

HUNTER COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC
JURY INFORMATION - MUSPF 401, 402 and MUS 681-684

THE PURPOSE OF THE JURY EXAMINATIONS

Juries serve as a test of a student's progress on his or her instrument or voice. The jury panel is interested in what a student has learned during the semester and will use this opportunity to provide some advice on future progress in performance. A jury is an artificial situation but they are not casual or informal affairs.

FORMAT

Jury examinations for students enrolled in MUPSF 401, 402 or MUS 681-684 are approximately 5-10 minutes long. They are held in front of one faculty member. The point of a jury is to provide an objective opinion of a student's progress.

REPERTOIRE

Students should be prepared to perform one piece (a song, an aria, a short instrumental piece or a movement of a larger work) or a sample of the work accomplished during the current semester. **Where it is a performance convention (piano, voice), the prepared piece should be memorized.** Students must present the juror with a typewritten list of the pieces (with composer's names) or exercises he or she has studied during the current semester. Please include the name of your current teacher on this list.

DRESS

Juries are important and, for the reasons outlined above, one's dress should reflect this. For men: coat and tie. For women: dress, skirt and blouse, or formal pants outfit. Jeans are inappropriate.

ACCOMPANISTS

For singers, an accompanist will be provided. Upon request, the Director of Performance Studies will provide names of graduate and undergraduate pianists who are available to accompany juries for instrumentalists (if needed).

JURY SCHEDULE

Juries are held each semester on the first free day after the end of classes, in both the morning and the afternoon. The date is announced at the beginning of each semester. Each student will be notified by email or phone of the time of his or her jury; the schedule will also be posted on the Music Department bulletin board at least one week in advance. Except for emergencies, juries cannot be postponed or rescheduled. It is the responsibility of each student to keep his or her schedule free for the day in question.

EVALUATION

The grade a student receives for private lessons reflects the instructor's report and the evaluation of the juror. Upon request, the Director of Performance Studies will provide each student an oral appraisal of his or her jury by appointment or during scheduled office hours the following semester.