

Concert Review Agreement and List of Acceptable Concerts

All music students at TPA are required to review two live, “classical” concerts each semester. Performers must be at the level of college or above.

Parental attendance for students under 16

Students who are **less than 16 years old** at the time of the concert must be attended by, and sit with, their parents or another responsible adult for the entire concert. The concert review report form requires a parent signature attesting to the fact that the student attended the entire concert and demonstrated good concert-going etiquette during the course of the performance. The student can only receive credit for his or her concert review (the equivalent of a quiz) if the form is signed by a parent or responsible adult. Without the signature, as well as the other information required on the form, the student will not receive credit for the review.

Due Date

While students may submit their reviews any time before **3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 2015**, both reviews must be submitted by that date and time in order to receive full credit. Reviews submitted late will be reduced in grade until a cutoff, determined by the teacher, at which time no more reviews will be accepted at all.

Due date for both reviews: Friday, December 11, 2015, 3:00 p.m.

Concert-going etiquette

Because many of our students are unaccustomed to attending live performances, I will offer the following guidelines for good concert etiquette.

1. **Apparel:** dress up a bit when you go to a classical concert – TPA uniform or nicer. Depending upon the event, you may see some of the audience in full evening attire (black tie and tux, formal evening gowns). Most concert attendees in the Phoenix area, though, simply dress nicely to attend a concert or opera. Jeans and denim are definitely shoddy-looking in this setting. Dress nicely and expect to behave a little better than usual.
2. **Distractions:** any noise you make will be heard by others in the hall – they can’t close their ears to your distractions, unlike someone who might simply look away from a visual distraction. The hall is designed to carry sound efficiently, and the audience sometimes forgets that they are, in a sense, on stage themselves. The performers, who require tremendous concentration, appreciate your courtesy in listening as keenly – and as quietly – as you can. During the concert, don’t provide any visual or audible distractions. Wait until after the performers stop playing – when you can hear others in the audience moving about – to open that cellophane-covered throat lozenge, to cough (if possible), to rustle your printed program, or to make noise of any kind. Whispering during a performance is truly awful.
3. **Applause:** until you get used to attending formal concerts, you might want to hold back your applause until you hear others clapping. By all means, applaud if you enjoy the performance.

Whooping, yelling, whistling, and other rowdy forms of approval, however, are not acceptable in this more formal setting. Some people do shout “bravo” if they think the performance was especially great. Some performers prefer that the audience not clap between movements of longer works.

4. **Cell phones, etc.:** do I really have to say anything about this? Any kind of electronic devices should be off and silenced during the performance. You have a chance to hear real, live, expert musicians. Just listen carefully to what they are doing, and you will be richly rewarded.

Acceptable concerts

The following concerts and recitals are **acceptable** for review for TPA students. Students may choose to review concerts not listed here, although they need to check with their teacher first to find out if the concert they would like to attend is acceptable for review. **Teachers reserve the right to reject a student’s choice for concert review if it is not on this list.** Any concert, *even one at ASU*, must receive prior teacher approval in order to be acceptable for review.

The concert is to be a live “classical” (by which I mean art music) concert at the level of college performers or above. Musical theater pieces (such as *The Music Man* and *Hairspray*) pop, and jazz concerts are **not** acceptable. Opera is acceptable. A symphony concert usually is acceptable **unless** it is a “pops,” jazz, or folk music concert. Choose something you’d love to hear! In summary, here are the qualifications for concerts acceptable for review:

1. **Live**
2. **Classical** (art music, not jazz, pop, or folk)
3. **College-level performers or above**

Here are recommended concerts for the period ending **December 11, 2015**. Ticket prices vary. More information is available online in most cases. Highly recommended concerts are in **bold**. Note: grey color means information was unavailable at the beginning of school. If you see something you’d like to attend, check the Internet in a few days to see if more information is available. The below is information I found from each group’s web site; as a result, I have no control over changes that might occur in scheduling, time, or venue. For more information about any concert that looks interesting to you, please check [my blog](#): I have links to several of these groups there under “[Music Class Downloads](#).”

The List (in Chronological Order)

No.	Date	Time	Performer(s)	Place
1.	9/18/2015	7:30	ASU Faculty: bassoon	ASU Katzin
2.	9/18/2015	7:30	Phoenix Symphony	Symphony Hall
3.	9/19/2015	3:30	Arizona ProArte Orchestra	TCA
4.	9/19/2015	7:30	Phoenix Symphony	Symphony Hall
5.	9/20/2015	2:30	ASU Faculty: viola	ASU Katzin
6.	9/25/2015	7:30	ASU Guest Artists: soprano, lute	ASU Organ Hall
7.	9/26/2015	5:00	ASU Guest Artists: tuba quartet	ASU Katzin

No.	Date	Time	Performer(s)	Place
8.	10/2/2015		Phoenix Chorale Free Open Rehearsal¹	
9.	10/4/2015	2:30	ASU Faculty: clarinet	ASU Katzin
10.	10/9/2015	7:30	ASU Symphony	ASU Gammage
11.	10/9/2015	7:30	Phoenix Symphony	Symphony Hall
12.	10/10/2015	7:30	Phoenix Symphony	Symphony Hall
13.	10/10/2015	7:30	Sonoran Desert Chorale	First United Methodist Mesa
14.	10/11/2015	3:00	Sonoran Desert Chorale	La Casa de Cristo Lutheran
15.	10/15/2015	7:30	ASU Faculty: saxophone, piano	ASU Katzin
16.	10/16/2015		Phoenix Chorale Brahms Requiem²	
17.	10/16/2015	7:30	Arizona Opera	Symphony Hall
18.	10/17/2015		Phoenix Chorale Brahms Requiem³	
19.	10/17/2015	7:30	Arizona Opera	Symphony Hall
20.	10/18/2015		Phoenix Chorale Brahms Requiem⁴	
21.	10/18/2015	2:00	Arizona Opera	Symphony Hall
22.	10/18/2015	2:30	Organ	ASU Organ Hall
23.	10/18/2015	2:30	Tuba, Euphonium	ASU Recital Hall
24.	10/19/2015	7:30	ASU Chamber Orchestra, Singers	Central United Methodist
25.	10/20/2015	7:30	ASU Choral Union, Barrett Choir	TCA
26.	10/20/2015	7:30	ASU Guest Artists: Brass	ASU Katzin
27.	10/21/2015	7:30	ASU Choirs (Men, Women, Concert Choir)	TCA
28.	10/23/2015	7:30	Brentano String Quartet	ASU Katzin
29.	10/25/2015	2:30	Hayden's Ferry Chamber Music	TCA
30.	10/25/2015	5:00	ASU Faculty: oboe, piano	ASU Katzin
31.	10/26/2015	7:30	Tempe Symphony	TCA
32.	10/29/2015	7:30	ASU Chamber Strings	ASU Katzin
33.	11/3/2015	7:30	ASU Trombone Choir	ASU Katzin
34.	11/8/2015	2:00	Sonoran Chamber Music Society	ASU Katzin
35.	11/8/2015	2:30	Organ	ASU Organ Hall
36.	11/9/2015	7:30	ASU Violins	Scottsdale Center
37.	11/10/2015	4:00	ASU Concert of Soloists	ASU Katzin
38.	11/12/2015	7:30	Arizona Opera ⁵	Symphony Hall
39.	11/13/2015	7:30	Arizona Opera	Symphony Hall
40.	11/13/2015	7:30	ASU Guitar Series	ASU Katzin
41.	11/14/2015	5:00	ASU Viola Studio Recital	ASU Recital Hall
42.	11/14/2015	7:30	Arizona Opera	Symphony Hall
43.	11/15/2015	2:00	Arizona Opera	Symphony Hall
44.	11/16/2015	7:30	ASU Voice Studio Recital	ASU Organ Hall

¹ Performance time and venue not available at press time.

² Performance time and venue not available at press time.

³ Performance time and venue not available at press time.

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⁵ This is a special student night performance. Visit azopera.org/studentnight to reserve tickets for Student Night. Any parent who would like to organize a group purchase please contact Dr. Wolfe.

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45.	11/16/2015	7:30	ASU Woodwinds	Scottsdale Center
46.	11/18/2015	7:30	ASU Symphony	ASU Gammage
47.	11/19/2015	7:30	ASU Lyric Theatre ⁶	ASU Evelyn Smith
48.	11/20/2015	7:30	ASU Lyric Theatre ⁷	ASU Evelyn Smith
49.	11/20/2015	7:30	Phoenix Symphony	Symphony Hall
50.	11/21/2015	7:30	ASU Lyric Theatre ⁸	ASU Evelyn Smith
51.	11/21/2015	7:30	ASU Piano Ensembles	ASU Katzin
52.	11/21/2015	7:30	Phoenix Symphony	Symphony Hall
53.	11/22/2015	2:00	ASU Lyric Theatre ⁹	ASU Evelyn Smith
54.	11/22/2015	2:30	Hayden's Ferry Chamber Music	TCA
55.	11/23/2015	7:30	ASU String Ensemble	ASU Katzin
56.	11/25/2015	7:30	ASU Violin Studio Recital	ASU Katzin
57.	12/1/2015	7:30	ASU Wind Orchestra	ASU Katzin
58.	12/2/2015	5:00	ASU Baroque Ensemble Class Recital	ASU Organ Hall
59.	12/3/2015	5:00	ASU Herberger String Quartet	ASU Katzin
60.	12/4/2015		Phoenix Chorale Free Open Rehearsal	

More recitals and concerts may be added as the season progresses. Watch the blog for announcements of additional concerts suitable for review. The schedule changes, because it includes undergraduate and graduate students. Any concert not on the list above, *even if it is at ASU*, must receive prior teacher approval in order to be acceptable for review.

Admission prices: While some of the events are “ticketed” (i.e., have an admission price), some of them are free. Some of the free concerts still require you to obtain tickets. Check the performing organization’s [web site](#) for ticket information.

Transportation note: the neighborhood circulator “Jupiter” drops off right in front of Gammage auditorium and also right in front of the Music Building at ASU. If parking might be an issue, you might consider using the Jupiter to get to the event. Be sure to [check the schedule](#) .

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Concert Venues

Please check your usual mapping software for directions. Venues sometimes change at the last minute, so confirm with the group's web site that they are still planning to perform at the indicated venues.

- **American Lutheran Church**, 1830 W. Glenrosa Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85015
- **Arizona Community Church**, 9325 South Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85284
- **ASU Gammage**, on the campus of Arizona State University at the corner of Apache and Mill
- **ASU Katzin**, in the music building on the campus of Arizona State University, at 11th Street and Mill
- **ASU Organ Hall**, in the music building on the campus of Arizona State University, at 11th Street and Mill
- **ASU Recital Hall**, in the music building on the campus of Arizona State University, at 11th Street and Mill
- **ASU Evelyn Smith Music Theatre**, in the music building on the campus of Arizona State University, at 11th Street and Mill
- **Boyle Auditorium**, McClintock High School, 1830 E. Del Rio Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282
- **Camelback Bible Church**, 3900 E Stanford Dr, Paradise Valley
- **Central United Methodist Church**, 1875 North Central Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85004
- **Christ Church of the Ascension**, 4015 East Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253
- **First United Methodist Church**, 15 E 1st Ave, Mesa, AZ *Mesa*, AZ 85210
- **First United Methodist Church**, 5510 N. Central Avenue, *Phoenix*, AZ 85012
- **Friendship Village**, 2645 E Southern Ave, Tempe, AZ 85282
- **La Casa De Cristo Lutheran Church**, 6300 E. Bell Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85254
- **Lord of Life Lutheran Church**, 13726 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375
- **Mesa Arts Center**, One East Main Street, Mesa, Arizona 85201
- **MIM, Musical Instrument Museum**, 4725 East Mayo Boulevard, Phoenix, AZ 85050
- **Paradise Valley United Methodist**, 4455 E. Lincoln Dr., Paradise Valley 85253
- **Peoria Center for Performing Arts**, 8355 West Peoria Avenue, Peoria, Arizona 85345
- **Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts**, 7380 East Second Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251
- **Symphony Hall** (Phoenix Symphony Hall), 75 N. 2nd St. Phoenix, AZ 85004
- **TCA, Tempe Center for the Arts**, 700 W. Rio Salado Pkwy, Tempe
- **Trinity Episcopal Cathedral**, 100 W. Roosevelt St., Phoenix
- **Valley Presbyterian Church**, 6947 E. McDonald Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

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