

## Performance Observation Assignment

For this assignment, you will need to attend a classical music performance and write a 2-page observation on the music you hear. Include the following information:

- Date, time and place of the performance
- Who performed
- Titles of the pieces performed
- Attach the program and/or ticket stub, if available

Use the following questions to guide your observation:

- Discuss the musical characteristics of each piece played: what did you notice about the melodies, harmonies, textures, rhythms, meters, tempo, dynamics, etc.?
- What instruments and/or voices were used in the performance? Which were featured most prominently?
- Who wrote the music being performed? Include a few biographical details if you can; concert programs will sometimes contain this information.
- What was your emotional reaction to the music? Why do you think you reacted this way?
- What was the most memorable part of the performance? Why? Were there parts of the performance that were better or worse than others? Why?
- How were you better able to appreciate this concert as a result of what you've learned in class?

Please write your observation within two days of attending the performance, while it is still fresh in your mind. Turn it in at the next class meeting after that. **The last day of classes, Monday, May 4, 2015, will be the last day to turn in the assignment.**

Paper Specifications:

### Include at Top of Evaluation

Your Name  
Professor Kernohan  
Music 101  
Date

### Other Specifications

Double-Spaced  
12-Point Arial or Times New Roman  
1-inch Margins  
Minimum of 4 paragraphs