Achievement Standard

Subject Reference  Music Studies 2.7
Title  Demonstrate understanding of two substantial and contrasting music works
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Achievement Criteria

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Explanatory Notes


2  Demonstrate understanding of two substantial and contrasting music works involves a comparison of the contexts in which the works were composed or performed, and the use of musical elements and features of the works.

Demonstrate in-depth understanding of two substantial and contrasting music works involves a detailed comparison of contexts in which the works were composed or performed, and the use of musical elements and features of the works.
Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of two substantial and contrasting music works involves a perceptive comparison of contexts in which the works were composed or performed, and the use of musical elements and features of the works.

3 Substantial refers to the music being of some significance and/or complexity. Several short works by the same composer(s) may be combined to represent a substantial work (e.g., an album of short songs). Study of a representative section of an extended work is appropriate (e.g., one movement of a symphony).

4 Contexts may include:
- historical, social and/or cultural contexts in which the work was composed and/or performed, e.g., medieval, renaissance, baroque, classical, romantic, twentieth or twenty-first century ‘art’ music, traditional forms of Māori music, music of other cultures, popular, rock, jazz, music theatre, music for film
- composer(s) and/or performer(s) associated with the work
- purpose and/or function (e.g., commissioned works, film music, whakapapa (genealogical narrative)).

5 Musical elements and features may include:
- elements (e.g., harmony, timbre, texture, form)
- compositional devices (e.g., motif, riff, inversion, fragmentation, diminution)
- performance practices (e.g., articulation, swung quavers, improvisation)
- sound production technologies (e.g., reverb, panning, sound properties of acoustic instruments/taonga pūoro and electric/digital instruments)
- notation/transmission conventions (e.g., graphic score, figured bass, jazz/rock chord symbols, oral narrative).

6 Traditional and contemporary forms of Māori music may be used for assessment against this standard.

7 Reference to the score of at least one of the music works is required.

8 Assessment Specifications for this achievement standard can be accessed through the Music page found at http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/ncea-subject-resources/.

Replacement Information
This achievement standard replaced AS90270 and unit standard 10661.
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1 Providers and Industry Training Organisations must have been granted consent to assess by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against achievement standards.

2 Organisations with consent to assess and Industry Training Organisations assessing against achievement standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those achievement standards.

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference 0233