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**for**

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**and**

**CONCENTRATIONS**

**Division of Keyboard Studies**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### FACULTY

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Office hours and teaching schedule for each instructor will be posted on the departmental bulletin board located between Rooms 235-236. Office hours can also be obtained from the receptionist in the Music Office (565-2791).

## **AUDITIONS**

### **ENTRANCE AUDITIONS:**

Audition days for the College of Music are announced in the early fall. If a prospective student cannot audition on one of these scheduled days, arrangements can be made through Dr. Eschbach for an alternate date.

**Sightreading** is examined at all auditions.

**Repertoire List:** Please provide a comprehensive repertoire list of works studied during high school years and during any university degrees completed.

**Undergraduate Major Audition:** At least two major works in contrasting styles from different historical periods – approximately 30 minutes.

**Undergraduate Concentration Audition:** Approximately ten- fifteen minutes to show the faculty some progress or potential on the instrument.

**Masters Audition:** Thirty (30) minutes; repertoire should be in contrasting tempos and from different historical periods. A major work of Bach (Prelude and Fugue, Trio Sonata) is expected. (Please see Appendix B for more specific information.)

**Doctoral Audition:** Thirty (30) minutes; this audition is considered the equivalent of a Masters recital with the appropriate repertoire expected.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS:**

The entrance audition for new students will be considered an audition for scholarship if performed before the scholarship application deadline. If playing the entrance audition before the scholarship deadline is not possible, you may submit a tape for the scholarship audition. Applications received after the deadline may be considered as scholarship money is available.

### **SERVICE AWARDS:**

There are two Service Awards each year similar to work/study awards. While the pay is minimum wage, working hours are usually flexible. The jobs are organ technician and studio scheduling.

Students who currently hold Scholarships and Service Awards will be asked to re-audition in the Spring semester. One major work is required.

All students wishing to apply for new or renewal awards **MUST SUBMIT** the required forms online prior to the application deadline.

### **GRADUATE TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS:**

Information on application procedures and deadlines for Graduate Teaching Fellowship Awards are available from the Office of Graduate Studies in Music. **Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.**

## **PROGRAMS OF STUDY: ORGAN**

Semester-by-semester outlines of courses for undergraduate organ majors and concentrations may be obtained from the Undergraduate Advisor in CH 211, and are found in the University Catalog. By the end of the Bachelor's degree in organ performance, it is expected that the student will have completed at least the following repertoire, in addition to beginning and intermediate repertory studied during the first two years:

J. S. Bach

Six Orgelbüchlein chorales

Two major preludes and fugues

One trio sonata

Two large chorale preludes (Leipzig, Clavierübung)

One North German Praeludium

Movements from a suite, mass or hymn by a French composer before 1750.

One chorale of César Franck

Two French symphonic movements (one fast, one slow)

One major work of Max Reger, Felix Mendelssohn, or other German 19<sup>th</sup> century composer.

Two 20<sup>th</sup> century compositions; one to be atonal or "advanced" tonality

These repertoire requirements are also expected of incoming Masters students, and must be met before graduate credit toward the Masters degree will be given.

Outlines of degree programs for MM and DMA students are to be found in the University Graduate Catalogue. These will be discussed in detail during the graduate orientation sessions.

### **On the Job Training: CHURCH POSITION REQUIREMENT All MUAC or MUAM 3502, 5502, 6502, all sections**

This course is structured to provide students in applied music the practical experience necessary to prepare for a professional career in church music performance and teaching as well as secular performance and teaching. In addition to the "in school" course requirements (repertoire and studio class), it is required that organ students acquire a church or teaching position of 10/20 hours per week as part of their training as soon as the appropriate skill level is attained. For most students, this standard will be reached by the beginning of the junior year. Exceptions will be considered on an individual basis and must be approved by the organ faculty.

The practical work experience must continue throughout the student's entire degree plan at the University of North Texas, including semesters when the student is registered for dissertation credit.

## STUDY AND PRACTICE

**Lessons** must be scheduled with your teacher during orientation week. Major and Concentration applied lessons are fifty (50) minutes in length.

**Missed lessons:** Lessons missed by the student, for whatever reason, are made up at the discretion of the professor. In general, if the student must miss a lesson, he/she must notify the professor by 8:30 a.m. by Email. If two lessons are missed without notification, the student will receive a "Notice of Unsatisfactory Progress" report. If an additional lesson is missed without notification, the student will be dropped.

**Lesson grades:** Most applied lessons are graded each week, and the average grade calculated at the end of the semester counts 20% of the final course grade. The weekly grade is assigned on the basis of quantity of music presented, quality of the playing, and progress during the course of the week.

## CONCERT, TEACHING, AND PRACTICE INSTRUMENTS

### Concert Organs and Teaching Organs

Organ Recital Hall-**Rieger**: 2 manuals, 11 stops; mechanical action.

Main Auditorium-**Möller**: 3 manuals, 62 stops, 60 ranks; electro-pneumatic action.

Main Auditorium - **Bedient**: 4 manuals, 40 stops; mechanical action

Winspear Hall -**Wolff**: 3 manuals, 60 stops; mechanical action.

The Richard Ardoin-Paul Voertman Concert Organ located in Winspear Hall became available late winter 2008. Organ students will access the instrument daily (M-F) 7am—12 pm.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** We ask your cooperation in maintaining the pedalboards by ALWAYS wiping your shoes on the carpet swatch by the organ. Additionally, please avoid putting keys and other metal objects on the consoles or key desks as they scratch the finish.

**PLEASE: NEVER STAND ON THE PEDALBOARDS**

### Practice Organs

Room 335- **Fisk**: 7 stops; mechanical action.

Room 337- **Hofmann**: 9 stops with 16' reed; mechanical action; Restored in 2013

Room 340- **Hofmann**: 9 stop tracker with 16' Pommer in the pedal; mechanical action;  
Restored in 2012

The power switch for the two Hofmanns is found in the closet in Room 337.

Room 349- **Fientrop**: 2 stops; mechanical action – Blower activates with light switch in the room.

**KEYS:** A single key opens the Organ Recital Hall and the organ practice rooms in the Music Building. Additional keys open the Main Auditorium door and the two organs. Keys will be issued during registration.

Your practice room/253 key is strictly for your personal use. It can only be used to open secured areas for your work. You are not authorized to open for other individuals or groups. These instances must be approved directly from Dr. Eschbach. Registered organ students found in violation of this policy will forfeit organ keys for the duration of the term with no refund.

**REPAIR REQUESTS:** Envelopes with repair forms are provided near each organ. Write a clear description of each problem you find and return the completed form to the envelope in "vertical position." Please sign the form and date it! The problems will be corrected as soon as possible.

Please do not attempt repairs!

Under no circumstances should any student ever attempt to repair an organ on the campus of the University of North Texas. No student should ever enter the inside of any instrument on campus. Only the technician, the service award student responsible for organ servicing, and Dr. Eschbach have authorization to enter University organs. Students entering an instrument without authorization from Dr. Eschbach may become a criminal matter and referred to the University police.

**CONTINUING STUDENTS:**

University of North Texas performance majors, normally enrolled in a UNT degree program, who are temporarily not registered in any given semester, may practice on a university instrument when one is vacant. However, currently enrolled students have priority.

**PRACTICE:**

Sign-up for organ practice rooms will take place during orientation on the first Tuesday of each semester.

The organ practice rooms are assigned for the semester.

Organ practice in the Main Auditorium and the Organ Recital Hall will be scheduled weekly. You may sign up for three (3) hours per week on each of the teaching instruments. On Wednesday at noon, if there is more time available, you may sign up for three (3) additional hours. Students preparing recitals are entitled to four additional hours per week (for a total of ten (10) hours) on the recital instrument for the four weeks prior to the recital. If an instrument is free, you may practice on it.

Students finding unreserved time on studio instruments may reserve it on the day of the opening itself. This unanticipated additional time is not counted towards the student's weekly limit.

You are expected to use the time you reserve. If your plans change, please remove your name from the schedule.

**PRACTICE ROOM RULES:**

General instructions for use of practice rooms will be found in the College of Music Student Handbook. Please observe these additional courtesies:

1. Students have 10 minutes at the beginning of each hour to claim their assigned practice rooms. At the end of the 10-minute period, the room will be assumed to be vacant and any student may use the room for the duration of the hour.
2. Smoking, eating, or drinking is prohibited in the practice rooms.
3. Please keep instrument surface and bench clear of any items, objects, especially keys, except music on the music rack!
4. Shoes, music and other items have been known to disappear from practice rooms. **Do not leave personal materials on the Bedient organ platform.**
5. **LOCK YOURSELF IN**, especially in the evening. Also, be sure all doors are locked when you leave. You must always – regardless of the time of day or night – latch and lock the stage door as well as all back doors from Hickory Street of the Main Auditorium. Failure to do so can compromise your security as well as that of the building. You may be asked by the police or faculty to relinquish Auditorium keys if doors are left unlocked.

If you are the last to leave, PLEASE TURN OFF the lights and the BLOWER!

**EXCEPTIONS TO SCHEDULED TIME:** There may be occasions when reserved practice time must be preempted for make-up lessons or emergencies. The faculty will make every effort to notify the student whose time is taken, but some last-minute changes may be necessary.

## **RECITALS**

**Solo/ Degree Recitals:** Individual recitals will be scheduled by the student in consultation with his advising professor, according to the policy outlined in the Music Student Handbook. Degree recitals are performed ONLY during the fall, spring, and first summer term.

In order to maximize University instruments and to allow sufficient time for students and faculty preparing programs in Winspear, the following recital schedule will be in effect:

Junior Recital: Main Auditorium

Senior Recital: Winspear Hall (Recital Hearing Required)

First Masters Recital: Main Auditorium

Masters Recital: Winspear Hall (Recital Hearing Required)

One Dissertation Recital: Main Auditorium

Two Dissertation Recitals: Winspear Hall

**Memory Requirements for Degree Recitals:** Performance majors at the undergraduate and Masters level are required to play one major work from memory on the degree recital. Church Music track students are exempt. Doctoral students are required to play a major work from memory (minimum 14') on their recitals by the College of Music Graduate Performance Committee.



**Recital Attendance:** Majors and concentrations are required to attend all departmental and solo recitals in their area of study which are given on campus. Deficiencies in recital attendance will lower your semester grade. See the Keyboard Division Handbook attendance policies.

## **JURY EXAMINATIONS**

At the end of each semester of applied study, all students must perform before a faculty jury. The student may be excused from the jury examination if a full length recital has been played during the semester.

The faculty can disqualify a performance major from further MUAM enrollment on the basis of poor jury performance.

**Organ jury dates always occur on Thursdays (253) and Fridays (MA) of jury week. Please do not ask for alternate jury appointments.**

### **Jury Requirements**

1. Majors: two or three pieces of contrasting styles not to exceed 20 minutes. Concentrations play for 15 minutes.
2. All undergraduate, masters, and doctoral degree performance majors are required to play one composition from memory at the jury examination or successfully in recital during the semester. Church Music track students are exempt from this requirement.
3. Each student will be asked to sight read a brief passage of music at the jury.
4. All upper division organ majors are required to select and prepare by themselves one work in addition to the lesson repertoire at the fall jury.
5. For the spring jury, all organ performance majors will prepare one hymn to be performed at the beginning of the jury.

Each faculty member will give a grade based on the jury performance. The semester grade will be determined by the individual instructor based on a published syllabus stating how Final course grades are calculated. Normally, a jury grade counts 50% of the semester grade.

### **JURY REQUIREMENTS IN EFFECT FOR POSTPONED RECITALS**

Because repertory is never repeated from jury to jury, a student anticipating a degree recital in a given semester, and then postponing the recital to a later semester, must perform at the end-of-semester jury. Therefore, a previously memorized work, prepared for a recital and already heard in a previous jury, may not be replayed on a future jury. In the event of a postponed recital for any reason, the student must present another memorized work not credited in previous juries.

## **UNDERGRADUATE UPPER DIVISIONAL EXAMINATION: PERFORMANCE MAJOR**

The upper-divisional performance examination is automatically given at the conclusion of the fourth semester of MUAM study.

### **College of Music Regulations:**

This examination must be administered at the end of the fourth semester of major study. It cannot be postponed.

If the candidate passes all segments of this examination, he/she progresses to MUAM 3502 study.

If the candidate fails this first attempt, only one additional attempt is administered, and this second attempt must be passed.

The second attempt may be scheduled after either one or two semesters of additional MUAM 1502 study.

A second failure automatically disqualifies a student from further applied MUAM study. A change of major is required.

### **Organ Area Regulations:**

One complete Trio Sonata by J.S. Bach is required on ALL upper-divisional examinations.

Incomplete sonatas (just one or two movements) automatically result in a failed attempt.

A second work from either the nineteenth or twentieth centuries is required in order to produce 20 minutes of repertory.

As with all MUAM organ juries, at least one work must be memorized.

In addition to the performance jury, an AGO service playing exam is also required:

A. Performance of a prepared hymn consisting of introduction and two verses.

Registration, phrasing, timing between stanzas, tempo, and touch are to be carefully prepared.

B. Prepared transposition of two additional hymns. Candidates will prepare two hymns for transposition to a key one whole step above and below and one half step above and below the original key. The jury will choose among these options.

C. Prepared Anthem Accompaniment.

D. Sight-reading.

Both the repertory and service playing components must be administered together. A student may not play the repertory exam separate from the service playing exam.

On the first attempt of the upper divisional examination, the jury may award credit for specific segments of the service playing examination even if the repertory examination is failed.

The accepted items will not be retested on the second attempt.

## **UNDERGRADUATE UPPER DIVISIONAL EXAMINATION: CONCENTRATION**

**See regulations pertaining to performance majors above. At the concentration level, a student is not required to perform a trio sonata, nor is memorized performance mandatory.**

## AREA COURSES

**Church Music Courses:** Although UNT does not offer a major in Church Music, it does offer a curriculum track for the Bachelor of Music in organ performance. One track emphasizes church music skills; the other emphasizes performance.

**Service Playing:** (MUAG 4910/5910) is taught by the organ faculty as a one semester class, treating various service-playing skills: hymn playing, anthem and solo accompaniment, keyboard harmony, improvisation, etc.

**Prerequisite: Sophomore Theory. Completion of MUAG 4910 with a grade of B or better satisfies the Piano Proficiency requirement. Masters degree students must demonstrate proficiency or enroll in the course.**

**Seminar in Church Music:** (MUAG 4740 MUSM 5284,5285,5286,5287). An exhaustive curriculum in Sacred Music is now offered at the University of North Texas. Please visit the organ website for complete course descriptions: [www.music.unt.edu/organ](http://www.music.unt.edu/organ)

**Related Field:** Church Music may now be elected as a related field at either the MM or DMA level.

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

**Bulletin Board:** All information posted on the area bulletin board located between rooms 235 and 236 is considered OFFICIAL NOTICE, and you will be responsible for that information. Make it a habit to check the bulletin board daily.

**Music Stores:** It is expected that students will invest in scores for their permanent library. For immediate and temporary use only, scores can be checked out of the Music Library. However, you will not be allowed to use a library score for the semester. Organ scores can be purchased in Denton at Pender's or by mail through several companies. You might consider Vester's in Nashville, the Princeton University Store in New Jersey, or Pepper's Music in Fort Worth. Some stores give discounts. Your major professor can further advise you.

**IT IS ILLEGAL TO XEROX MUSIC FOR ANY PURPOSE UNLESS THERE IS AN EMERGENCY, AND THE MUSIC IS ON ORDER! XEROX COPIES FOR LESSONS OR JURIES ARE ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN.**

**Church Positions:** The organ faculty makes every effort to inform all students about choral and organ vacancies in area churches. The faculty also advises them about the suitability of certain positions according to their particular needs and abilities.

**Notices of available positions will be posted on the bulletin boards. Removal of a posted notice of an available position by any student is considered unprofessional. Students should also consult the websites for the Dallas and Fort Worth chapters of the AGO.**

**The American Guild of Organists:** All students are urged to join the Dallas or Fort Worth Chapters of the American Guild of Organists.

**Workshops:** Occasionally the UNT Organ Department hosts workshops on various aspects of the professional, most often on topics in church music. Nationally recognized leaders are brought to campus to present masterclasses, workshops, and lectures. Guests include Gillian Weir, Francis Jackson, Marie-Madeleine Duruflé, Marilyn Keiser, John Ferguson, and Marie-Claire Alain, James David Christie, and Jean Guillou. Organ majors and concentrations are required to attend ALL events.

## APPENDIX A

### CHECKLIST OF SEMESTER REQUIREMENTS

FALL    SPRING

|       |       |   |         |
|-------|-------|---|---------|
| _____ | _____ | 1. Performance in Studio Classes  | (p. 13) |
| _____ | _____ | 2. Lesson Attendance  | (p. 8)  |
| _____ | _____ | 3. Studio Class Attendance  | (p. 13) |
| _____ | _____ | 4. Attendance at Degree Recitals/Events<br>(Workshops, Master classes, etc.) sponsored<br>by the Organ/ Harpsichord Area. | (p.14)  |
| _____ | _____ | 5. Jury: Semester Repertoire Requirements   | (p. 15) |
| _____ | _____ | 6. Jury/ Recital: Memorization requirement  | (p. 15) |
| _____ | _____ | 7. Jury: Self-prepared piece/hymn requirement   | (p. 15) |
| _____ | _____ | 8. Jury: Sight reading requirements   | (p. 15) |

## APPENDIX B

### RECITAL CHECKLIST

1. Clear the date with your professor and schedule it with the Concert Office, Room 242. Enter the date on the Events Calendar on the area Bulletin Board. If you desire to play your program in the Main Auditorium, you must also reserve the date with Patricia Mercado (940/565-3804).
2. Complete a Solo Recital Request Form obtained from your major professor. You must submit this form at least one month before your hearing, i.e., six weeks before your recital date.
3. For Senior and Master's Recitals, schedule a hearing two weeks in advance of the proposed recital. The purpose of the hearing is to determine whether the student is prepared to play the degree recital. If the faculty considers the student unprepared, the recital will be postponed. The student may be requested to repeat the hearing.
4. Make arrangements for the printing of programs and for the recording of the recital (required for DMA's, optional for others) at least two weeks in advance through the Concert Office.

Organ students preparing recitals are entitled to four (4) additional hours of practice time per week (for a total of six hours) on the recital instrument for the four weeks prior to the recital.

**NB:** Degree recitals may not be performed during semester breaks, including the "Maymester."

If you postpone or cancel a recital, immediately notify the offices mentioned in item 1 above.

## APPENDIX C

### CHECKLIST OF LAST-MINUTE PREPARATIONS FOR ORGAN DEGREE RECITALS

Spot tuning of Reeds: 48 hours before your recital, make a list of problem reed notes.  
Make arrangements with the Organ Service Award tuner to tune problem notes.

The Organ Service Award Technician will be available during your intermission if anything strays too far.

#### Recital Preparation (General).

- a. Pick up your programs from the MU241.
- b. Ask a friend to distribute programs at the door of hall 15 minutes before you play, or supply a music stand with programs available on it.

#### Recital Day Preparation (Main Auditorium)

- a. Close doors from auditorium to “back stage.”
- b. Be sure both valance and curtain are completely open.
- c. Remove console cover. Replace after Recital!
- d. If you are playing over a weekend (Friday, Saturday, or Sunday), call University Police at 3000 and ask that the building be opened at least one-half hour before your program.
- e. Quiet house 30' before recital. No frantic warm-up practice, please.

**BE SURE TO REVIEW ALL POLICIES PERTAINING TO RECITALS IN THE HANDBOOK**

## **APPENDIX D**

### **MUAM CONTINUING ENROLLMENT POLICIES**

**The faculty can disqualify a performance major from further MUAM enrollments on the basis of poor jury performance.**

**The following policy is in effect for all degree programs in organ performance, but will more than likely affect MM students as well:**

**All students are required to remain enrolled in MUAM credit for at least two hours each semester until repertoire requirements and recital requirements have been completely fulfilled. Please consult the catalogue for your particular degree expectations as well as supplemental pages on repertoire requirements to verify that you are in compliance with the university and area requirements.**

**Please bear in mind that catalogue listings of required hours on the performance instrument reflect the absolute minimum for graduation. The majority of students will need additional hours of study, especially at the MM level, to satisfy requirements.**



## APPENDIX E

### REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS FOR ORGAN MAJORS STUDYING SECONDARY PIANO

1. Over the course of four semesters, study shall show proficiency in all major and minor scales, played in unison, up and down four octaves; and all major and minor arpeggios, played in unison, up and down four octaves. It is suggested that three keys be concentrated on each semester. One of these three keys will be heard at the semester jury.
2. Each of the four semesters will concentrate heavily on technical studies. Approximately half of each lesson shall be devoted to these studies, which may be chosen at the discretion of the teacher depending on the level of ability of the student. Recommendations include the Czerny Eight-Measure Studies for students with great technical deficiencies or tension problems, and continue with the assorted Czerny and Clementi Studies in Velocity, Virtuosity, etc. If the student is quite advanced technically, work can begin on the Chopin Etudes. At the jury, a number of studies should be presented.
3. Given the heavy emphasis on technical work, only one other category of repertoire will be included in the semester's work and the jury. At the discretion of the teacher, this may be either a work of Bach, a movement of a classical sonata, or a three- page work performed by memory.
4. Teaching Fellows who are assigned organ majors as secondary students are urged to consult closely with the student's professor and the piano coordinator and to feel free to ask questions of either at any time.