

SOA High School Orchestra Senior Thesis 2011-2012

Objective:

Seniors will perform one movement of a concerto with the orchestra and one movement of a chamber piece with a small ensemble. Seniors will also write a thesis paper on the selected concerto with the following criteria:

- Describe the music era in which the concerto was written
- Describe the composer and his/her life
- Describe significant people in the composer's life and their influence
- Contrast and compare other arts/artists in the time period
- Describe the particular concerto and give any information about the reason it was written, who performed it at the time, and any other pertinent information
- Use MLA format

Timeline:

Quarter 1

- Students will select the concerto movement and submit it for approval by mid-quarter
- Senior Thesis contract must be completed and signed by student and parent at mid-quarter
- Students will perform the concerto movement for a grade at the end of the first quarter and ***must make a grade of 85 or better***
- Students will develop an idea for a thesis paper and submit the idea in writing by the end of the first quarter
- Students will select a chamber music piece and corresponding ensemble by the end of the first quarter

Quarter 2

- Students will perform the concerto movement for a grade at mid-quarter and ***must make a grade of 85 or better***
- Students will submit an outline for the thesis paper by mid-quarter
- Students will perform the chamber piece for a grade at mid-quarter
- Students will perform the concerto movement for a grade at the end of the quarter and ***must make a grade of 90 or better***
- Students will perform the chamber piece for a grade at the end of the quarter

Quarter 3

- Students will perform the concerto movement with piano accompaniment for a grade at mid-quarter and ***must make a grade of 93 or better***
- Students will submit a rough draft of the thesis paper by mid-quarter
- Students will perform the chamber piece for a grade at mid-quarter
- Students will perform the concerto movement with piano accompaniment for a grade at the end of the quarter and ***must make a grade of 93 or better***
- Students will perform the chamber piece for a grade at the end of the quarter

Quarter 4

- Thesis paper is due at mid-quarter
- Students will perform the concerto movement with accompaniment on stage at the Senior Thesis Concerto

Other Criteria:

- Students must maintain a cumulative grade average of at least 90 in all major classes
- Students must not have more than five (5) absences in each major class during the year
- Students must have all contracts and forms completed, signed, and returned by the middle of the first quarter (this includes student information sheet, senior thesis contract, instrument registration, and handbook form)
- Any type of administrative discipline during the school year will result in immediate termination of thesis (discipline referral, suspension, referral to OSP, etc.)

Calendar for 2011-2012:

August		
	16	First Day of School
September		
	13	Concerto Approval Form/Contract Due
October		
	10	Thesis Paper Idea Form Due
	12	Chamber Piece Approval Form Due
	13 or 14	Concerto Jury #1- <i>must make a grade of 85 or better</i>
November		
	14	Thesis Paper Outline Due
	15 or 16	Chamber Piece Jury #1
	29 or 30	Concerto Jury #2- <i>must make a grade of 85 or better</i>
January		
	5 or 6	Chamber Piece Jury #2/Concerto Jury #3- <i>must make a grade of 90 or better</i>
February		
	13 or 14	Concerto With Piano Accompaniment Jury #4- <i>must make a grade of 93 or better</i>
	15 or 16	Chamber Piece Jury #3
	16	Thesis Paper Rough Draft Due
March		
	12 or 13	Chamber Piece Jury #4
	14 or 15	Concerto With Piano Accompaniment Jury #5- <i>must make a grade of 93 or better</i>
May		
	4	Thesis Paper Due
	8	All-Day Concerto Concert Rehearsal
	9	Senior Thesis Concerto Concert
	End of May	Senior Thesis Chamber Music Performance

2012 seniors:

1. Claire Bailey
2. Hayley Bell
3. Lily Cannon
4. Kelly Daniels
5. Catherine Gilmore
6. Ryan Gilmore
7. Rhiannon Heck
8. Gabby Lewis
9. Anna Mathias
10. Rachael Messick
11. Victoria Milligan
12. Mary Claire Moser
13. Jonathan Pizarro
14. Miki Sugimoto
15. Peter Webb
16. Phillip Werner