

Instrumental Music Performance - Individual Instrumental Playing Test

Teacher Name: **Melanie Stiehl**

Student Name: _____

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Pitch	Virtually no errors. Pitch is very accurate.	An occasional isolated error, but most of the time pitch is accurate and secure.	Some accurate pitches, but there are frequent and/or repeated errors.	Very few accurate or secure pitches.
Rhythm	The beat is secure and the rhythms are accurate for the style of music being played.	The beat is secure and the rhythms are mostly accurate. There are a few duration errors, but these do not detract from the overall performance.	The beat is somewhat erratic. Some rhythms are accurate. Frequent or repeated duration errors. Rhythm problems occasionally detract from the overall performance.	The beat is usually erratic and rhythms are seldom accurate detracting significantly from the overall performance.
Tone Quality	Tone is consistently focused, clear, and centered throughout the range of the instrument. Tone has professional quality.	Tone is focused, clear and centered through the normal playing range of the instrument. Extremes in range sometimes cause tone to be less controlled. Tone quality typically does not detract from the performance.	Tone is often focused, clear and centered, but sometimes the tone is uncontrolled in the normal playing range. Extremes in range are usually uncontrolled. Occasionally the tone quality detracts from overall performance.	The tone is often not focused, clear or centered regardless of the range being played, significantly detracting from the overall performance.
Articulation	Secure attacks. Markings (staccato, legato, slur, accents, etc.) are executed accurately as directed by the score and/or the conductor.	Attacks are usually secure, though there might be an isolated error. Markings are executed accurately as directed by the score and/or the conductor.	Attacks are rarely secure, but markings are often executed accurately as directed by the score and/or the conductor.	Few secure attacks. Markings are typically not executed accurately.
Practice	Student's performance indicates regular and sustained practice outside of class, with great attention to areas of difficulty.	Student's performance indicates regular practice outside of class with some attention to areas of difficulty.	Student's performance indicates some practice outside of class, but with little attention to areas of difficulty.	Student's performance indicates there is very little practice outside of class.