

Piano Proficiency Exam Requirements
WINTER/SPRING 2023

Required Skills and Repertoire:

1. Technique:
 - a. Four-octave hands together major and minor (natural, harmonic and melodic) scales
 - b. Four-octave hands together major and minor arpeggios
2. Cadences in randomly selected keys:
 - a. Major/minor:
 - i. $I \rightarrow V^7/IV \rightarrow IV^{6/4} \rightarrow II \rightarrow V^7/V \rightarrow V^{6/4} \rightarrow III \rightarrow V7/vi - vi^{6/4} - V7 - I$
 - ii. $i \rightarrow V^7/iv \rightarrow iv^{6/4} \rightarrow II \rightarrow V^7/V \rightarrow V^{6/4} \rightarrow III \rightarrow V7/vi - vi^{6/4} \rightarrow V7 - i$
3. Repertoire:
 - a. For MUS 154A students:
 - i. One repertoire selected from eNovation 14 to 17
 - ii. Or, any equivalent repertoire pre-approved by the piano faculty
 - b. For incoming students:
 - i. One repertoire selection representative of the student's piano proficiency
4. Lead Sheet / Harmonization:

* Students will be asked to transpose both lead sheets in randomly selected major keys.

 - a. Star Spangled Banner
 - b. We Wish You a Merry Christmas
5. Score Reading / Hymn / Chorale:
 - a. Chorale Op. 68, No 4 by Robert Schumann
6. Sight Reading and Transposition
 - a. Students will be given a short piece to sight read and transpose to a randomly selected key.

The Star-Spangled Banner

Lyrics by

Francis Scott Key

Music by

John Stafford Smith

B \flat Gm D Gm C F B \flat

O__ say, can you see by the dawn's ear-ly light what so proud-ly we

F B \flat B \flat B \flat

hailed at the twi-light's last gleam-ing? Whose broad stripes and bright

Gm D Gm C F B \flat F

stars thro' the per-il-ous flight o'er the ram-parts we watched were so

B \flat B \flat B \flat B \flat F 7

gal-lant-ly stream-ing? And the rock-ets' red glare, the bombs burst-ing in

F 7 B \flat F B \flat C F

air, gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there. O

B \flat E \flat G 7 Cm F

say, does that star-span-gled ban-ner yet wave o'er the

B \flat B \flat Gm B \flat F 7 B \flat

land of the free and the home of the brave?

Harmonization/Lead Sheet: Sequence

"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

Worksheet 1: Modified Waltz Bass (Voicing 1)

This modified waltz accompaniment allows your left hand to move to the next chord position on the third beat of each measure. The indicated fingerings will allow for more efficient hand movements.

English Carol

Spirited

Chords: G, C, A7, D, B7, Em, Am/C, D, G, G, Bm, Em, A7/C#, D, G, Bm, Am/C, D, G.

Lyrics: We wish you a Mer-ry Christ-mas, We wish you a Mer-ry Christ-mas, We wish you a Mer-ry Christ-mas and a Hap-py New Year. Good tid-ings to you, where e-ver you are. Good Tid-ings for Christ-mas and a Hap-py New Year.

Chorale, Op. 68, No. 4

Robert Schumann

Very legato $\text{♩} = 54$

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