

Music 288

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Rubric for Composition Projects

Presentation

- _____ 2pts – Neatness of score; accuracy of musical notation
- _____ 2 pts – Neatness and clarity of parts (e.g., all tempo marks included, cues where needed, etc.)
- _____ 2 pts – Technical soundness (proper use of instruments)

Compositional technique

- _____ 2 pts – Is the content suitable to the length? A short piece should have greater musical density.
- _____ 2 pts – Pitch: Does it move forward throughout the piece? Or is it stagnant? Beware the copy/paste!
- _____ 2 pts – Rhythm and Meter: Is it interesting? If it is interesting, does it serve the gesture, or is it just awkward/difficult?
- _____ 2 pts – Other technical considerations. This could include register, color, motivic cohesion, economy of means, structure – basically anything I notice that deserves further comment.

Aesthetic

- _____ 3 pts – Originality/creativity/“guts”