

## Preparing printed programs

UCI Dept of Music

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Students giving degree recitals, or junior and senior evening recitals prepare their own programs, following uniform guidelines, which are submitted to the concert manager for editing and revision. Generally programs are 8.5 x 5.5 inches. The standards below are largely adapted from *Writing about Music: A Style Sheet from the editors of 19th-Century Music*, ed. D. Kern Holoman (University of California Press, 1988), with the alteration or addition of UCI-specific information.

### 6. The Printed Program

#### CONCERTS AND RECITALS

**6.1** The front cover or heading of the concert or recital program should list the presenter, the performing group, and the solo artists.

University of California, Irvine  
Claire Trevor School of the Arts  
Department of Music

**UCD Early Music Ensemble**  
David Nutter, director  
with  
Jeffrey Thomas, tenor

UCI does not include the names of financial underwriters on the front cover.

**6.2** The foot of the program should give the time, date, and venue of the performance. Make certain to include the year, as this information is required by the tax authorities; without the inclusion of the year, moreover, the concert program is virtually worthless as a historical document.

Sunday, 26 October 1986  
Church of St. Martin, Episcopal  
Hawthorn Lane, Davis  
8:00 p.m.

*Note:* Recitals that begin at noon should give the time as “noon,” not “12 p.m.”

**6.3** The standard listing of a work in a concert program gives a formal title with key and index identifier, the composer's full name, and the composer's dates. Movements follow, indented. If all movements of a work are performed in order, movements do not need to be numbered; otherwise number the movements being performed according to their original positions. Foreign words may be italicized. Composers' dates may appear on the line below the name. For a living composer, give only the year of birth: (b. 1992).

Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major, BWV 1068	Johann Sebastian Bach
<i>Overture</i>	(1685-1750)
<i>Air</i>	
<i>Gavotte I - Gavotte II</i>	
<i>Bourrée</i>	
<i>Gigue</i>	

Four Dance-Episodes from <i>Rodeo</i>	Aaron Copland (1900-1999)
Buckaroo Holiday	
Corral Nocturne	
Saturday Night Waltz	
Hoe Down	

**6.4** For a movement identified by both a title and a tempo indication, use a colon after the title.

Example II. *Marcia funebre*: Adagio assai

**6.5** For a movement embracing a major change of tempo, as in a movement with a slow introduction and a succeeding Allegro, separate the two with a semicolon or a dash.

*Allegro non troppo e molto maestoso; Allegro con spirito* or

*Allegro non troppo e molto maestoso — Allegro con spirito*

**6.6** It is, however, cumbersome to list a multitude of tempo changes. [...]

**6.7** It is appropriate to translate movement titles that might not otherwise be understood, particularly ***if they are not translated elsewhere in the program.***

Concerto for Orchestra	Béla Bartók
<i>Introduzione</i>	(1881-1945)
<i>Gioco delle Coppie</i> ("Game of Pairs")	
<i>Elegia</i>	
<i>Intermezzo interrotto</i> ("Interrupted Intermezzo")	
<i>Finale</i>	

**6.8** For first performances, it is customary to give the date of composition and indicate 'First performance', 'West Coast premiere', etc.

**OTHER**

**UCI 1.** If more than one work by the same composer is on the program, give the full name and dates only the first time; subsequent pieces should normally be marked by the composer's last name only.

**UCI 2.** For works that are arrangements of other works, give the name of the original composer in the right hand column. Give the name of the arranger either under the title or under the name of the original composer, whatever saves space.

Partita in D Minor for keyboard, BWV 976 arr. for marimba by T. J. Maxx	J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
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Sonata in D Minor for violin, BWV 956 III. Gavotte VI. Gigue	J. S. Bach (1685-1750) arr. by T. J. Maxx
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Concerto in B Minor, op. 76 for flute and orchestra, arr. B. Rocher	Hector Cabanilles (b. 1947)
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Carolyn Tzu, piano

**UCI 3. JAZZ programs.** Note that three different models are possible for UCI recitals in jazz, depending on whether the program consists of sets by different composers or by one student composer only. All include statements of compositional goals from jazz majors. You may obtain templates for these through the Dept. Concert Manager.

**OPERA and ORATORIO**

Excerpts from operas and oratorios should be listed by the text that is first sung, whether a recitative or aria. In the case of both, give the first line of recitative followed by the opening words of the aria. Identify the source opera in italics. Act and scene numbers may be given with the translation.

Example, aria alone	Asile héréditaire from <i>Guillaume Tell</i>
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Preceded by its recit.	Guillaume est dans les fers - Asile héréditaire from <i>Guillaume Tell</i>
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Names of performers are usually followed by the names of the instruments, rather than “-ist” formations: “Kevin Kostner, horn” not “Kevin Kostner, hornist.”

#### PROGRAM NOTES

**6.16** Program notes should not read as reference entries, although they should include the circumstances of composition and first performance of the work, its scoring if not obvious, and, if useful, brief information on its publication. Otherwise, your notes may take the opportunity to guide your listeners toward your interpretation of the work. Avoid facts and anecdotes that are irrelevant to the work on the program and avoid analytical terminology. For arias, give the dramatic circumstances in which the aria is sung. Musical examples in program notes are uncommon. Try to suggest to the audience two or three particular things to listen for, in an attempt to engage their ears. Program notes can effectively be quite brief.

If your program has a theme or is in other ways integrated, notes do not need to follow the format of unrelated sets of notes for separate pieces. You can write an essay on the program as a whole.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Department of Music prefers that degree programs and formal recitals appear as professional as possible, therefore personal thanks are not permitted on printed programs.

Acknowledgments may be made indirectly in a very short biographical statement, for example.

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