

Class Voice Syllabus

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MW 10:00-10:50, CAB 1080

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GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Course Objectives:

- To work on the basic skills of singing, including vocal technique (in speech and singing) and solo vocal performance.
- To work on self-improvement by developing greater self-awareness, confidence, and expressivity.
- To become a more educated and appreciative classical music audience member.

B. Course Materials (UNCW Bookstore):

- Required Text/Song Anthology: *Adventures In Singing* by Clifton Ware Fourth Edition.
- 2 CD's to make recording of *AIS* Song Accompaniments.
- Pianist fee: \$6 (\$3 for midterm and final) paid at performance times.

C. Expectations and Requirements:

- Regular, prompt attendance and preparation.
- Enthusiastic participation in class discussion and activities.
- Three graded solo performances during the 15-week term. One song will be chosen by the instructor from the *AIS* song anthology, two will be chosen by the student from the *AIS* song anthology. All songs are to be performed from memory.
- Maintenance of a notebook or file for class notes, handouts, performance critiques, weekly study sheets, and optional vocal study log/journal.
- Two written critiques of solo vocal events approved by instructor.
- Completion of two brief exams (mid-term and final) covering the readings (and accompanying study sheets), topics discussed in class, and a listening portion based on classical singers presented in class.

D. Typical Class Format:

1. Discussion of lesson topic
2. Physical/vocal exercises
3. Singing group and solo songs
4. Solo singing-constructive comments and coaching

E. Evaluation of Student Effort & Accomplishment:

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| 1. Attendance, preparation, and participation | 30% |
| 2. Song performance (studied and memorized) | 30% |
| 3. Two written exams (mid-term and final) | 20% |
| 4. Attendance to 2 Classical Vocal Concerts, and discussion. | 20% |

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