

Final Project: Short Composition

Due the last week of class, Dec 3-6.

Let's do a project for the end of the semester. It will be a very short composition that you write down in notation and perform for the class.

It doesn't need to be some great masterpiece - my goal is for you to produce about 15 seconds of music. (That could be eight measures of 4/4 at medium tempo. Remember that good music often repeats ideas, so you can get a lot of mileage out of that!)

Key

Please use a key other than C major or A minor.

Instrumentation

It can be a single melodic line that you play on piano, or something more elaborate than that. (Piano two hands, a melody or riff for guitar, something to sing (maybe even with words) a duet with two parts, many things are possible. If you use guitar, though, please make it something with written out notes, not just chords.)

Presentation Days

Let's plan to present our compositions during the last week of class, Dec 3-6. If you need help in performing it I will happily play a part. Make copies of your notation so your classmates can see it, too.

Grading

I didn't include this in the syllabus, so let's steal some percentage of the total grade from the final. I'll make this 8% and the final will be 12%. If your notation is mostly correct and the performance is reasonably successful it will be a check plus (100 points), and if there are significant problems we will probably do a check (92).

Drafts

Of course I will be happy to look at rough drafts before the final week, or help you strategize to develop your ideas. Don't be afraid to ask.

