

INSTRUMENTAL RULES & CONDITIONS 2026 **CHECK FOR CHANGES**

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1 DEFINITIONS OF BANDS

- **Concert Band 13 to 80 performers:** A balanced ensemble of woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. Acoustic string/electric bass, as per score, optional. No piano or keyboard **except optional piano accompanist for Beginner Band.**
- **Symphony Orchestra 13 to 80 performers:** A full string section plus a proportional number of woodwinds, brass & percussion instruments.
- **Bowed String or Guitar Orchestra 13 to 80 performers:** An ensemble of bowed string instruments. No piano, keyboard or percussion **except optional piano accompanist for Beginner Orchestra.**
- **Guitar Orchestra 13 to 80 performers:** An ensemble of acoustic guitars. Bass guitar optional. No piano, keyboard or percussion
- **Stage Band 13 to 30 performers:** Repertoire must be in Jazz style. An ensemble of saxophones, trumpets, trombones and rhythm section - substitute instruments may be used if necessary. Rhythm section may include keyboard, guitar (acoustic or electric), bass (acoustic or electric) and percussion (including kit). Vocalist optional.
- **Band/Orchestra Classification**
 - a. Primary Band: Level 1.5 & above repertoire.
 - b. Beginner Band/ Beginner String Orchestra: Level 1 & under repertoire. Piano accompanist optional.
 - c. A Grade: Level 3 & above repertoire.
 - d. B Grade: Level 2.5 & under repertoire.
 - e. **Level must be noted on Adjudicator's copy.**

2 DEFINITION OF ENSEMBLES

- a. **6 to 12 performers**
- b. Percussion Ensemble: combination of tuned and untuned percussion instruments only. **No piano or keyboard.**
- c. Mixed Ensemble: combination of any instruments. Percussion & piano, as per score, optional but must be played by a member of the ensemble.
- d. Guitar Ensemble: Acoustic guitars only plus optional bass guitar.
- e. No backing track or accompaniment.
- f. Conductor optional.

3 ENSEMBLES, BANDS, ORCHESTRAS

- a. No member of one Ensemble will be permitted to perform with another Group or Ensemble in the same Section unless playing a different instrument.
- b. Any Group or Ensemble entered as a School Group or Ensemble shall consist solely of current bonafide students of the class/school named.
- c. No music stand banners allowed.
- d. **Only groups who have already competed in the relevant section may be seated in the auditorium.**

4 DIGITAL PIANO

A Yamaha Clavinova will be supplied by the Keyboard Shop for the use of all competitors. Familiarisation and practice times prior to the Eisteddfod can be arranged with The Keyboard Shop. Usage of various features on the Clavinova is encouraged to enhance the performance.

Competitors may enter EITHER by Age OR by Music Exam Grade. They may not enter both.

Non-Classical definition: 20th or 21st Century or Modern Periods & Australian Composers

Classical definition: Studies, Baroque, Classical or Romantic Periods.

A piece cannot be played if also performed in any other Piano section.

Copies of music scores are not required for any Digital Piano Sections but Chairperson Forms x 2 must be submitted (1 for Chairperson & 1 for Adjudicator).

5 DUO/TRIO/QUARTET/QUINTET

- a. A competitor may compete TWICE in a section if playing a different instrument in each.
- b. No conductor.

6 ANY OTHER INSTRUMENT SOLO: Any instrument other than Bowed Strings, Brass, Piano or Woodwind.

A looper pedal (own amp) is allowed for an electric guitar with a 2 minute time limit to create layers.

7 OWN CHOICE

All Instrumental sections are Own Choice.

8 CLASSICAL REPERTOIRE:

A serious composition with artistic merit excluding jazz or popular idiom. Music from any century is acceptable.

9 ACCOMPANIMENT

Piano accompaniment or **Piano only MP3** Backing Track may be used for Solo sections.

No backing track allowed for Championship.

J S Bach Solo: Unaccompanied with the exception of piano accompaniment for Sonatas & Concertos.

10 STAGE PLAN for Ensembles, Bands & Orchestras

A completed stage plan (from last pages of Entry Book) must be submitted.

Percussion will be pre-set, as shown on Stage Plan, & not moved, even if not using, for 18 & Under Bands & Symphony Orchestras.

11 INSTRUMENTS PROVIDED FOR ENSEMBLES, BANDS AND ORCHESTRAS

To avoid backstage congestion, and limit set-up time for bands, the following will be available at the Theatre. All Groups are requested not to bring these instruments:

4 pedal timpani 1 snare drum and stand 1 orchestral bass drum
1 pair orchestral crash cymbals 1 bass drum (small size for primary school Groups)
1 suspended cymbal 1 glockenspiel and stand 1 drum kit 1 xylophone 1 marimba
1 vibraphone

Stage Band: 1 electric piano /keyboard and 1 rhythm and 1 bass amp

Guitar Ensemble: 1 bass amp (if needed)

12 PIANO SECTIONS

An upright piano will be provided for all age Solo Sections.

A Grand Piano will be provided for the JS Bach Solo and the Instrumental Championship only.

INSTRUMENTAL AWARDS

INSTRUMENTAL BURSARY & PIANO BURSARY

Any Townsville competitor age 15 to 18 who, in the opinion of the Adjudicator, shows the most potential. Must have competed in the relevant Championship.

AWARDS:

- Most outstanding Instrumental Item
- Most outstanding Band or Orchestra
- Most promising Pianist age 13 to 18
- Most promising Pianist age 12 & u
- Most promising String student age 13 to 18
- Most promising String student age 12 & u
- Most promising Brass student
- Most promising Woodwind student age 12 & u
- Most promising Woodwind student age 13 to 18
- Young Accompanist Encouragement age 25 & u

INSTRUMENTAL SECTIONS 2026**CHECK FOR CHANGES**

- 101 **Instrumental Championship other than Piano Age 15 to 18** Time Limit 6 minutes
Must compete in a Solo Section playing the same instrument.
- 102 **Piano Championship Age 15 to 18** Time Limit 6 minutes

CLASSICAL PIANO SOLO

- 103 **Age 16 to 18** Time Limit 5 minutes
- 104 **Age 14 & 15** Time Limit 4 minutes
- 105 **Age 13** Time Limit 4 minutes
- 106 **Age 12** Time Limit 3 minutes
- 107 **Age 11** Time Limit 3 minutes
- 108 **Age 10** Time Limit 3 minutes
- 109 **Age 9** Time Limit 2 minutes
- 110 **Age 8** Time Limit 2 minutes
- 111 **Age 7 & under** Time Limit 2 minutes

J.S. BACH SOLO

- 112 **Piano Age 13 to 18** Time Limit 6 minutes
- 113 **Any Instrument other than Keyboard Age 13 to 18** Time Limit 6 minutes

POPULAR PIANO SOLO without improvisation.

- 114 **Age 16 to 18** Time Limit 4 minutes
- 115 **Age 13 to 15** Time Limit 3 minutes
- 116 **Age 11 & 12** Time Limit 3 minutes
- 117 **Age 10 and under** Time Limit 3 minutes

PIANO SOLO by AUSTRALIAN COMPOSER

- 118 **Age 13 to 18** Time Limit 4 minutes
- 119 **Age 12 and under** Time Limit 3 minutes

PIANO DUET

- 120 **Age 18 & under** Time Limit 5 minutes
- 121 **Age 12 & under** Time Limit 4 minutes
- 122 **Age 10 and under** Time Limit 3 minutes

DIGITAL PIANO CHAMPIONSHIP Any style

- 123 **Senior Digital Piano Championship Age 13 to 18** Time Limit 6 minutes
- 124 **Junior Digital Piano Championship Age 10 to 12** Time Limit 4 minutes
- 125 **Sub-Junior Piano Championship Age 9 & under** Time Limit 3 minutes

DIGITAL PIANO SOLO – NOT CLASSICAL

- 126 **Age 16 to 18** Time Limit 5 minutes
- 127 **Age 14 & 15** Time Limit 4 minutes
- 128 **Age 12 & 13** Time Limit 4 minutes
- 129 **Age 10 & 11** Time Limit 3 minutes
- 130 **Age 8 & 9** Time Limit 2 minutes
- 131 **Age 7 & under** Time Limit 2 minutes

OR Exam Music Grade

- 132 **Grade 8 & above** Time Limit 5 minutes
- 133 **Grade 6 & 7** Time Limit 4 minutes
- 134 **Grade 4 & 5** Time Limit 4 minutes
- 135 **Grade 3** Time Limit 3 minutes
- 136 **Grade 2** Time Limit 3 minutes
- 137 **Grade 1** Time Limit 3 minutes
- 138 **Preliminary** Time Limit 3 minutes
- 139 **Elementary** Time Limit 2 minutes
- 140 **Beginner** Time Limit 2 minutes

DIGITAL PIANO SOLO CLASSICAL 2026

141	Age 16 to 18	Time Limit 5 minutes
142	Age 14 & 15	Time Limit 4 minutes
143	Age 12 & 13	Time Limit 4 minutes
144	Age 10 & 11	Time Limit 3 minutes
145	Age 8 & 9	Time Limit 2 minutes
146	Age 7 & under	Time Limit 2 minutes

OR Exam Music Grade

147	Grade 8 & above	Time Limit 5 minutes
148	Grade 6 & 7	Time Limit 4 minutes
149	Grade 4 & 5	Time Limit 4 minutes
150	Grade 3	Time Limit 3 minutes
151	Grade 2	Time Limit 3 minutes
152	Grade 1	Time Limit 3 minutes
153	Preliminary	Time Limit 3 minutes
154	Elementary	Time Limit 2 minutes
155	Beginner	Time Limit 2 minutes

BOWED STRING SOLO

156	Age 16 to 18	Time Limit 4 minutes
157	Age 13 to 15	Time Limit 4 minutes
158	Age 11 & 12	Time Limit 3 minutes
159	Age 10 & under	Time Limit 2 minutes

BRASS SOLO

160	Age 13 to 18	Time Limit 4 minutes
161	Age 12 & under	Time Limit 3 minutes

WOODWIND SOLO

162	Age 16 to 18 - <u>excluding</u> recorders	Time Limit 4 minutes
163	Age 13 to 15 - <u>excluding</u> recorders	Time Limit 4 minutes
164	Age 12 & under - <u>excluding</u> recorders	Time Limit 3 minutes
165	Recorder Solo Age 18 & under	Time Limit 4 minutes

ANY OTHER INSTRUMENT SOLO

166	Age 18 & under	Time Limit 4 minutes
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INSTRUMENTAL DUO, TRIO OR QUARTET/QUINTET

167	Duo Year 7 to Age 18	Time Limit 4 minutes
168	Trio Year 7 to Age 18	Time Limit 4 minutes
169	Quartet/Quintet Year 7 to Age 18	Time Limit 4 minutes
170	Duo Year 6 & under	Time Limit 4 minutes.
171	Trio Year 6 & under	Time Limit 4 minutes
172	Quartet/Quintet Year 6 & under	Time Limit 4 minutes

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

173	Percussion Ensemble Age 18 & under	Time Limit 4 minutes
174	Mixed Ensemble Age 18 & under	Time Limit 4 minutes
175	Guitar Ensemble Age 18 & under	Time Limit 4 minutes
176	Percussion Ensemble Year 6 & under	Time Limit 4 minutes
177	Mixed Ensemble Year 6 & under	Time Limit 4 minutes

BAND

178	Concert Band A Grade Age 18 & under	Time Limit 5 minutes
179	Concert Band B Grade Age 18 & under	Time Limit 5 minutes
180	Concert Band Year 6 & under	Time Limit 4 minutes
181	Beginner Concert Band Year 6 & under	Time Limit 3 minutes
182	Stage Band Age 18 & under	Time Limit 5 minutes

ORCHESTRA 2026

183	Bowed String A Grade Age 18 & under	Time Limit 5 minutes
184	Bowed String B Grade Age 18 & under	Time Limit 5 minutes
185	Bowed String or Guitar Orchestra Year 6 & under	Time Limit 4 minutes
186	Beginner Bowed String or Guitar Orchestra Year 6 & under	Time Limit 3 minutes
187	Symphony Age 18 & under	Time Limit 6 minutes
188	Guitar Age 18 & under	Time Limit 5 minutes

2026 OWN CHOICE DOCUMENT FOR CHAIRPERSON

(To be read aloud before performance – Please check details are accurate and legible)

Complete prior to arrival at the venue. Attach ONE to each entry.

ALL VOCAL, ALL INSTRUMENTAL (except Digital Piano)

SPEECH & DRAMA: ALL DRAMA (Including Prepared Mime) & CHARACTER POEM only.

ALL DIGITAL PIANO ONLY: 2 completed forms for each piece are required to be handed in.

SECTION NUMBER COMPETITOR'S NAME.....

Title of Work

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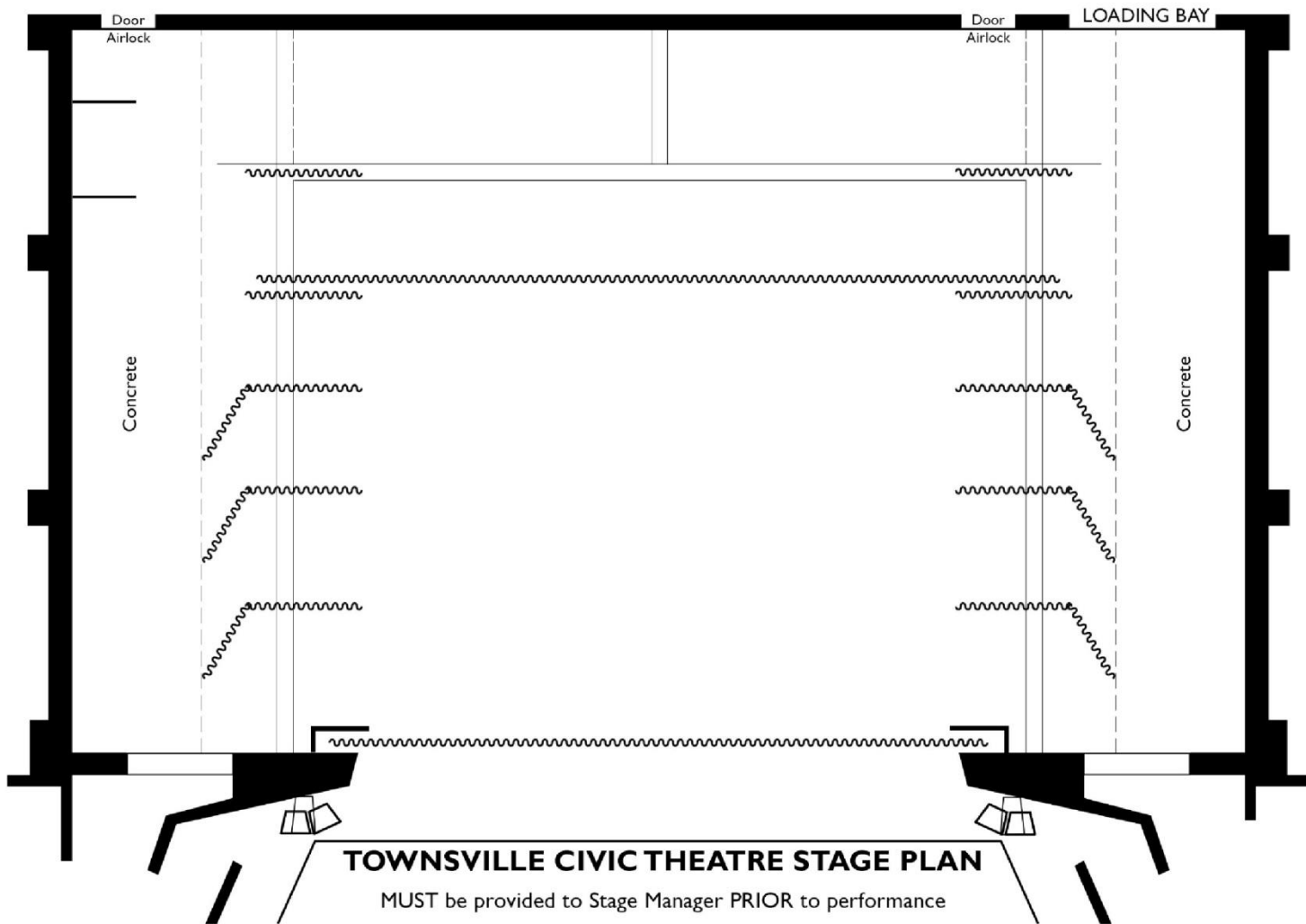
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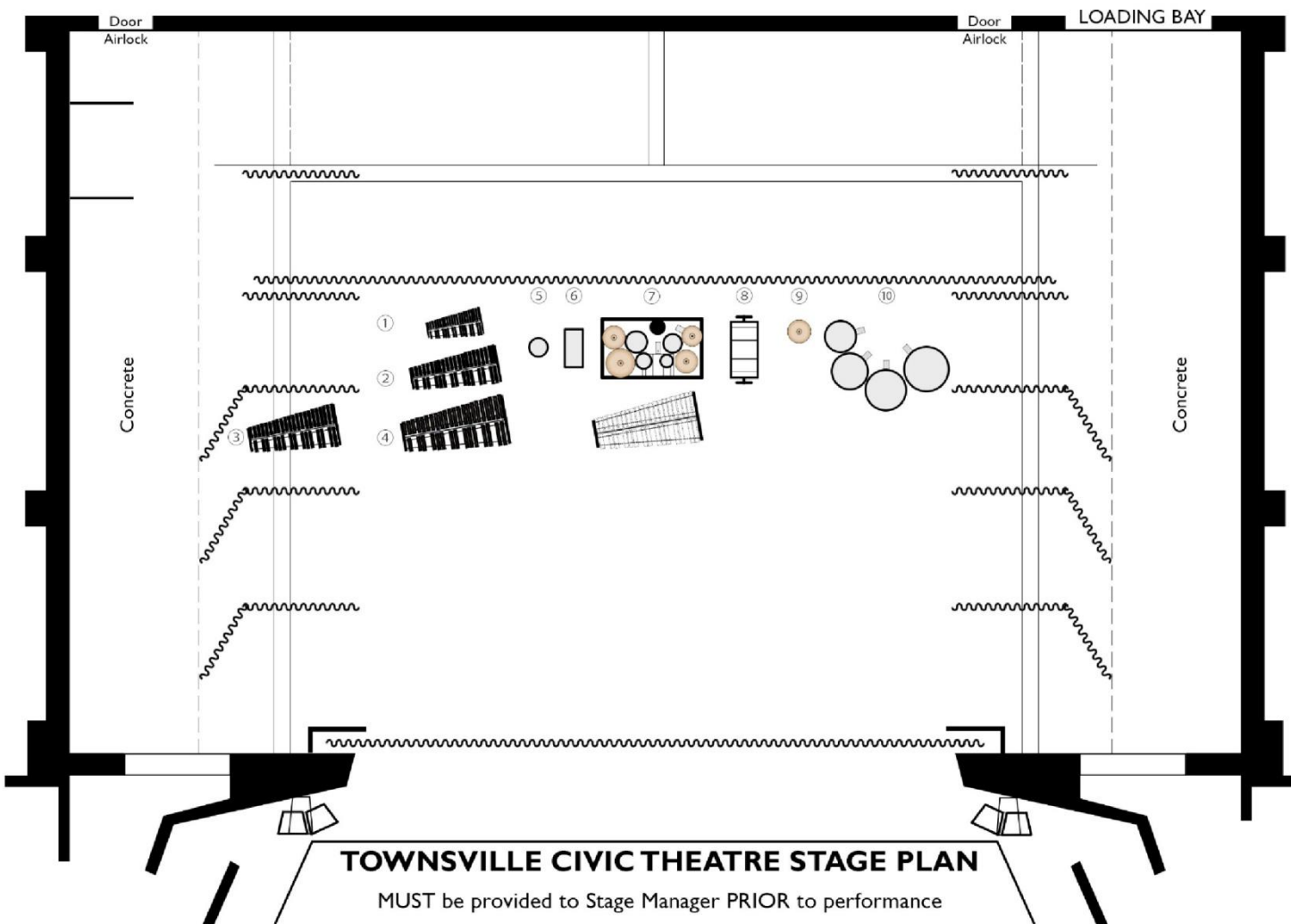
Group Name

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LEGEND	
X Chair	O Double Bass Stool
- Music Stand	□ 'Cello Chair

STRING ORCHESTRAS | ENSEMBLES | PRIMARY BAND



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Competitor Number

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Group Name

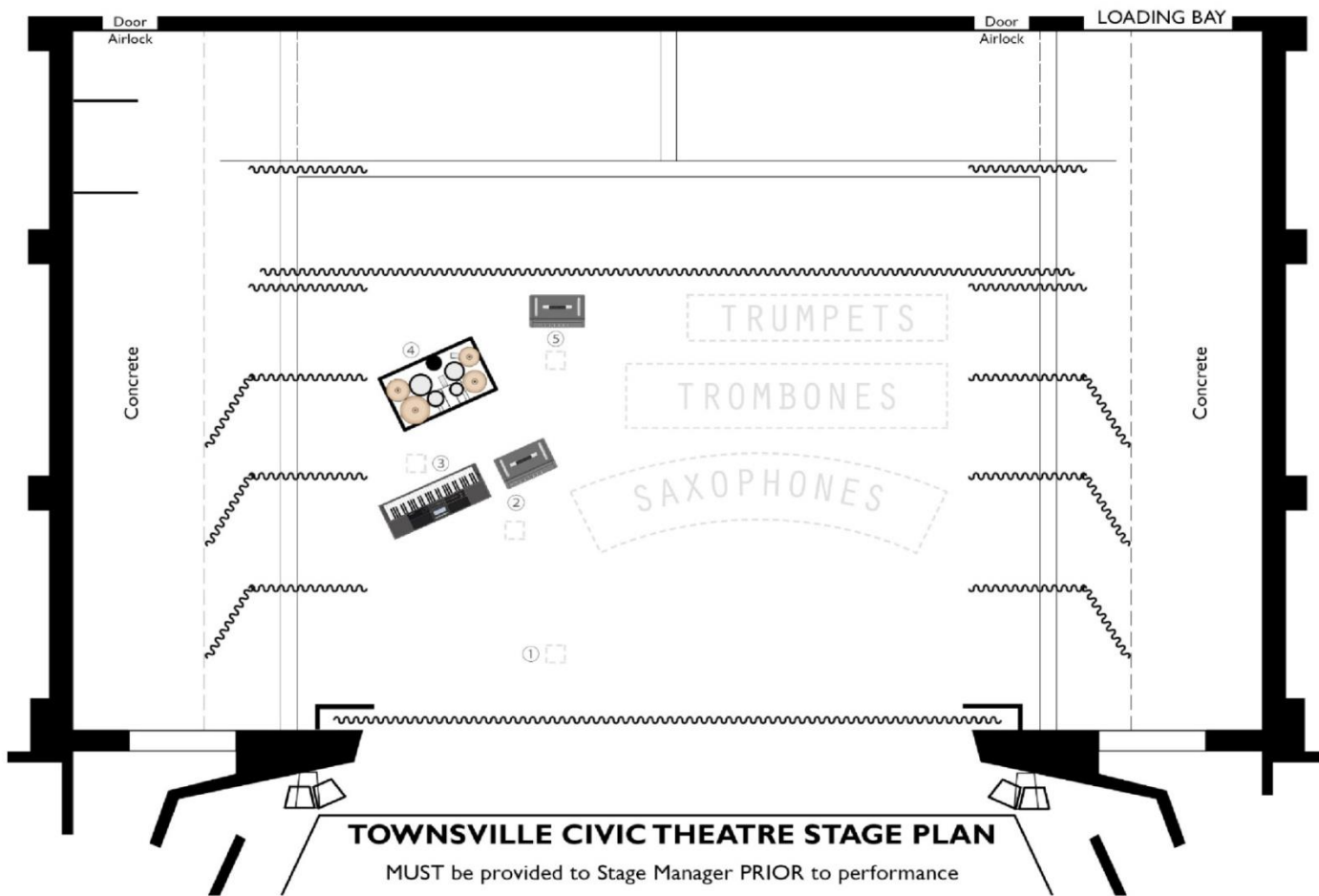
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1. Glockenspiel
2. Xylophone
3. Vibraphone
4. Marimba
5. Snare Drum
6. Mallet Table
7. Drum Kit
8. Orchestral Bass Drum
9. Crash Cymbal
10. Timpani

All instruments WILL remain in place for ALL ensembles for ALL performances, whether required or not. The exception being the marimba which will be moved in front of the drum kit, should the vibraphone be required.

LEGEND	
X Chair	○ Double Bass Stool
– Music Stand	□ 'Cello Chair

Vibraphone (required): **YES / NO**



TOWNSVILLE CIVIC THEATRE STAGE PLAN

MUST be provided to Stage Manager PRIOR to performance

Section Number

Competitor Number

Group Name

- 1. Soloist/Singer
- 2. Rhythm Amp
- 3. Keyboard
- 4. Drum Kit
- 5. Bass Amp

All instruments WILL remain in place for ALL ensembles for ALL performances, whether required or not.

Please place an 'X' in the box adjoining 1-5 if you require chair and/or stand.

Please complete chair & music stand requirements for brass and wind sections.

LEGEND

- X Chair
- Music Stand

STAGE BANDS