Percussion

2016-2017 Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble **Audition Information**

Dear future 5th & 6th grade band students,

Attached is a packet of practice materials for our district Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble auditions that will take place starting next October. Recordings of the audition music can be found on the North Merrick Website. Go to Programs > Instrumental Music > Listening library > NYSSMA Solos or Jazz Solos (on the left side). All students should listen and practice along with the recordings as often as possible. Students will be asked to audition along with the recordings in October.

If you would like to take lessons to help you prepare for this audition, we have enclosed a list of private teachers in this packet.

Practice according to the following guidelines:

Wind Ensemble

Any 5 Major Scales (by memory)

The included NYSSMA solo

Students who went to NYSSMA and achieved a score of 24 or higher will automatically be admitted to the Wind Ensemble. All members may be required to audition for seating.

Jazz Band

Winds: Any 5 Major Scales and the Blues scale by memory Winds: Groove Blues (if new to Jazz Band) or Amen (returning members)

Rhythm Section: Louie Louie & (TBA)

Drummers: You will need to demonstrate rock and swing beats with fills as follows: 4 measures of time and 2 measures of fill.

Good luck! We are looking forward to some great ensembles!

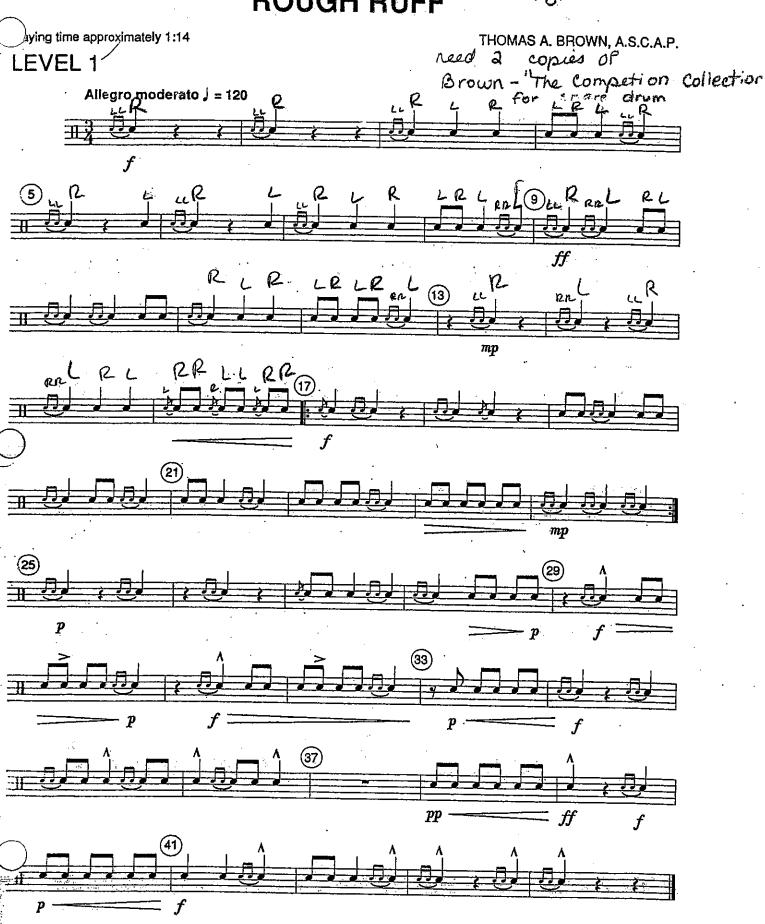
Musically yours, Mr. Brunson & Mrs. Rakas

It Don't Mean A Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)





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