrument. Place your music out of the picture. Try to have a plain background.
3. Dress appropriately. If you are in the military, please wear either your ABU (or equivalent: NWU, MCCUU, ACU) or an open-collar, short-sleeve service uniform. If you are in a high school or college band, wear dark clothing or a shirt with your band logo. If you do not fall into either of the previous categories, wear dark clothing with no logos or words to ensure there are no inappropriate clothing items and help us see you and your instrument clearly.
4. Close or quit all applications on your computer or recording device other than the web browser/YouTube. Turn off any alarms or ringtones so you are not interrupted while recording. Open the conducting track video by clicking the link on our website (www.bandofmidamerica.af.mil). Watch carefully and follow the instructions on the video.
5. Wear headphones. Start with your headphones unplugged, then plug them in when instructed to on the video. Wearing headphones will allow you to play along with the Band of Mid-America without the sound bleeding into your recording.
6. Only one person per video. This allows you to be the star in your video and makes sure the audience can see you. Have someone assist you in making your video and then return the favor – just make sure only one person is visible in each recording.
7. Freeze and keep looking at the camera at the end of the piece. This will ensure a clean end to your video.
8. Save your video!
9. Upload your video to YouTube (www.youtube.com) using your own account. If you do not have an account or login with YouTube or Google, follow the instructions to create one. Use the following naming convention when you upload your video: USAF BOMA – “Stars and Stripes” – instrument name. For example: USAF BOMA – “Stars and Stripes” – flute. Your video(s) must be submitted before **11:59 PM Central Daylight Time on August 24, 2014.**
10. Email the Band of Mid-America a link to your YouTube video. This will help make sure your video is received. Include your name and location (city, state) in the body of the email and put “Virtual Concert Band” in the subject line. If you are under 18, attach your completed permission form to this email. Send emails to bandofmidamerica@gmail.com.

If you have further questions, please contact the Band of Mid-America at bandofmidamerica@gmail.com,

or call TSgt Jennifer James at 618-256-3636.

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