

SPELMAN COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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STANDARD	UNACCEPTABLE PERFORMANCE 1-2	REMEDICATION SUGGESTED 3-4-5	ACCEPTED PERFORMANCE 6-7-8	EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE 9-10
MUSICIANSHIP	Performance lacks stylistic elements. Phrases lack shape and direction. Ineffective dynamics or complete absence of contrast. Rigid and/or non-musical performance displays lack of musical sensitivity.	Some evidence of phrase shape and direction, but style is often rigid, mechanical, or awkward. Inconsistent use of dynamics.	Phrase shape and direction are clearly present. Effective use of dynamics. Sensitivity to musical details is reflected in the performance, but is not always successful or effective.	Performance is exceptionally musical. All passages reflect shape and direction. Dynamic range is outstanding. Attention to musical detail demonstrates understanding and creativity. Stylistically appropriate.
NOTE & RHYTHM ACCURACY	Does not demonstrate sufficient note accuracy on a basic level. Wrong pitches/notes distract from overall performance. Inaccurate note values, ties, and rests. Pulse lacks steadiness.	Wrong notes occur frequently, but do not disrupt the overall integrity of the piece in a significant manner. Note values, ties, and rests somewhat accurate. Choice of tempo generally appropriate and somewhat stable.	Generally demonstrates note accuracy in most works. Wrong notes are infrequent and do not disrupt the integrity of the musical work. Appropriate choice of tempi and rhythmically stable throughout performance.	Consistently demonstrates outstanding note accuracy in all works. Appropriate choice of tempi and very precise rhythmically.
INTONATION and/or TECHNIQUE	Basic tonal quality not present. Consistently thin, unfocused or forced. Tone production inconsistent throughout range. Significant lack of skill in controlling balance, voicing, and tone, allows these flaws to significantly disrupt performance.	Basic tone production developed, however inconsistent in extreme registers and dynamics. Demonstrates basic understanding of good sound production on the instrument. Occasionally fails to project and control dynamics. Some issues of balance and voicing.	Good tone most of the time. Tone production is somewhat limited by range and dynamic level, but the ability to focus tone is evident. Generally demonstrates good quality of sound production, projections, voicing, and balance.	Open, focused and full resonant tone throughout range. Vibrato natural and consistent. Consistently demonstrates excellent control and quality of sound production, balance of hands and voicings, and accurate projection at all dynamic levels.

<p align="center">DICTION and/or ARTICULATION</p>	<p>Vowels are inaccurate. Consonants are incorrect or unarticulated. Inappropriate diphthongs. Words not understandable</p> <hr/> <p>Rarely articulates clearly and cleanly. Rarely uses correct performance techniques (i.e. tonguing, bowing, mallet, pedaling, etc.) Markings are typically not executed accurately enough to demonstrate understanding of correct performance technique.</p>	<p>Vowels generally correct but misformed. Frequent mispronunciations or misarticulations. Often unintelligible. Incorrect word stress and inflection.</p> <hr/> <p>Student is able to handle most articulations, but execution within the context of this music is weak. Inconsistent and/or inaccurate technique, (i.e. tonguing, bowing, mallet, pedaling, etc.) which interferes with effectiveness of music.</p>	<p>Demonstrates understanding of articulations. Occasional mispronunciations or misarticulations. Words generally understandable. Word stress and inflection good.</p> <hr/> <p>Mostly articulates clearly and cleanly. Mostly uses correct performance techniques (i.e. tonguing, bowing, mallet, pedaling, etc.). Markings are usually executed accurately as indicated in the score. Some fluency in technique may be lacking in a few small passages.</p>	<p>Outstanding language skills. Superb vowel formation and consonant style. Clearly understood and is able to perform using the correct nuances of languages.</p> <hr/> <p>Consistently articulates notes clearly and cleanly. Consistent use of performance technique (i.e. tonguing, bowing, mallet, pedaling, etc.). Markings are executed accurately as indicated in the score. Passages are articulated in a fluid/fluent and confident manner.</p>
<p align="center">ARTISTIC PRESENTATION</p>	<p>Performance displays a lack of understanding of text and meaning.</p>	<p>Performance shows incomplete understanding of text. Has potential on stage but lacks consistency in commitment to piece's text/character in some styles; could use more work on interpretation & stage deportment</p>	<p>Good performance. Evidence of thoughtful preparation and understanding of meaning. Shows great potential on stage with an occasional lapse in commitment to piece's text/character; there's room for improvement</p>	<p>Extremely well crafted presentation. Shows an excellent command of the stage in all styles and literature; completely committed to text/character of the piece.</p>