

Woodrow Wilson Middle School

Choir and General Music

Mr. Mack

Concert Review Guidelines

As part of the written assignment portion of this class, you are required to attend one concert per semester. The concert must include classical or jazz music only; no rock concerts or rap performances are acceptable for this assignment.^[1] After you attend this concert, you will write a two-page double-spaced review of the concert. The review is **DUE ON December 15, 2009**.

Your review must contain the following:

1. Name
2. Period Number
3. Date on which you finished your review
4. A title for your review centered under your heading
5. The date of the concert
6. The location of the concert
7. The name of the choir and its conductor
8. The titles of at least three of the pieces of music on the program.
9. Which pieces (at least two) you liked the best and why
10. Which pieces (at least two) you liked the least and why
11. Would you go to another concert by this choir? Why or why not?

When attending a concert, you must be on your best behavior. Do not talk, chew gum, text, or snore during the concert. Clap only when you notice that most of the audience is clapping and don't be the last person to stop clapping.

On the back is a short example of a review (keep in mind that yours should be double-spaced).

John Johnson

Period 2

November 14, 2008

An Amazing Concert at Crescenta Valley High School

On November 12, 1008, I attended Crescenta Valley High School's Fall Choir Concert conducted by Tammi Alderman. I was amazed by how good all of the different choirs were. They had excellent diction and I could understand every word they sang (even if I didn't know the language). Their intonation was perfect with every single note perfectly in tune. Their ensemble was also excellent and you could never hear one singer who wasn't blending.

Of all the pieces on the program, the three I like the best were "Sleep" by Eric Whitacre, "Babylon" by Darius Milhaud, and "Sway" arranged by Kirby Shaw. I thought the harmonies for "Sleep" were thrilling and the piece gave me chills when it got really loud. "Babylon" was very exciting and energetic and made me feel enthusiastic. I liked the jazzy rhythms in "Sway" and thought that the choir sang it with lots of great style.

I did not like the pieces "For the Beauty of the Earth" by John Rutter and "Fancie" by Benjamin Britten. I thought that the first piece was corny and too sugary sounding. It wasn't very interesting and sounded like a lot of music I've already heard. "Fancie" had harmonies and melodies that were a little too strange for my ears and the melodies didn't seem to make very much sense.

Altogether, I thought this was a great concert and I will certainly plan to go many more concerts by the Crescenta Valley High School Choirs in the future. Their music choices were awesome and their performances were even better.

[1] If you are interested in extra credit, attend another concert and write me another review. This concert can be whatever style of music you would like.

