



Music Teachers' Association of California
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
OPTIONAL IMPROVISATION: GUIDELINES FOR ALL INSTRUMENTS

Students may perform an optional Improvisation at their CM Evaluation.

- Improvisation is an optional performance element. Any improvisation may be played during the performance portion of the evaluation.
- Improvisation is not rated by the evaluator.
- Improvisation is limited to 5 – 60 seconds in length, as listed in the CM Syllabus according to the CM level.
- Improvisation is done in addition to and not in place of the other required elements of the CM evaluation (technique, sight-reading, and repertoire). Students must prepare the entire technical requirements as indicated for their level. All elements (including improvisation) need to be performed within the appropriate evaluation length of each level.
- Improvisation may be from any resource and is independent of a student's registered CM level.
- Below is an update for the Evaluation Report Forms. This will enable us to “track” the number of Improvisations our students are doing each year.

Teacher input

Will the student improvise?

Yes No

Evaluator Input

Optional Improvisation Performed: YES NO