Conducting Recital Portfolio

M. Mus. and D. Mus. students in conducting have the option to create a video portfolio for their first recital.

Video Portfolio:

Students must prepare a video portfolio presenting their conducting in performance for the required recital duration. Video footage must show the front of the conductor and have been recorded during the current academic year and be under the supervision of the student’s teacher. In addition, 30 minutes of rehearsal must be included in the portfolio.

The duration of the video portfolio must follow the conducting recital guidelines:

- M. Mus. 1: 30-35 minutes (MUPG 600)
- D. Mus. 1: 40-45 minutes (MUPG 760)

Evaluation of the Video Portfolio:

The portfolio is reviewed electronically by the panel. The evaluation of the video portfolio should focus on the conducting technique, the quality of the gestural communication, and the overall leadership of the student. The level of the ensembles varies from one recital to the other; therefore, the level of the ensemble is not to be evaluated – the jury is asked to only evaluate the work of the conductor and its effect on the ensemble. The overall presentation of the portfolio should also be evaluated, i.e. what would be your perception of the student if this video was used for an application for a job, internship or masterclass.

Students must submit a Graduate Exam Application Form from the following website: https://www.mcgill.ca/music/student-resources/grads-postdocs/forms.

Program notes are required and should be submitted at the same time as the video.