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Composition Area (Dr. B. Belet, Acting Coordinator)

Recital Etiquette – Spring 2019

All recitals produced by and for the SJSU School of Music and Dance are formal events that represent the university, school, and Composition Area. Junior and Senior Recitals are course requirements, akin to course Final Exams for Levels 6 and 8 of applied composition, respectively. As formal course components, all recitals need to follow a proscribed plan for certain aspects of the production. These items include:

- Only music created as a part of applied lessons can be presented on these recitals.
- Music composed for another course or endeavor (e.g., MUSC 167, audio project for another department, music created for hire outside of the university) can only be included with advance approval of your applied composition instructor.
- Concert dress is ‘music performance evening casual.’ This means basic black (color shirts/blouses OK), ties not required, clean dress pants/skirts/dresses, no ripped or torn clothing. This level of dress is for composers, performers, and stage hands – anyone seen on stage.
- 30-day pre-recital Hearing is mandatory.
- Proof-read concert program data and any supplementary Program Notes. Have all printed material approved in advance by your composition instructor.
- Concert follows the printed program. There is no need to speak before or between compositions: let the printed program and supplementary notes address all of these issues.
 - It is OK to briefly address the audience at the conclusion of the recital. This can be a very simple “Thank you for attending my recital.” moment – nothing extensive.
- Print the text for any art songs and choral compositions (NOTE: words are text, not lyrics). If sung in a language other than English, provide the original text plus an English translation. This is included in the supplementary program notes.
- Senior Recitals include a brief Intermission.
- Post-recital receptions are not required. If you plan a reception, keep it simple, and clean up afterwards if you use university facilities.