

REQUIRED OUTSIDE RECITAL ATTENDANCE & CRITIQUES

Outside Recitals and Performances

At Kinder HSPVA, art area students attend off-campus performances to enrich their arts education. 9th-11th grade vocal students are required to attend SIX outside performances during the school year, three **per semester**. Each semester students will attend TWO performances that are primarily solo and ONE choral concert.

Due dates:

- End of cycle 2: ONE solo critique
- End of cycle 3: ONE solo critique & ONE choral critique
- End of cycle 5: ONE solo critique
- End of cycle 6: ONE solo critique & ONE choral critique

SOLO Concert/Recital/Show Requirements:

- Performances must be at the **university, community** (church, Houston Masterworks, etc.), or **professional** level. High school level performances are **not allowed**.
- Solo singing must be the **largest** component of the performance.
- ONE of the four performances may be musical theatre. All others must be CLASSICAL. We **highly** encourage that vocal students attend at least one opera performance per semester.
- Students will type a one-page critique on each performance. The rubric for the critique is on the cover sheet. This critique is a **MAJOR** grade in Vocal Production classes.

Many students attend operas and student recitals at local universities: Moores (UH), Shepherd (Rice), and HBU. They also purchase season tickets to Houston Grand Opera, Opera in the Heights (including the free Wednesday night dress rehearsals), and so forth.

CHORAL Concert Requirements:

- ALL grade levels, 9-12 will complete this assignment!
- Concerts may be at the **HIGH SCHOOL** level or above
- Examples: Bellaire HS, UH Concert Chorale; HBU choruses, Houston Symphony Chorus, Houston Chamber Choir, Cantare, Bach Society
- Students will type a one-page critique on each performance. The rubric for the critique is on the cover sheet. This critique is a **MAJOR** grade in CONCERT SINGERS OR CHORALE.

Exclusions:

- you may not use one concert to fulfill both a solo and the choral requirement
- UIL
- Any concert where we compete **unless** YOU are not in the performing group (for instance, Madrigal Festival)
- A non-classical church performance, such as Praise Band, Gospel Choir, etc.

Recital Board

The vocal faculty, as well as students, posts flyers of many area performances that students may attend. This is by no means a complete listing. It is the responsibility of the student to search the newspaper, internet, etc. to find appropriate recitals, shows, and concerts.

Because of our place in the Houston arts community, Kinder HSPVA students are afforded the opportunity to receive free and reduced-price tickets to performances throughout the year. Students should check the Recital Board outside the choir room on a regular basis for information on concerts, recitals, and free and reduced price tickets.