UC Davis Music Majors: Now Hear This!

Want to find the weak spots in your jury piece? Trying out a new interpretation? There is a new opportunity for music majors to perform and to receive feedback in an informal setting. Twice a quarter, on the third Friday of the month, the music department will host a performance workshop, or salon.

Music Majors Performance Salon Workshop

These salons will give students the chance to perform for their teachers and peers, and to receive constructive feedback in preparation for more formal recital performances. Between five to seven music performance majors will play with a pianist provided by the department for their peers and teachers. Anyone is welcome to attend the salon.

Eligibility: Declared Music Majors currently taking lessons, and in the performance track will receive first priority. Second priority will go to all other declared music majors currently enrolled in lessons. Students who have previously performed in a salon series will be considered after other performance majors have had a turn.

Format: The salon will be held the third Friday of each month: 10/21, 11/18, 2/17, 3/10, 4/21, 5/19 (please note that 3/10 is the second Friday of the month). Each student will have up to ten minutes to perform with the pianist, followed by ten minutes of discussion and feedback. Students will also have a chance to incorporate feedback or try out new ideas. The salon performances are limited to duets for one instrument plus piano.

Sign-up: A paper sign-up sheet will be placed in the music department office three weeks prior to the salon. Students should visit the Music Department office to sign up in person.

Timeline: Sign-ups will open three weeks prior to each salon. Students on the music majors’ email list will receive an email when the sign-ups are open. (Please contact Barbara Olivier if you are not on the department email list). Students chosen for the performance should be ready to provide a PDF of their music to the pianist no less than two weeks prior to the performance.

Time/score limitations:

- Musical excerpts must not exceed ten minutes. If your movement or piece is longer than ten minutes, you will need to indicate exactly which excerpt you would like to perform.
- Performances are for solo instrument with piano. No larger ensembles, please.
- Your applied teacher needs to approve of your participation in the salon.

Since this is informal...

- There will be no publicity or listings on the department calendar and there will be no printed programs.
- The department will not record these sessions. We encourage students to bring their own recording devices for study purposes.

Cancellations and no-shows: If you cancel fewer than seven days before the salon, you compromise your eligibility for future salon participation. If you fail to attend after signing up, you will not be allowed to participate in future salon workshops.