

# Grade 7 Music

## Assignment: Concert Performance Review

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### Rationale

Observing the performances of high quality choirs is essential when learning how to perform choral music. Listening to characteristic sounds of soloists, ensembles, and different styles of repertoire will give you a better idea of the sound that you are trying to produce with your own voice and within our choir. Watching great musicians as they perform in public is equally valuable in discovering how to get the best out of your own performances.

### Description

To further this goal, you are asked to attend and review a choral concert performance throughout the school year. The performance should be of a higher caliber of musicianship than that normally achieved at a Grade 7 level - ie. a high school, university, or professional level choir. **The intention form is due Monday November 30 day 5. The written review is due by Friday May 27 day 4.**

### Some Possible Concert Options

- Any high school choir concert
- Manitoba Provincial Honour Choirs
- Winnipeg Singers
- University of Manitoba Choirs
- Canadian Mennonite University Choirs
- Camerata Nova
- Canzona
- Ecco Choir

Some concerts are free; others charge a student admission. Some are happening as early as November 30.

Here is some additional contact information which will help you choose a concert.

<http://www.manitobasings.org/calendar/index.html>

<http://www.cmu.ca/community.php?s=christmas>

204.474.9310 (Faculty of Music at University of Manitoba)

Please see me for approval if your performance choice is not from the above list.

## Assignment Details and Marking Rubric (20 marks)

The written review of the performance should be approximately one page in length (typed) and must include:

- the name of the ensemble (1 mark)
- the date, time, and place of the performance (1 mark)
- a description of the choir (e.g. how many and what type of voices) (1 mark)
- listing of repertoire performed (2 marks)
- description of positive musical aspects of the performance (4 marks)
- description of how the performers could improve (4 marks)
- something(s) that you have learned that you can apply to choir class or your singing (4 marks)
- and your rating out of five stars. (1 mark)
- Submit a written program or ticket with your review (if there was one) (2 marks)

## Questions / Individual Help

If you have questions about this assignment, or would appreciate individual help either in selecting a concert performance to review, or in how to review the performance, please see me or email me well in advance of the due date.

Mr. Bergman

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Concert Performance Review Intention Form

**This intention form is due by Monday November 30 in  
Mr. Bergman's inbox.**

Student Name (first and last)

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I will be going to hear this choir:

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Performance location: \_\_\_\_\_

Performance time: \_\_\_\_\_