

Honors Jury Checklist

Student's name _____

Teacher's Signature _____

All of our diplomas may be awarded with honors. A diploma with honors is an accolade reserved for those who have achieved the highest level of musical artistry and proved themselves to be fine scholars. Many of our diploma students are truly excellent performers, far above their peers both academically and musically. The honors diploma recognizes the very highest level of achievement within this already select group.

In an effort to help students and faculty plan for a possible honors jury, we have developed this checklist. If you check "no" to any of the first items, you should reconsider taking an honors jury. Please answer yes or no.

Preparation:

- ☐ Successfully perform a level 6 jury by the end of the 2nd semester of the student's junior year
- ☐ Fulfill the private studio lesson requirements for the diploma you seek
- ☐ Fulfill the Community Music School recital requirements for the diploma you seek
- ☐ Complete (or be enrolled in) all coursework and ensemble requirements for the diploma you seek
- ☐ Complete the keyboard skill requirement
 - If you are a pianist you must complete Keyboard Skills class
 - If you are a vocalist or instrumentalist, you must pass a keyboard proficiency exam or the diploma piano class
 - Note for the Preparatory Diploma, everyone must pass Keyboard Skills
- ☐ Receive a "B" or higher for grades for all academic courses taken for the Community Music School diploma
- ☐ Submit a 20-minute Honors Jury program to the department chair (see curriculum for honors Jury program guidelines) for department approval. Repertoire selected for both the Jury and the Recital must represent a balanced program and must include a memorized work of at least 5 minute duration. This should be submitted early enough in the senior year to allow for changes in the program per recommendation of the department.

Going forward to request a jury (for primary teacher):

- ☐ The junior year jury evaluation should support the student's candidacy.
- ☐ Student and teacher should be sure the student is deeply prepared and have the capability to perform an Honors Jury.
- ☐ You must recommend the student for Honors by submitting this completed form.

Going forward to receive a diploma with honors (for student):

- You must present the approved jury program of 20 minutes duration including at least 5 minutes from memory (ex. Movement of a work, a complete work or a freestanding composition).
- You must receive a "pass" from an interdepartmental faculty jury who will determine pass/fail of each Honors Jury.
- If a passing grade is received for the Honors Jury, the student must present a recital of at least 30 minutes near the end of the school year. (Music from the Honors Jury may be included in the Recital.)
- You must successfully complete all coursework.