

Improvisation Rubric for ACJazz

Scored this way for the winds:

Melody (3pts)

- (Note: tasteful and idiomatic alterations of melody are always acceptable)
- 3 - Demonstrates clear melodic and rhythmic grasp of melody with appropriate style.
- 2 - Melody is recognizable, but perhaps is played in poor style or lacking in fundamental accuracy.
- 1 - Almost or completely lacking in fundamental melodic, rhythmic, or tempo accuracy. Indicates student is not prepared.
- 0 - Student did not perform.

Improv – Rhythmic Content (3pts)

- 3 - Interesting and stylistically appropriate rhythmic ideas that are in time or tastefully out of time.
- 2 - Simple rhythms, more or less in time.
- 1 - Rambling, out of time with no purpose.
- 0 - Student did not perform.

Improv – Melodic and Harmonic Content (3pts)

- 3 - Definite sense of phrasing, pretty good understanding of harmonic language that follows the chord structure or tastefully moves outside at times, perhaps use of melodic transformations (sequences) and patterns.
- 2 - Some sense of phrasing, perhaps identifiable "licks", general understanding of harmonic language.
- 1 - Rambling melodic ideas, no sense of phrasing or organization, general lack of harmonic understanding.
- 0 - Student did not perform.