

# NDSU School of Music

## Instrumental Accompanying Policies Spring 2025

The Challey School of Music has graduate pianists that can be engaged to provide instrumental accompaniment as well as community pianists who also offer that service. The following procedures and rates apply to instrumental accompanying:

-Your studio instructor will coordinate with Dr. Wottrich about your accompanying needs. Please be responsive and proactive in communicating with your studio instructor about your accompanying needs.

**-All accompanying needs are paid for by the instrumental student** according to NDSU's accompanying fees (see fee schedule below). Students who are assigned a graduate assistant pay their fee to the NDSU School of Music. Students who are assigned to work with community pianists will pay those individuals directly.

**Responsibilities of the Applied Music Student:** Handling the collaborative relationship in a professional manner. Prompt, consistent communication of lesson times, rehearsal schedules, and performance dates. Understand NDSU's accompanying fee policies and make full fee payment by the due date of March 7, 2025. If the student is playing with an outside accompanist, it is the responsibility of the student to contact the accompanist and schedule rehearsals.

**-Pianists will not play music provided less than 1 week before a lesson or studio class.**

**-Pianists will not play for studio classes, recordings, or other events with less than 1 week's notice.**

**-If you cancel a lesson or rehearsal with less than 24 hours notice, the pianist will not make up the time.**

**-If you do not pay your accompaniment fee by the due date of March 7, 2025, your pianist will not work with you further until you pay your fee.**

**Responsibilities of the Accompanist:** Handling the collaborative relationship in a professional manner. Prompt, consistent communication about lesson times, rehearsal schedules and performance dates. Prepare well and consistently for collaborative engagements and keep track of the amount of hours used in rehearsals, lessons, etc.

## NDSU Challey School of Music Instrumental Accompanying Fees

**4-hour Jury Package: \$120.** Includes 4 hours of time with the pianist for rehearsals, lessons, studio and convocation appearances, and the jury itself.

**6-hour Jury Package: \$175.** Includes 6 hours of time with the pianist for rehearsals, lessons, studio and convocation appearances, and the jury itself.

**Half Recitals: \$250.** Includes 10 hours of time with the pianist for rehearsals, lessons, studio and convocation appearances, hearings, and the recital itself.

**Full Recitals: \$300.** Includes 12 hours of time with the pianist for rehearsals, lessons, studio and convocation appearances, hearings, and the recital itself.

**Additional accompanying beyond the above packages will be billed at \$25/hr.**

**Please take advantage of the [NDSU Storefront webpage](#) to pay your charges online via credit card. Be sure to mark your name in the "paying on behalf of" box and ensure you're paying the correct amount.**

Please sign and return this form to Dr. Wottrich to signify that you understand and accept all of the above terms. You must sign the form before any accompaniment services will be provided by the School of Music.

I have read the above policy and agree: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_