

# **Preucil School of Music Velay Certificate Program**

## **Introduction**

The Certificate Program challenges each student to read, write, and hear the language of music with a high level of literacy. This tuition-free program for high school students includes intensive study in theory and musicianship, keyboard, and chamber music in addition to regular lessons and orchestra membership. Students successfully completing the two-year course receive certificates at graduation which are recognized by leading music schools. Participation in the program is encouraged for students planning a musical career as well as those who want a more in-depth understanding of music.

## **Eligibility and Cost**

Students in grades 9-11 who have completed the Intermediate Level on their primary instrument and have been recommended by their teacher may apply. The two-year course has a maximum enrollment of 24 students. Beginning the program as a freshman or sophomore is recommended.

Tuition is covered by a grant, a gift from Alexandra Velay, a former adult student of Doris Preucil. Students pay a registration fee of \$100 each year of the program and purchase their own materials.

Students who wish to register for single courses within the Certificate Program are assessed the regular tuition costs.

## **Required Courses for the Two-Year Program**

- 1) Private Instrumental Lessons \*
- 2) Preucil School String Orchestra or Piano Dept. Events \*
- 3) Literature and Materials of Music (26 weeks per year)
- 4) Piano Class for non-pianists (26 weeks per year)
- 5) Chamber Music (14-weeks in second semester)
- 6) Performance of a solo/partner senior recital or senior essay before graduation.

**\*Tuition not included in grant**

## **Necessary Student Commitment**

Students are recipients of a substantial scholarship. Good intent to finish the two-year program to the best of their ability is expected.

- 1) **Regular class attendance**  
Attendance and assignments are carefully monitored. More than four absences in any class each year results in being dropped from the program. Two times late equals one absence. Assignments must be completed for missed classes. Concert attendance and other activities may be assigned at the discretion of the instructor.

- 2) **Preparation**  
Homework of up to 2 hours and daily practice for Piano Class is expected to be completed each week. Students may remain in the program with a minimum grade of 75%, but an 88% average is required to receive a Certificate at graduation.
- 3) **Instrumental Practice**  
Students should challenge themselves to practice 10 hours per week. This amount of practice should make it possible to fill the repertoire requirements for the Certificate.

### Evaluation

A progress report will be emailed each December and May.

### Presentation of Certificates

Certificates will be presented at Senior Graduation according to the following levels of accomplishment:

- 1) **Certificate of Participation in Musical Studies.**
  - a) Completion of courses with minimum grades of 88%
  - b) Performance on a partner recital or submission of a 750-1000-word essay on an assigned subject
- 2) **Certificate of Excellence in Musicianship.**
  - a) See 1a above
  - b) Completion of Advanced Level instrumental requirements before graduation of senior year
  - c) Performance on a solo or partner recital
- 3) **Certificate of Excellence with Performance Honors**
  - a) See 1a above
  - b) Completion of pre-professional instrumental requirements before graduation. Playing must show refinement of tone, intonation, technique, and communicate sensitivity and expression
  - c) Performance of a solo recital before graduation
  - d) Submission of a 750-1000-word essay on an assigned subject.

Students may request a certificate of completion to be included in any college application portfolio.

### How to Apply for the Certificate Program

- 1) Application forms are available at the office or on the PSM website.
- 2) Write a 200-word essay expressing your interest in the program and the importance of music in your life.
- 3) Submit application, essay, and \$100 annual registration fee no later than fall registration. Fee is non-refundable.
- 4) Classes are held on Thursday late afternoons - evenings and begin in September.