

LITERATURE OF ARTISTIC MERIT CHECKLIST

I. Technical characteristics

- The piece contains varying elements of music theory
Key and Tonal Center _____
Meter _____
Harmonic Palette/Chord Function _____
- The piece has musicological importance
Historical Background _____
Form _____
Style _____
Innovative _____
- The piece contains appropriate demands on musicianship
For the entire ensemble _____
For individual sections _____
For the soloist(s) _____
- The piece contains multiple elements of craftsmanship
Is it structured with a logical form? _____
Does the piece include development? _____
Melodic development _____
Rhythmic development _____
Harmonic development _____
Is the orchestration appropriate? _____
Does the orchestration contain variety? _____
Is there melodic content in a variety of instrument sections? _____
Is the piece unpredictable? _____

II. Artistic characteristics

- The piece contains opportunities for musical judgment
For the players? _____
For the conductor? _____
- The piece intends to be evocative _____
Is it programmatic or impressionistic? _____
Is it derivative or does it relate to another art form? _____
Is it abstract? _____
- The piece intends to be sincere _____
What was the intent? _____
What is the piece trying to be? _____