

Grade 12 Composition Project

Due:

In this project you will choose one of the following assignments:

- A. An original composition including 2-3 parts at a minimum of 32 bars in length.(4/4 time)
- B. An arrangement of a piece for piano or one instrument into 4 separate parts at a minimum of 32 bars in length. (4/4 time)

Suggestions:

If you are doing your own composition, do your best to create the melody first and then add parts after. Remember that it is okay to use the same ideas and develop them further(slowing, rhythmic change, minor...)

If you are arranging, keep in mind the key signatures, write out the parts in concert pitch and then transpose if you have a mixed instrument group.

Both assignments should either be done in a good copy on manuscript paper or on a computer. If you have access to the internet at home you can download a free program called Finale Notepad at www.finalemusic.com. This program may take a little getting used to but is fairly easy to use.

Assignment Details:

Once you have selected your topic, you are to report to Mr. Bushell so that we don't have everyone doing the same thing.

This project will be done on your own time. Be careful to use your time wisely as I know how valuable it is to you. Try to do small pieces at a time.

Hopefully we will be able to perform your compositions either this year or next.

Marking Guidelines:

Interest/Overall impression - 20%

Content – 50% (melody, harmony, notation, selection, good copy)

Organization – 20% (form, layout of parts, length)

Performance – 10% (to be performed at the April Ensembles Concert)

I am excited to see what you will all come up with! Happy hunting!