

Midterm Project: Short Composition

Due Friday, Oct 10

Let's do a fun project for midterms. 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 Day

Let's plan to present our compositions on Friday, Oct 10. If you need help in performing it I will happily play a part. We'll need to make copies of your notation so your classmates can see it, too.

Grading

This is in the syllabus as 5% of your total grade. If your notation is correct and the performance matches what you wrote I will go with a 100, and if there are problems I will do less than that. I'm not really grading on the quality of the composition, but I tend to like everything you guys make and will say so in the feedback. :)

Drafts

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

