



2026 FMEA 7-8 Guitar All-State Audition Items

Section one- scales: Learn and prepare the C, F, G, D A and Am scales as printed on p. 3 of this document. **You will be asked to play the A minor scale AND one of the Major scales at the audition.** Use alternating right hand fingering (such as *i-m* or *m-i*), at a tempo of ♩ = 110. Use alternating rest stroke and play without repeats, observing the written rhythm.

Scoring: 15 points of 100 total on audition, in the following areas/categories:

- 5 pts-correct notes
- 5 pts-fluid, steady rhythm
- 5 pts-quality tone from rh, lh techniques

Section two- solo etude: *Andantino* by Matteo Carcassi as found on page 4 of this document. **Play the entire etude without repeats. (repeats are found in most printed publications of this work but NOT present in the version on p. 4 of this document)**

Scoring: 35 points of 100 total on audition, in the following areas/categories:

- 10 pts- correct notes and rhythms
- 10 pts- quality tone from rh and lh techniques
- 10 pts- musicality: dynamics/phrasing/interpretation
- 5 pts- overall quality of preparation

Section three- ensemble excerpts: Learn part 1 from Levesque's arrangement of *Wild Mountain Thyme* (see pp. 5-6 of this document) and part 5 from Levesque's arrangement of *Indicatif...Under 18* (see pp. 7-8 of this document) **You will be asked to play ONE excerpt of approximately 20-30 measures from each excerpt at the audition.** Take care to interpret all musical & technical markings.

Scoring: 40 points of 100 total on audition, in the following areas/categories:

ENSEMBLE EXCERPT #1 scoring rubric

- 5 pts- correct notes and rhythms
- 5 pts- quality tone from rh and lh techniques
- 5 pts- musicality:dynamics/phrasing/interpretation
- 5 pts- overall quality of preparation

ENSEMBLE EXCERPT #2 scoring rubric

- 5 pts- correct notes and rhythms
- 5 pts- quality tone from rh and lh techniques
- 5 pts- musicality:dynamics/phrasing/interpretation
- 5 pts- overall quality of preparation

Section four- sightreading: One 8-16 measure passage will be presented at the audition; 30 seconds will be given to visually study the piece (no playing); auditioner will be given one opportunity to perform the passage. The passage will be in first position, have a key signature and accidentals, have a variety of rhythms, and contain dynamic and other musical markings. See the samples on p. 9 & "tips" on p. 10

Scoring: 10 points of 100 total on audition, in the following areas/categories:

- 5 pts- correct notes, rhythms and markings
- 5 pts- steady rhythmic pulse

You will be asked to play the A Natural Minor Scale (printed below) at the audition AND 1 of the 5 Major Scales (see below). Be sure to play the scales at the tempo marking listed and use alternating i m fingerings in the right hand. Some left hand fingerings have been provided for your assistance.

I pos A Major Scale-two octaves, first position.

♩ = 110

Andantino

Matteo Carcassi
(1792-1853)

♩ = 88

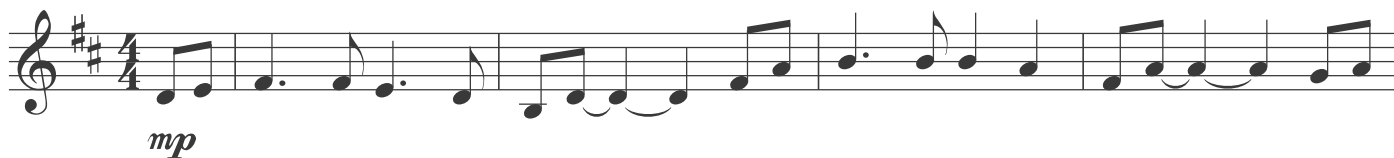
The musical score is written for guitar in 4/4 time, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked as ♩ = 88. The piece consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains measures 1 through 4, with fingerings (m, i, p, i, m, p, i, p) and dynamics (p, p, p, p, p, p) indicated. The second staff contains measures 5 through 8, with fingerings (1, 4, 3, 1, 4, 3, 2) and dynamics (p, p, p, p, p, p) indicated. The third staff contains measures 9 through 12, with fingerings (1, 4, 3, 1, 4, 3, 2) and dynamics (p, p, p, p, p, p) indicated. The piece concludes with a final chord in measure 12.

Wild Mountain Thyme

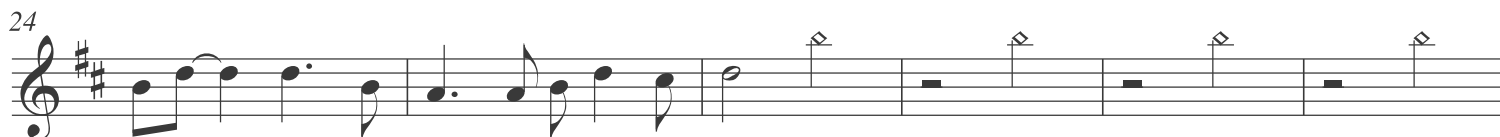
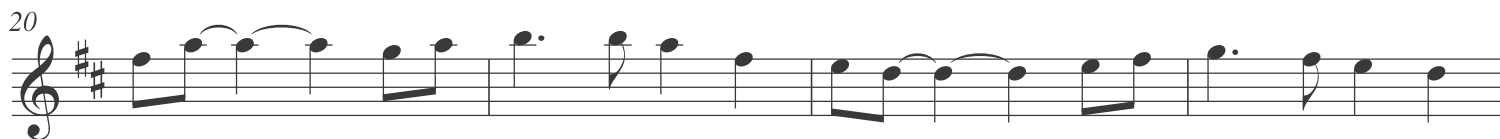
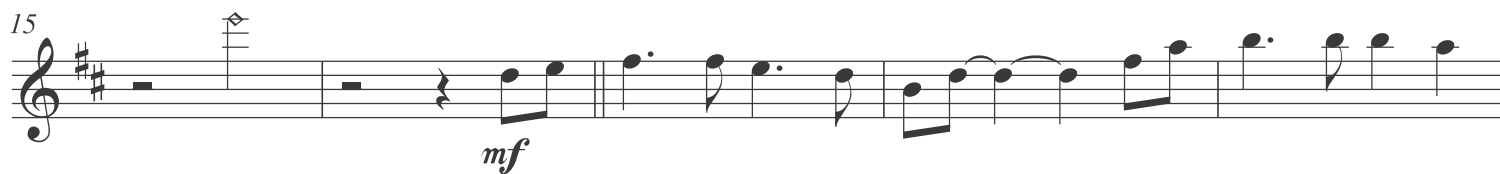
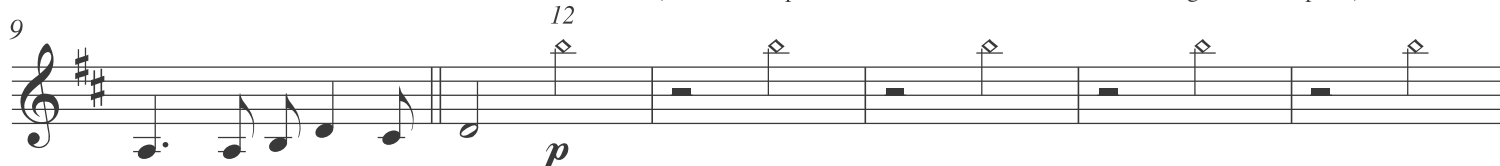
arr. Luc Lévesque

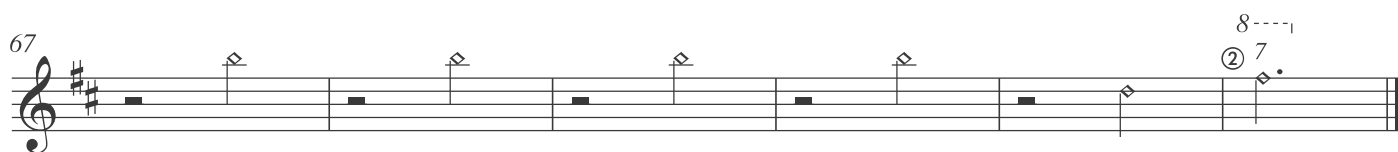
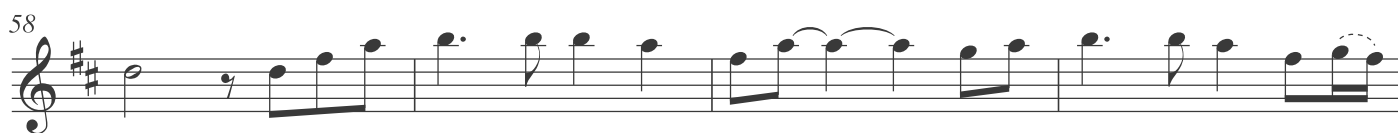
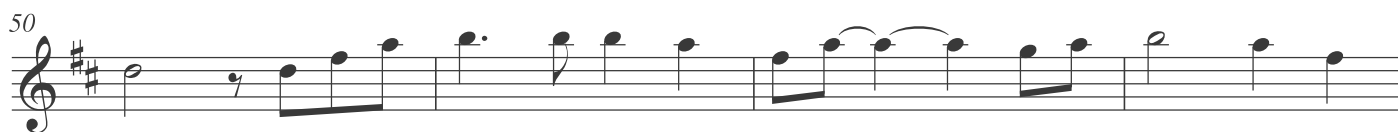
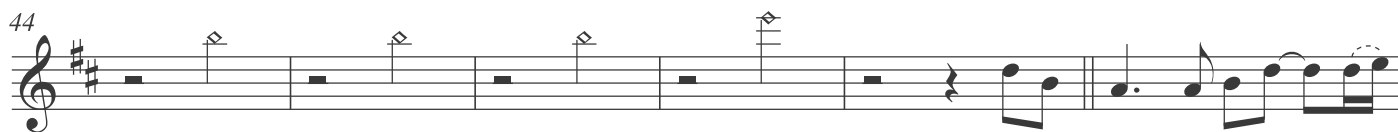
Folklore écossais

$\text{♩} = 88$



(diamond shaped noteheads denote *harmonics*, sounding at notated pitch)





à Marguerite de Lajemmerais

Indicatif... Under 18

Luc Lévesque

$\bullet = 112$

8 *p m i p m i p i etc.*

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9 2.

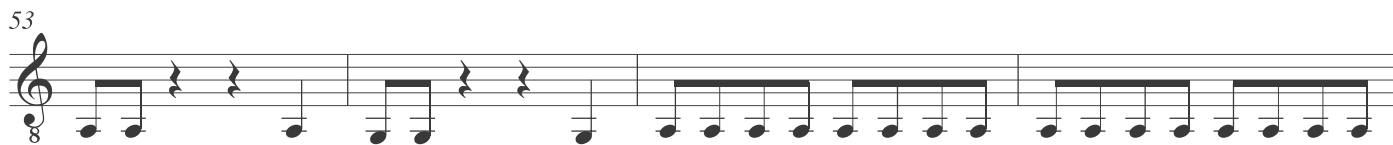
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FMEA MS Guitar All-State 2026 Sightreading Samples

Reprinted from page 1 of this document:

Section four- sightreading: One 6-12 measure passage will be presented at the audition; 30 seconds will be given to visually study the piece (no playing); auditioner will be given one opportunity to perform the passage. The passage will be in first position, could have a key signature and accidentals, will have a variety of rhythms, and will contain dynamic and other musical markings. See the samples on p. 9 & “tips” on p. 10.

Scoring: 10 points of 100 total on audition, in the following areas/categories:

- 5 pts- correct notes, rhythms and markings
- 5 pts- steady rhythmic pulse

Below are three samples/examples of the written description and criteria items listed above.

1 ♩ = 80

Musical notation for sample 1: A single staff in 3/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F#7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F#8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F#9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F#10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F#11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F#12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F#13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F#14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F#15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F#16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F#17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F#18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F#19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F#20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F#21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F#22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F#23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F#24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F#25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F#26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F#27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F#28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F#29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F#30, G30, A30, B30, C31, D31, E31, F#31, G31, 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