GRINNELL COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC
POLICY FOR GRANTING USE OF DEPARTMENT REHEARSAL SPACE TO INDEPENDENT STUDENT ENSEMBLES

The Department of Music is inclined toward allowing a limited number of student-organized ensembles that are independent of official Department ensembles to make limited use of its facilities for rehearsal needs.

The Department will be more inclined to approve requests from groups whose membership include students who are active in the Department's official ensembles and whose repertoires are deemed not to be in direct conflict with those of its ensemble organizations.

If granted permission to schedule rehearsal times in Department spaces, it is understood that:

1) overly aggressive styles of piano playing that could damage Department pianos will not be allowed, and pianos may not be moved from the space in which they are housed;
2) if any faculty or staff lodges a complaint to the group in regard to excessive volume of sound (e.g., due to amplification) that imposes on their office or rehearsal space, the group will adjust accordingly;
3) any Department equipment/furniture (e.g., chairs, stands and tables) housed in the rehearsal space or borrowed from another space will be returned to its original place at the end of the rehearsal;
4) no food or drinks shall be placed on pianos or other musical instruments or cases; any food/beverage containers brought into the space will be properly disposed of when leaving.
5) should damages to department equipment occur as a result of a group's members not adhering to the above stipulations, group members will cover the cost of repairing or replacing the damaged equipment.

Failure to adhere to any of the above stipulations will terminate the group's privileges.

Each independent ensemble will need to find a full-time music faculty to serve as their sponsor. A group's sponsor will bring before the Music Department faculty a request from the group for department recognition. If the group is approved by the Department, requests for rehearsal arrangements must be channeled through the faculty sponsor, who will then submit them through established scheduling protocol. The Department reserves the right to override any reservations if and when a curricular need arises for a given room.

Department recognition of an independent group does not entail any further financial or staff support--no funding for purchase of music; no photocopying privileges in BCA office; no BCA office staff assistance; no support for public performances.

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INDEPENDENT STUDENT ENSEMBLES
AGREEMENT AND FACULTY SPONSOR FORM

Term of this agreement: One Semester

Semester/Year:

Group name or description:

Faculty Sponsor:

We the members of ____________________ have read the Grinnell College Department of Music Policy for Granting Use of Department Rehearsal Space to Independent Student Ensembles and agree to adhere to it. (All ensemble members must sign below.)

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I agree to serve as the faculty sponsor of _________________________.

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signature                        date

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