Abstract

Music is a powerful way to communicate that which words cannot adequately describe. The goal of my project is to musically convey how I have developed in several aspects of my life including mentally and emotionally throughout my years here at Ball State and how music has played a role in carrying me through these developmental times. The pieces I have chosen reflect aspects of my personal experiences in musical phrases and provide an outlet to express what I have learned. I have included *Oboe Sonata in D Major* Op. 166 mvmt. II. By Camille Saint-Saens, *Solo Pour Hautbois* by Emile Paladilhe, and *Oboe Concerto* I. Rondo Pastorale by Ralph Vaughan Williams in my program and hope that others will be inspired to find some way to assess their own views on life and their own self-expression. Music is a powerful method of communication and provides a dialogue that cannot be expressed any other way.

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