

North American Carillon School

Performance Diploma Examination Recital

Policy and Guidelines

Purpose: The Performance Diploma Examination Recital is an opportunity for the NACS student to demonstrate his/her mastery of the required repertoire in the context of a professionally prepared and performed concert format.

Recital Requirements

In order for a student to be eligible to perform the NACS Performance Diploma recital he/she must have completed the following courses with satisfaction:

1. Campanology
2. Marketing and Promotion of the Carillon
3. Arranging for Carillon

The program of the examination recital shall:

- Be determined by the candidate's instructor, the NACS director and one other NACS instructor.
- Consist of compositions and/or arrangements selected from NACS repertory lists.
- Consist of at least one composition or arrangement from each of the required categories of Baroque, Romantic, and Contemporary respectively
- Be at least 30 minutes in duration

Progress checks

To ensure the student's success and maximize the pedagogical value of the year leading up to the examination recital, three progress checks (reviews) are available through the year. Video (CD) recordings (provided by the candidate's instructor) of the candidate performing a selection the examination recital program shall be submitted to the NACS director and one additional NACS instructor (other than the candidate's instructor) on the following dates:

- Start of the academic year
- Winter (December)
- Spring (March/April)

When all reviewers find one of the progress reviews satisfactory, no follow up reviews will be necessary. A candidate could qualify at the start of the academic year for taking the exam and would not need to submit any additional recording. The Winter and Spring progress checks are for those candidates who do not meet the reviewers' approval at an earlier check.

Date of the Examination Recital

The examination date will be early June and will be determined in the month of August of the preceding year.

Examination Location

- Springfield, IL, Headquarters of the NACS.

Alternate Examination Location

- The examination recital can also be taken at a carillon and date of choice (set and determined by his/her NACS instructor and the NACS director).

In that case the candidate is responsible for covering the following additional costs:

- Transportation and per diem for the NACS Director (or his representative)
- Transportation and per diem for other jurors needed
- All other fees incurred to make the exam possible. For example use and access of the instrument; listening location for jurors, etc.

NACS Examination Recital Jury

The NACS examination recital jury will consist of at least 3 qualified and NACS approved jurors.

The NACS examination recital jury will be selected and made available by the NACS in case the examination takes place at the annual examination date in June in Springfield, IL. Fees for the jurors will be covered by the NACS

In case the exam will take place at another location or at another date during the year, the NACS examination recital jury will consist of the Director of the NACS (or his representative), the candidate's NACS instructor and at least one more qualified and NACS-approved carillonist. All cost incurred by the jurors (transportation, lodging and per diem) will be the responsibility of the candidate.