

STUDENT COMPOSER AGREEMENT

SCORE: Student Composer Opportunities with Resident Ensembles

Challey School of Music
North Dakota State University

This agreement outlines the expectations and responsibilities of student composers participating in SCORE (Student Composer Opportunities with Resident Ensembles).

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

SCORE is a residency initiative designed to embed student composers within NDSU performance ensembles to create and premiere new works written specifically for those groups. The program emphasizes collaboration, rehearsal engagement, and experiential learning through the development and public performance of new music.

PARTICIPATING STUDENT

Student Composer: _____

Assigned Ensemble: _____

Academic Year: _____

EXPECTATIONS OF THE STUDENT COMPOSER

The student composer agrees to:

- Develop and complete a new composition for the assigned ensemble during the residency period
- Maintain regular communication with the ensemble director and SCORE coordinator
- Attend rehearsals relevant to the development and preparation of the work
- Demonstrate professionalism in communication, scheduling, and collaboration
- Incorporate performer and director feedback where appropriate
- Submit drafts, scores, and parts according to mutually agreed-upon timelines
- Deliver performance-ready materials sufficiently in advance of rehearsals and performance dates
- Participate in program-related workshops, discussions, or masterclasses when applicable
- Attend the premiere performance of the work unless excused by the SCORE coordinator

COMPOSITION PARAMETERS

The instrumentation, duration, difficulty level, and performance requirements of the work will be collaboratively determined between the student composer and ensemble director.

CREATIVE OWNERSHIP

The student composer retains all copyright and intellectual property rights to the composition created through SCORE.

The Challey School of Music and SCORE may reference, document, record, and promote the work and its performance for educational, archival, and promotional purposes.

COMPENSATION

Student composers selected for SCORE will receive compensation through program funding according to university procedures and timelines.

GOOD FAITH PARTICIPATION

SCORE is intended to foster experimentation, collaboration, and artistic growth. Participants are expected to engage in the process in good faith and maintain open communication throughout the residency.

NON-BINDING UNDERSTANDING

This agreement is intended as a statement of shared expectations and educational collaboration. It is not intended to create a legally binding contractual relationship.

SIGNATURES

Student Composer

Kyle Vanderburg

SCORE Coordinator

Date: _____

Date: _____