Updated Information on the Entrance Exam for Musica Practica 1

For a number of reasons, we are rescheduling the Musica Practica Entrance Exam for THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, at 9:00 AM, a full week before the date we had originally announced. We are doing this so that students can register for the course sooner and begin acquiring the required materials. **If you would like to take the music theory exam on August 20, you will first need to check with Jared Jellison at admissions@music.wisc.edu.**

We will not be giving the Entrance Exam on Orientation Day, August 27, as previously scheduled. August 20 is four or five days before most of you will be arriving on campus, so you will be taking the exam remotely. Prof. Brian Hyer will email everyone a pdf of the exam at 9:00 *am* that morning. You will need to (**1**) print out a copy of the pdf and then (**2**) take the test; *since the test is being given remotely, we are dropping the listening section*. Once you have completed the exam you will then need to (**3**) scan both pages of the exam using either a conventional scanner or a cell phone and (**4**) return it in the form of an email attachment to **bhyer@wisc.edu**. Before sending it to Prof. Hyer, please (**5**) RETITLE the pdf in the form of LASTNAME EXAM.

Because the exam asks you to respond using musical notation, you will need to print out the pdf and complete the exam on *paper*. Not everyone has a printer, so this will be an inconvenience for some, for which we apologize. If you don't have easy access to a printer, we strongly recommend that you locate one several days in advance of the exam. *Don't wait until the morning of August 20 to figure out how you're going to print out the exam*. Perhaps a friend or neighbor has a laser printer. In Madison you can print out pdfs at Office Depot or a FedEx store — places like that.

Once you have finished the exam, SCAN BOTH PAGES and email the pdf to Prof. Brian Hyer as an attachment. Do *not* simply snap a photo of the exam using your cell phone and call it good; *we are asking you to* SCAN *it instead*. Jpgs of documents come out black on dark gray and are sometimes nearly illegible. You may be able to scan the exam using your printer, which is fine, but you can also scan the exam using your cell phone. To do that you will need to install an app, ADOBE SCAN, which is easy to use and available for free from the App Store. Please download Adobe Scan several days ahead of time and figure out how to use it so that you'll know exactly what to do when the time comes: *musicians never like leaving anything to chance*.

To make a scan of the exam, lay each page flat and scan it from a position directly overhead, centering the image within the frame. It helps if the light source comes from one side instead of above, but it doesn't have to be perfect. Combine both scans into a single pdf; Adobe Scan should be set to do that automatically. One you have finished assembling the pdf, you should be able to send it directly to Prof. Hyer at **bhyer@wisc.edu** from within Adobe Scan. It would be a good idea to practice this ahead of time, too: scan something, save it as a pdf, then email it to yourself so you'll know that you've got it figured out. Prof. Hyer will confirm receipt of each pdf by email.

Some of you will complete the exam in as little as 20 or 30 minutes; others will take longer. Please return the exam to Prof. Hyer no later than NOON that same day; three hours should be more than enough time to solve any logistical or technical problems that might arise. If you encounter any unforeseen difficulties, email Prof. Hyer.

We very much appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions, or anticipate any unusual problems, email Prof. Hyer **bhyer@wisc.edu** for assistance.