

## CUNY Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music

### Music Composition Applicants Portfolio Guidelines

Applicants to the Bachelor of Music Composition and the Master of Music Composition programs are asked to submit a portfolio of from three to five pieces showing the range of music created by the composer. Portfolios displaying a variety of types of works are preferred: from solo, to ensemble, to electronic, to works with media.

Music that can be notated (conventionally or non-conventionally) should be submitted in Adobe PDF format as a publication ready document. A recording of the piece may also be provided in mp3 format for audio only or mp4 format for audio with video. No audio of MIDI playback (such as Sibelius or Finale playback) should be sent **unless** the MIDI playback represents the final version of the piece.

Works for which notation is not relevant or impossible to provide (such as with some works employing electronics or improvisation) need to include a recording of the piece and a description of the work as well as any instructions that might be provided to a performer (if appropriate).

A document outlining the contents of the portfolio needs to be included (either in MS Word or PDF format). It should include the following information:

Applicant's Name:

Applicant's Email:

Applicant's Phone:

Program of Interest (B. Mus. or M. Mus.):

Intended Semester (Fall, Spring) and Year of Entry:

Portfolio Contents (include the filenames associated with each piece):

Statement of Purpose (optional):

All of the files associated with the portfolio are to be compressed into one ZIP format file and uploaded to the Internet dropbox at the following location (there is a size limitation of 50 Mb.):

<https://www.hightail.com/u/compport>

The deadline to receive portfolios for Spring 2015 admission is November 1, 2014. The priority deadline for applicants for the Fall of 2015 is February 15, 2015. A late portfolio review for Fall of 2015 may take place in May. The deadline for such a review would be April 15, 2015.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** the portfolio review only allows a person to major in music composition if accepted by Brooklyn College. Applicants **must** complete the appropriate application to Brooklyn College in addition to submitting a composition portfolio. Application information may be found here:

<http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/admissions.php>