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From the ACA President



We have reached the one-year mark of the covid pandemic, and I think all of us have experienced profound changes in our work and our lives. During this time, I have been heartened by the resiliency and imagination that I have seen in performers, composers, and supporters of our art. This has been a brightness in a dark time.

Like other important organizations, the American Composers Alliance has continued to be a support for our music and our work as composers. The catalog continues to grow, and new composers have joined as members. The ability of ACA to preserve scores and documents has been strengthened through a

formal relationship with the University of Maryland, and the ACA Custodial Program continues to guarantee a legacy for our work. Sales of physical scores and downloaded files of our music are strong, and these have been bolstered by new and imaginative ways of presenting our music for sale.

I have always believed that my work as President of the ACA Board of Directors has included a responsibility to hear, imagine, and forward new actions and initiatives that will keep ACA agile. The need to adjust to ever changing professional realities is constant. In this category has been the "Shelter Recordings" project, designed to be a performance venue in a time when there have not been concerts. Outside of the usual business of ACA, it has provided an important short-term boost to making music while observing the social distancing required.

To ACA composers, and to all those who follow and support our work, I send my best wishes for a productive and satisfying year of composing and music making.

David Liptak

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ACA Update Keeping in Step

Notes from Executive Director **GINA GENOVA** *with Nicoletta LaMarca Sacco*

ore than ever, new music has been essential to my well-being this past year. The organization I manage, ACA (American Composers Alliance), continues to grow and build momentum in connecting American contemporary music with ever new audiences and artists world-wide. Thank you for your interest in our first ACA Bulletin Newsletter of the year, and of the millennium.^[i]

The closing of concerts worldwide last March sent music communities into a state of shock and anguish. There was a period of confusion about postponing-concerts, conferences, and other projects that required contact and travel — what to put on hold, and how much to just cancel outright. Everyone went through this, in addition to other more pressing personal

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difficulties. We were planning and canceling performances simultaneously. For institutional sheet music orders and orchestra rentals, we experienced "Please rush the shipment of the set of parts," and then "Don't ship because there isn't anyone to receive the package," and still later, "Ok, we're back open," and also, "Please send it to the conductor's home," so forth. It was a lot of turmoil for everyone, everywhere. But there was a persistence and a need for music.

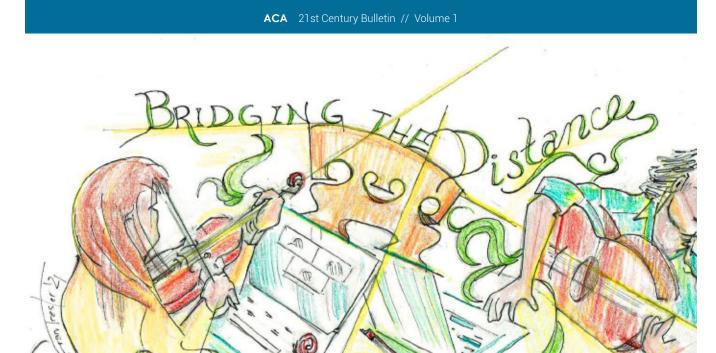
Gathering thoughts and reorganizing, artists and music ensembles began various projects to keep active. They tried to rehearse together

THE DEMAND FOR SOLO AND SMALLER WORKS SEEMED UNAFFECTED BY WORLD AFFAIRS

on teleconferencing apps, posted home-made recordings and live streams on YouTube, and anything else that could simulate part of what had been lost. ACA was fortunate to be able to continue its work on behalf of composers with continuing support received from BMI, donors, friends of ACA, and welcome contributions from our own community helping to engrave, edit and proofread materials. Regular customers who buy sheet music from ACA have remained active through the pandemic and many new customers have discovered our catalog online at <u>composers.com</u>. It was 'all hands on deck' over this past tumultuous year.

Still, the requests for smaller works solos, duos, art songs, continued and increased. I joked with the owner of our printing company (Black Ribbon) that ACA was "too small to fail" as we all feared for the future. The demand for solo and smaller works seemed unaffected by world affairs.

[[]i] The well-documented ACA Bulletin Magazine was regularly and widely published from 1952 to 1965 (and on a more limited basis in the 1990s)



I marveled that ACA could be considered "essential." We rely heavily on many others for the continuance of activities at ACA, with archive stewardship, scanning, website maintenance, ftp and "cloud" storage, printing, delivery, and rights management. We had commissioned an upgrade to the structure of our online catalog at <u>composers.com</u> that was completed in late

VIDEO RECORDINGS OF CONCERTS AND LIVESTREAMING OF PERFORMANCES HAVE FLOURISHED

February of 2020. The PDF license and download option for doing business online was upgraded, made more secure and robust, just in time. It was one of several timely endeavors that came together for ACA as requests for delivery of sheet music in digital formats naturally increased with a surge of fear of the coronavirus.

Our General Manager, Will Rowe, kept

busy managing our Shelter Music initiative, and receiving new pieces that needed to be processed and cataloged all throughout the shut-down months. Some composers found the time period conducive to writing. We were unable to access our score archives at Special Collections in Performing Arts at the University of Maryland from March through October. With great support from the University, on a more limited basis, we have continued some of the ongoing work of scanning the scores and masters from the ACA archives, preparing them for modern printing and digital delivery.

"Bridging the Distance" - ACA composer Francine Trester

Interest in new music and in new or tidied-up editions of our older scores continues. The overall direction of our work is on curating and care for the (very large) catalog, providing easy access and distribution to customers, and building a secure database for safekeeping of scores and performance materials over the long term. A large percentage of staff time this year has been spent on database updates – taking care to include more information and notes, with page viewing and audio samples, to increase the chance for a piece of music to be discovered. Posting video recordings of concerts and live streaming of performances has flourished over the past year. People can log on to listen and to see all kinds of music performances around the world from a home device. Organizations are curating concerts for their subscribers and selling access to ticketed concerts displayed online. Licensing online audio-visual recordings of ACA music has added to composers' ACA earnings this year, and is helping the organization grow

A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT BEGAN TO TAKE SHAPE – ENTHUSIASTIC INTEREST IN MUSIC BY BLACK COMPOSERS

and make new contacts. Large orchestras and opera companies are presenting chamber and solo concerts for their subscribers this year, and we have been able to provide music from our catalog for these purposes.

Many artists are adapting to online performance/recording format while waiting for live concerts to return. It's not yet clear how or when things will return to normal. We are all still in a state of uncertainty. But the strength and resilience in the new music community that I am seeing the unrelenting artistic creativity — assures what is necessary for growth and survival.

Back in 2019, ACA experienced its highest peak of inquiries and sales in continuation of the steady growth of the catalog in recent years. An important factor in ACA's progress has been the self-serve option for PDF score licensing and download. Digital format downloadable products are being added to the website every day. With over 14,000 titles potentially available, it's a process that takes time.

By the end of May last year, a major development began to take shape — enthusiastic interest in music by Black composers. Requests came in at a pace ACA had not seen for any part of its catalog over the years. There were no days off for us over many weeks. It was surreal, uplifting, (exhausting!), and ultimately gratifying to witness the intensity and to be part of the movement that highlights this repertoire, and seeing new names and titles jump to the top of our sales reports.

The Black composers' music at ACA, like so much of the catalog overall, had been in need of engraving and reformatting into new editions. Fortunately, these projects were underway some years before we experienced the deluge of 2020. We had already engraved most of the songs and piano etudes of H. Leslie Adams (whew!), scanned all of the music of Dorothy Rudd Moore (unbelievable!), and reestablished a connection with the estate of the longtime ACA composer Ulysses Kay (joyous!). The interest in these works, and in the ACA music of T.J. Anderson and Frederick Tillis, has helped ACA connect with new artists - showing up to browse for particular works on composers.com and then finding much more. It is remarkable to me that decades of creative activity have been preserved by this small organization, leading to the discovery of and greater access to a wealth of music.

DECADES OF CREATIVE ACTIVITY HAVE BEEN PRESERVED BY THIS SMALL ORGANIZATION

As I mentioned, many ACA scores have needed to be updated to new formats and edited. Pieces that had not been widely performed or recorded over the years were not set up in performable, printable PDF files until the initiative and partnership with Special Collections in Performing Arts at the University of Maryland took shape after 2008. In addition, there were older pieces by well-known composers that had not been made available to the public since their creation. We have added to our daily routine the work of getting all of these works catalogued and ultimately ready for performance, with proper registrations, posted information about the pieces, and the pricing and availability of performance materials.

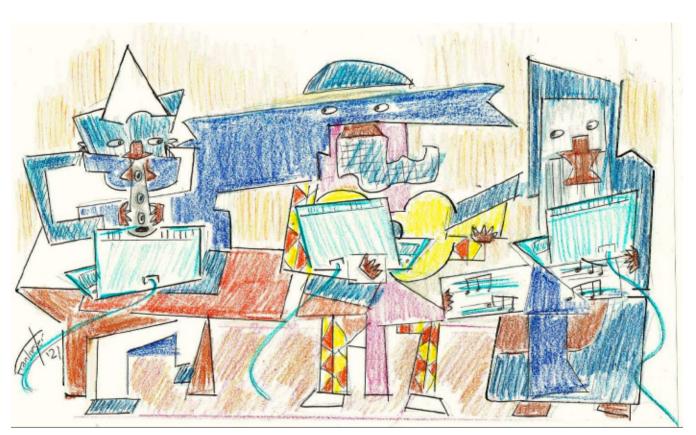
Some of our intrepid ACA composers stuck at home over the past year, greatly helped with

...JUST A REGULAR PART OF OUR WORK NOW, RATHER THAN SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

the tedious work of engraving, editing, and proofreading - a big note of thanks is due to ACA composers David Froom and Thomas Read. We also relied on composer and audio engineer Robert Scott Thompson to help get recordings ready for the Shelter Music releases on our Youtube Channel. We could not have made it as gracefully through the year without the kind support of so many friends of ACA - composers, volunteers, experts and specialists making contributions and bringing ideas and skills to help get the work done.

The Black composers' score activity is still continuing presently in 2021 with orders and requests for next season. It has become just a regular part of our work now, rather than something that happens for Black History month. There has been a substantial shift away from the once-a-year interest, which is probably one of the most satisfying things I've ever experienced in my career — to witness such progress and to be of assistance to it.

> **GINA GENOVA** *Executive Director*



"Musicians after Picasso" - ACA composer Francine Trester

Shelter Music Recordings



Professional musicians sheltering at home during the pandemic 2020 provided recordings of yet unheard pieces from the American Composers Alliance's vast catalog. Most of these recordings are premieres, and all are available on the ACA YouTube Channel <u>Shelter Recordings Playlist</u>.

JANUARY 2021

Marilyn Bliss - Three Short Movements Justin Croushore, trombone

<u>Glenn Stallcop - Restless in Loops</u> Sarah Walder, cello

DECEMBER 2020

Louis Karchin - Four Sketches for Solo Violin Curtis Macomber, violin

Dorothy Rudd Moore - Moods Mary Ferrillo, viola; Francesca McNeely, cello

Miriam Gideon - Six Cuckoos in Quest of a Composer Blair Salter, piano

<u>Scott L. Miller - Chimera</u> Carrie Frey, viola

NOVEMBER 2020

<u>Philip Carlsen - Asa Nisi Masa</u> Karen Dekker, violin; Steven Beck, piano

Darleen Mitchell - Whirling Wings Viola Chan, flute

<u>Michael Seyfrit - Pages From My Diary</u> Viola Chan, flute

Louis Karchin - Lyrics 3 Domenic Salerni, violin

<u>Robert Scott Thompson - Elegy of the Eremocene</u> Craig Hultgren, cello

<u>Alison Nowak - Constancy</u> Andrea Schultz, violin; Mike Finckel, cello



OCTOBER 2020

Louis Karchin - Three Songs on Poems of Emily Dickinson Jessica Bowers, mezzo-soprano; Oren Fader, guitar (above, right)

Andrew Ardizzoia - Sonata Accademica Keith Kelly, alto saxophone; Ashley Oakley, piano

Louis Karchin - Two Sacred Songs Marisa Karchin, soprano; Haodong Wu, piano (next page)

Dorothy Rudd Moore - Dream and Variations Steven Beck, piano

<u>Steven Block - Piano Sonata No. 1</u> Steven Beck, piano

SEPTEMBER 2020

[Shelter Recordings Hiatus]

AUGUST 2020

<u>Frederick Tillis - Molto adagio, ad libito con espressione</u> <u>from "Three Movements for Piano"</u> John McDonald, piano

<u>Steven Christopher Sacco - How Many Licks Does It</u> <u>Take To Play... Jazzelicious!</u> Curtis Biggs, bass trombone

Jody Rockmaker - Gizmo Chris Graham, percussion

Andrew Ardizzoia - Irretrievable Systems Joseph van Hassel, vibraphone (above, left)

<u>Mark Zuckerman - Selah</u> Joseph van Hassel, vibraphone

JULY 2020

<u>Irwin Heilner - Starlings on the Roof</u> Kate Maroney, voice; Red Wierenga, piano

Jack Briece - Four Songs on Poems by John Ciardi Kate Maroney, voice; Red Wierenga, piano

<u>Peter Westergaard - Spring and Fall: To a Young Child</u> Kate Maroney, voice; Red Wierenga, piano

Edward Jacobs - Six Humors Anton Miller, violin

Miriam Gideon - Sonata for Viola and Piano Noémie Chemali, viola; Derek Wang, piano

JUNE 2020

<u>Miriam Gideon - Tango Langoroso</u> Andrea Lodge, piano

<u>Joseph Dangerfield - Spokes of Venus</u> Megan Ihnen, mezzo-soprano & fixed media

<u>Allan Blank - Six Miniatures for B-Flat Clarinet</u> Bixby Kennedy, clarinet

<u>Charles Mills - Sonata Fantasia</u> Bixby Kennedy, clarinet

<u>Hall Overton - Three Elizabethan Songs</u> Amy Petrongelli, voice; Blair Salter, piano

<u>Frederick Tillis - Little David</u> Dorothy Gal, voice; Blair Salter, piano

Eric Ziolek - Fragments Kenneth Johnson, trombone



(JUNE CONTINUED)

<u>Otto Luening - First Fantasia for Violin Solo</u> Taylor Giorgio, violin

<u>Elias Tanenbaum - Coming Together</u> Taylor Giorgio, violin; Kenneth Johnson, trombone

<u>Walter Mourant - The Piper</u> Valerie Gonzalez, voice; Craig Ketter, piano

Irwin Fischer - There Is No Time Valerie Gonzalez, voice; Craig Ketter, piano

<u>David Froom - Shades of Red</u> Rita Porfiris, viola

MAY 2020

<u>Robert Helps - A Mixture of Time</u> Jay Sorce, guitar; Andrea Lodge, piano

Lawrence Dillon - Solitude Marina Kifferstein, violin

Robert Carl - Growth Fugue Quartet ES

<u>Barbara Jazwinski - dreams, interrupted...</u> Aaron Larget-Caplan

<u>Thomas L. Read - Eclogues Among the Ruins</u> Marina Kifferstein, violin

<u>Noel Farrand - Spring Song</u> Amy Petrongelli, voice; Clare Longendyke, piano

APRIL 2020

Leon Stein - Sonatina for Two Violins Eliot Heaton & Ran Cheng, violins

Andrew Ardizzoia - Rocking Song Peter Nelson-King, voice

<u>Vladimir Ussachevsky - Autumn I and II - Two</u> <u>Autumn Songs</u> Peter Nelson-King, voice and piano

<u>Steven Christopher Sacco - Little Piece in Quarter Notes</u> Steven Christopher Sacco, piano

Edward Jacobs - On Balance Eliot Heaton & Ran Cheng, violins

Frederic Goossen - Six Chorales for Organ Carson Cooman, organ

Donald Wilson - Icicles Clare Longendyke, piano

Donald Wilson - Nocturne Clare Longendyke, piano

Survey Composers Reflect on the Year



by NICOLETTA LAMARCA SACCO

We requested help from ACA composers in providing content for the BULLETIN, and also for future publications. The answers to some of the questions posed have been helpful in creating this segment where we check in for a visit. Thanks to everyone who participated.

*Submissions may be edited for clarity or revised for space.

1. Do you balance teaching with composing? If you do, give some examples of how you do it. Do you teach the instrument you learned or the principles of music composition?

Richard Cameron-Wolfe: Not "balanced" as such, since I ceased full-time teaching when I left NYC in 2002. Thereafter I did continue teaching piano (albeit limited to a few students). However, I've guest-lectured and presented workshops (on music composition and music training for choreographers) in the USA and abroad (Russia, Austria, Latvia, and Ukraine). But ca. 90% of my focus has been on composition.

Matthew de Lacey Davidson: Not anymore. I used to teach piano to private students some years ago, but no longer do so.

Steven C. Sacco: I have been teaching since 1988. It is difficult for me to find a balance. There really is no balance; I have never been balanced with regard to this. For the past 20 years, I never taught in the summer and that is where I came to know the all-in approach to composing. I found that the long stretches of uninterrupted time along

with the mental headspace to be what I need. Sadly, I had so little of it over the years when I should have been at the height of my powers as a composer.

2. What are the top two or three best pieces of advice you've received as a composer?

Richard Cameron-Wolfe: From Donald Erb's thoughts on "talent" (and I must paraphrase): "Talent is overrated. Go into any bar on a Saturday night and you'll find plenty of talented people; meanwhile, I'm at home, working."

John Eaton: "Form is a verb."

Steven C. Sacco: I had great composition teachers in my formative years - for which I am extremely grateful. I do remember being told that it is impossible to compose if you don't have food

I WAS ALWAYS ON THE EDGE OF HOMELESSNESS AND I SUFFERED FROM SEVERE FOOD INSECURITY

and a secure place to live. This may seem strange, but at the time, when I was a young student, I was always on the edge of homelessness and I suffered from severe food insecurity. It was clear to my teacher how difficult this situation was for me and the impact it was having on my education. So the people who became my formative mentors helped me whenever they could. Without them, I might not be here today, never mind attempting to balance teaching and composing!

Matthew de Lacey Davidson: The best advice I ever received was in a biography of Maurice Ravel by Roger Nicols: "If you have nothing to say, you cannot do better, while waiting for the ultimate silence, than repeat what has been well-said. If you do have something to say, that something will never be more clearly seen than in your unwitting infidelity to the model." In other words, always use works by other composers as a model for your newest composition. You will sound more like yourself than the original composer, no matter what you do. If it sounds unique, good. If not, at least you will have repeated something worth repeating. This, for me, explains how Ravel was able to produce so many masterpieces.

3. What are the most meaningful fruits that have come of your ACA affiliation, communication or collaboration with other ACA composers?

Richard Cameron-Wolfe: Being a member of an organization that cares about my music, promotes it, and publishes it. Being a member of a community of creative spirits who care about

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the future of concert music.

Philip Carlsen: I lived in New York from 1974 to 1982, doing graduate work and adjunct teaching at Brooklyn College and CUNY, composing, playing, copying music professionally, etc. In 1982, I headed north to join the faculty at the University of Maine at Farmington. Although excited and grateful to have landed a good job, still I wondered how I could maintain connections to the rich musical world I'd just left. One of my colleagues who was a member of ACA and suggested I should join the organization and offered to sponsor me for membership. The long ACA affiliation that resulted has indeed helped keep me in touch with the broader new music community, besides being fruitful in more specific ways.

IT'S IN THE STEADFAST, DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS THAT ACA HAS REALLY COME THROUGH

The best came in 1989, when I won the first ACA-Town Hall Commission, for which I wrote the piece "Evening's Sabres" for the Manhattan Marimba Quartet. It has had several performances since the MMQ premiere, and has led to collaborations with Nancy Zeltsman and her remarkable marimba students in Boston.

This past fall, I was lucky to be one of the beneficiaries of a Shelter Initiative recording. Much as I appreciate that and the commission, it's in the steadfast, day-to-day operations that ACA has really come through for me, with first Rosalie and now Gina and Will always ready to answer questions and offer advice and support for keeping my own compositional house in order. I appreciate the familial aspect of ACA, especially since it includes several composers I went to school with (Marilyn Bliss, Noel Zahler, Matthew Greenbaum, Barbara Jazwinski, Glenn Stallcop) as well as Maine colleagues Beth Wiemann, Greg Hall, and Elliott Schwartz. When Elliott became seriously ill in 2016, he handed me the reins of Maine's Back Cove Contemporary Music Festival. Gina and ACA were helpful partners in promoting our Back Cove events, especially those in tribute to Elliott: the "ESCHART Variations," a collection of miniatures by 30 composers for the 2016 festival, and the Elliott Schwartz Memorial Practice Rooms Project in January 2020.

Steven C. Sacco: Getting to know and work with Gina Genova. She is a powerful advocate for ACA composers and our catalog. She generously

gives of herself to better the organization, move it forward, and keep it financially viable.

I have come to know many of my ACA colleagues through my work on the Board. I am always amazed at how dedicated, hardworking, and selfless, my fellow board members are.

I also enjoy very much hearing the new music produced by fellow ACA composers. I am extremely impressed by the music I hear.

4. Tell us anything more about yourself as a composer.

Richard Cameron-Wolfe: About myself as a composer? [A] I begin each composition from its center, its core. [B] Macro- and micro-divisions of time are articulated through aspects of the prime number series. [C] In the last few years I've been exploring microtonality, primarily as an expansion of timbral and textural parameters.

Steven C. Sacco: I have been playing the piano since I was a young child. I remember picking out tunes on the piano and teaching myself as much as I could.

A PIANIST FRIEND BLURTED OUT ONE DAY, "YOU ARE GOING TO BE A COMPOSER."

I started to become interested in composing at age 13. I often found myself arranging music for various ensembles. A pianist friend blurted out one day, "you are going to be a composer." Many years later I asked her how she knew. She said, "you were always taking other people's music and rearranging it."

Philip Carlsen: I was also pleased to see you're looking to include some work outside of composition. I've done a fair amount of poetry, including having poems published in online journals from time to time. "Cyngganedh after Brueghel" appeared in the Ekphrastic Review (this poem also appeared in the Maine Sunday Telegram), and Three syllabic sestinas in the Tower Journal.

Other Carlsen poems included in this issue include "Strauss's Don Quixote" (which appeared in the journal "Off the Coast") and "Ars Covidica," written just a couple weeks ago and will be included in an upcoming collection of pandemic work by Maine poets and artists, edited by the composer's wife Jeri Theriault and published by Littoral Books.

If you've enjoyed reading this column, please respond to our next call for newsletter submissions.

-N. L. S.

Strauss's Don Quixote

(Portland Symphony, May 20, 2014)

The cellist's fingers slide along the string not touching any note from low to high not A, B-flat, C-sharp—a vaguer thing than pitch, that slipping sound: more like a sigh exhaled through thin parched lips, or midnight moth against a window screen, accompanied by swishing murmurs of tuxedo cloth across the wood with every swaying beat.

I cannot hear these sounds high on the ridge of steep-sloped second balcony's last row, yet feel my own bow by that distant bridge fall slowly, slowly past his knee, as though to mark the end of Don Quixote's quest and mime the stilling of my mother's breath.

Philip Carlsen June 9, 2014

Recent News and Events

ACA COMPOSERS PERFORMED, RECORDED, AND IN MEDIA

H. Leslie Adams - Nightsongs Reginald Smith, Jr., Baritone and Richard Bado, piano - Houston Grand Opera, Cullen Recital Series - through March 2021 on HGO Digital through Marquee TV, Houston, TX; Oct. 9, 2020.

H. Leslie Adams - The Wider View, featured in Monuments of Hope, a short film featuring mezzo-soprano J'Nai Bridges and bass-baritone Ryan McKinny.

Scott Joplin: Overture to Treemonisha Adapted, arranged and orchestrated by T.J. Anderson, was performed January 13, 2021 at 8pm by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, BSO Sessions: Season 1, Episode 11–Forgotten Voices. For subscribers, online concert access.

Frederick Tillis - Spiritual Fantasy 12 for string quartet "Wade in the Water" performed by Castle of our Skins, Black Love series; Boston, MA. Autumn, 2020.

Ann Silsbee - Bagatelle for Piano, performed by Richard Valitutto, Cornell Center for Historical Keyboards, Ithaca, NY. November 9, 2020.

Dorothy Rudd Moore - Modes for string quartet, 1st movement, performed by Castle of our Skins quartet Ashleigh Gordon, Matthew Vera, Mina Lavcheva, Lev Mamuya, at Hibernian Hall, Roxbury, MA, November 13, 2020.

H. Leslie Adams - Prayer - presented by "Living Room Recitals" with the LA Opera Company, Taylor Raven, Mezzo-Soprano - Brendon Shapiro, Piano, Oct. 1, 2020 on Youtube.



(left) Frederick Tillis - Song for Sister Hokkaido, for Latin percussion and brass quintet, performed by Musicians of the New World Symphony, Miami FL, November 15, 2020. Also, to be streamed by the Library of Congress website concert series, beginning March 12, 2021.



(left) **Dorothy Rudd Moore - Dream Variation for voice, cello, and piano**, performed by Brandi Birdsong and musicians from the Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles (ICYOLA.org) in collaboration with Converse and Braindead, in a film directed by Devonte Hynes.

Nancy Van de Vate - Six Etudes for Solo Viola, and Suite for Solo Viola, with violist Laura Manko Sahin, released on Youtube, July - October 2020.

Dorothy Rudd Moore - Baroque Suite for solo cello - premiere performance of all movements, in the new edition edited by Timothy Holley, performed by cellist Gwen Krosnick, in the 2nd annual virtual Wilson music series, streaming from Newburyport, MA, on Feb. 14, 2021.

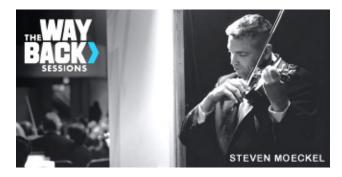
Michael Dellaira - Campers at Kitty Hawk - performed by Chaffey College Choral Performance program, conducted by David Rentz, on Youtube, May 20, 2020.

John McDonald - With Jonathan Kenny Nearby, Op. 661, No. 67, for piano, performed by the composer at the Tufts Faculty concert, streamed live from Distler Hall, Feb. 14, 2021.

TJ Anderson - How to Be Remembered, Aurelia In Memoriam, and other works, performed by John McDonald, piano, and Annie D. Kim, violin, at the Tufts Faculty concert, streamed live from Distler Hall, Feb. 14, 2021.

(*right*) Glenn Stallcop - Violinist Steven Moeckel, guest artist on "The Way Back Sessions," was featured in solo performance with the debut of Stallcop's new composition, Unreal Dwelling for unaccompanied violin.

Scott L. Miller - Premiere Concert of COINCIDENT: A New Collaborative Series Zeitgeist with **music of Scott L. Miller** and visual artist Carole Kim. Zoom concert, Feb. 21, 2021.



Alice Shields - Sam Wells premiered Alice Shields' "Mioritza - Requiem for Rachel Corrie" in a new version for trumpet and fixed audio, in a LIVE online performance, November 14, 2020.

H. Leslie Adams - live from Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, a concert of music featuring the poetry of James Weldon Johnson, most known for "Lift Every Voice and Sing" WQXR webcast the immersive performance event that featured music by H. Leslie Adams, and the wonderful Baritone Kenneth Overton. Oct. 30 7pm.

Ross Bauer - A Shinkoskey Noon Concert presented on January 28, 2021, by UC Davis Music featured members of the Left Coast Chamber Ensemble's Matilda Hofman, viola and UC Davis lecturer in music and Leighton Fong, cello, in **Ross Bauer's Pas de deux, for viola and cello**.

Karl Weigl's "28 Variations on an original theme", written in 1907, was performed by Max Lifchitz on February 8th, 4pm - Live from the National Opera Center in New York City.

Richard Cameron-Wolfe - Roerich Rhapsody was performed by cellist Alyson Berger and pianist Amy Wurtz at the brand new Old Fish Performance Space in Chicago's Humboldt Park area November 19, 2020 at 7pm.



(left) **Doug Harbin - Tell Me a Story** (2019) was premiered in October 2019 in Fargo, ND with Sonja Bosca-Harasim, viola and Deb Harris, contrabass flute.

Elizabeth R. Austin's new album "Window Panes" with a set of works based on a lifetime of recollections and reminiscences - was released by Navona Records August 14.

(right) Jack Briece's music for casio keyboards, re-released by found-art label Concentric Circle Records in Portland, OR on June 26, 2020. Called "highbrow/lowbrow masterpiece" by the curator Jed Bindeman. Notes provided by Peter Garland.

Louis Karchin - Three Songs on Poems of Emily Dickinson, performed by the Bowers-Fader duo, Feb. 6, 2021.

Beth Wiemann - named January 2021 composer of the month by Theodore Front Musical Literature.



Steven Christopher Sacco premiered S T A R B U R S T - a film with Hubbel telescope images set to an electronic music track, December 19, 2020, as a fundraiser event for American Composers Alliance.

Robert Carl - Piano Sonata No.3, "Clouds of Clarification", for digitally retunable piano, was released on Microfest Records, Jan. 15, 2021.

Dorothy Rudd Moore - featured composer on the Daffodil Perspective, a UK based internet radio program, in honor of the composer's 80th birthday.

Louis Karchin - Five Compositions, released on Bridge Records, Nov. 6, 2020, with artists including Margaret Kampmeier (piano), Renée Jolles (violin), and Alice Teyssier (flute).

Thomas L. Read, Francine Trester, and **John McDonald,** commissioned by Aaron Larget-Caplan for his ongoing New Lullaby Project, with recordings of solo guitar works in the new lullaby genre.

David Froom - Two Yeats Songs - performed by the New Music Ensemble of the University of Utah, Nov. 9, 2020.

John Melby - album release March 3, 2021 Symphonies 3,4, and 5 - Performances by Ravel Virtual Studios; ACA Recordings

Barbara Jazwinski - Designs in Blue Shadows, ACA Recordings; **Chamber Music of Barbara Jazwinski** Miranda Cuckson · Aaron Wunsch · Robert Burkhart · Steve Beck · Esther Lamneck · Martha Locker · Marina Kifferstein

Donald M. Wilson Seven Descriptive Preludes: One for Each of the Seven Diatonic Modes, ACA Recordings Clare Longendyke, piano

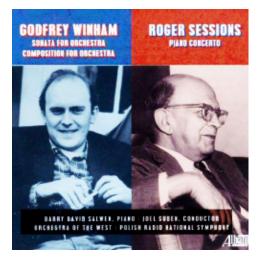
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Upcoming Events



Joel Eric Suben conducts the Polish Radio National Symphony, and Orchestra of the West, in recordings *(left)* **Joel Eric Suben** conducts the Polish Radio National Symphony, and Orchestra of the West, in recordings of Roger Sessions and Godfrey Winham. Albany Records release (cat. no. Troy 1823) Release date: June 2020. Works recorded: Godfrey Winham, Sonata for Orchestra, Orchestra of the West;

Joel Suben (conductor)

Godfrey Winham, Composition for Orchestra, Orchestra of the West; Joel Suben (conductor)

Roger Sessions, Piano Concerto, Barry David Salwen (piano); Polish Radio National Symphony; Joel Suben (conductor)

Alison Nowak presents Cello Sonatas of Lionel Nowak, recorded live in concert by Michael Finckel, cello and Andrew Willis, piano. The concert was taped at Merkin Hall in 1987 and has been edited and mastered by Ryan Streber at Oktaven Studios. Release date on digital services will be April 2021.

Daniel Perlongo announces **Dances at the Border** for piano 4-hands (2021), a video performance by the composer with Susan Wheatley, is scheduled for the following (online) Regional Conferences of the College Music Society: Southern (Feb. 25); Mid-Atlantic (March 5); Northeast (March 20); South Central (March 26), and Northwest (May 8).

Lee Gannon - Symphony No. 1 for Wind Ensemble (1993) by Wichita State University Bands, 20-21 season.

H. Leslie Adams - Nightsongs for voice and orchestra, and Dunbar Songs, to be performed by Chamber Orchestra of the Springs in Colorado Springs, Fall 2021.

The Clarinet Repertoire Database for gender diversity recital programming went live online, Feb. 14, as an ongoing project curated and edited by Maggie Greenwood and Anoushka Divekar. ACA works included in the first edition of the database include music of Jan Gilbert, Sarah Meneely-Kyder, Barbara Jazwinski, Laura Greenberg, Vally Weigl, Alison Nowak, Beth Wiemann, Miriam Gideon, Daria Semegen, Dorothy Rudd-Moore, Loretta Jankowski, and Dorothy Rudd-Moore.

Michael Dellaira - commissioned by New York City's New Amsterdam Singers and Nancy Manocherian's The Cell Theater to create **a folk opera in one act: Arctic Explorations,** the story of 19th century explorer, Elisha Kent Kane, for premiere in 2022.

T. J. Anderson - Chamber Concerto Remembrances - performed by the Oberlin Conservatory Contemporary Music Ensemble, Tim Weiss conductor, to be streamed online soon, tbd.

Richard Thompson - Love's Apotheosis from Shadow of Dawn, with poetry by Paul Laurence Dunbar. Performed by Elaine Daiber, soprano; and Hanzheng Li, piano, in master classes with celebrated countertenor, Darryl Taylor as part of the Song Lab series at New England Conservatory. Streaming online March 5, 2021 on the NEC Song Lab website.

Donald Wilson's Hexagon for piano, performed by Marilyn Shrude, will be released digitally from an archival recording, in mid 2021.Upcoming Events

John Melby's Symphonies No. 3, 4, and 5, album release March 25 with performances by Ravel Virtual Studios, with Ron Artinian, music director. On Spotify.

Alice Shields Interviewed on Podcast "Unsung Stories: Women at Columbia's Computer Music Center" The first of two interviews with Alice Shields from a series about women composers at the Columbia-Princeton Electronic Music Center (CPEMC), later the Columbia University Computer Music Center, will be available on April 9, 2021.

Lawrence Dillon's seventh string quartet, "Consensus", will receive its Asian premiere in Hong Kong by the Cong Quartet. Splitting a double bill with the Romer Quartet, "Consensus" will open the program for Shostakovich's 3rd String Quartet, a Joyce Tang world premiere, and the Mendelssohn Octet, April 27th.

David Froom's Manna Variations - world premiere is programmed for May 15 in Saledo, TX by the 1st Calvary Division Band, stationed at Fort Hood. This work for large wind ensemble is based on the early American hymn tune, *Holy Manna*, and will be conducted by Bonnie Alger.

ARS COVIDICA

I just got word my poet's license lapsed. A notice came earlier, but it slipped my mind like so much else since lockdown. Gaps riddle my thoughts. I open drafts and find

fresh white space on once-filled pages, lines that break before they break, metaphors gone sour and aged, ears ringing with angry clangor when I speak

my poems aloud. Around me, even worse, the empty streets. Sonnet basements shuttered. Once-bustling free verse markets closed for virus abatement.

And now no license. I suppose I could don a mask and petition the board for recertification, but it's hard to imagine a drearier task than answering their singsong questions:

With what tropes do you engage? Should one enjamb with stone or wood? When is it best to turn the page? Would you iamb if you could?

Out of the corner of my eye, I catch a flicker of red—two cardinals on the fence, spurning, as usual, the feeder attached to the window frame. Fly hence,

feathered friends, I say, succumbing to the laissez-faire rhyme and ennuied cliché, releasing a breath, barely caring

if I write another weighty word. I rise to the window spot the birds in the yard, briefly still, as if painted on the snow.

Philip Carlsen January 28, 2021

Will's Office

Report from the ACA General Manager WILL ROWE



ACA and its members have been taking the pandemic head-on. The most notable way this has been happening has been through the Shelter Music initiative, which was implemented to connect ACA composers with performing musicians, creating an opportunity for artists to earn income during this time of record un-and-underemployment. The 2020 initiative produced over 50 premiere recordings of works by historical and contemporary ACA composers alike.

Although Shelter Music is winding down, ACA is working with presenters of classical music to curate and webcast Shelter selections in virtual concert settings, the first of which will likely take place in late March 2021. Check back on composers.com and ACA's Facebook Page for more info, to listen to the ACA Shelter Music recordings, and let us know your favorites.

In addition to Shelter Music, ACA's composers on the whole have not been slowed down by the pandemic. In classic fashion, the drastic change in the world has been filtered

"PANDEMIC". On top of this phenomenon, ACA has seen a marked uptick in the number of new editions of older works submitted to the catalog

IT SEEMS THE VOID LEFT BY THE ABSENCE OF CONCERTS HAS BEEN FILLED

by composers who have spent time updating and bringing older pieces back to light. It seems the void left by the absence of concerts has been filled by composers and their friends taking the initiative to plan the music of our new unknown future by digging deeper into the details of our collective present and past. That ambition and achievement is something ACA and its members can be proud of as we keep striving forward.

> WILL ROWE General Manager

THE 2020 SHELTER RECORDING INITIATIVE PRODUCED OVER 50 PREMIERE RECORDINGS

through a variety of different artistic lenses, resulting in the creation of new works with titles such as "Restless in Place", "Housebound Overture", "Spring/Summer 2020", and simply,

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SCORE RESTORATION, CATALOG WORK, AND NEW SERIES:

Anthologies, American Highlights, Etudes, and Strange Imaginary Creatures

ACA approaches its 85th year, we find ourselves fully addressing the huge catalog of works our composers have birthed over the past century. Though part of ACA's mission, historically, has been to promote the music of the times - the musical voices of its members in the Now - we have necessarily expanded our tasks as interest in the full catalog grows. We now make available over thirteen thousand works, many of which have undergone several format changes - from manuscript to scan or facsimile, to various digital formats, or through engraving.

This task of publishing music of historical record brings with it a fresh opportunity to promote both the new and the old. We have begun organizing, restoring, and re-issuing in improved editions hundreds of works over the past few years - in series (the Graphic Notation series, the Etude series, the Spiritual Fantasy series, and American Highlights), in anthologies (organized by instrumentation and edited by professionals volunteering their time), and in newly-engraved, historically researched editions. With these we are able to equally include our legacy composers and our current composers, including the very newest and oldest works.

We would especially like to thank the volunteers who make this work possible. They lend their academic expertise, their historical knowledge, their engraving, their recording, and their design skills.



Anthologies and Collections

Creating collections and anthologies of musical works is a time-honored tradition, and a tradition to which we are thrilled to contribute. These new books collect works by theme and by instrument - piano, guitar, flute, oboe, and so on - drawing on both the established repertoire in our catalog and on unknown works in our archives, newly engraved.

Our most recent anthology, *Nights Transfigured* vol. 1: Fifteen 21st Century Solos for Guitar, is an ACA collaboration with guitarist Aaron Larget-Caplan. In addition to the music itself, the book also includes program notes, composer backgrounds, and extra information on each work.

(left) Aaron Larget-Caplan with the first copies of Transfigured Nights, Vol. 1



PUBLISHED ANTHOLOGIES

ELIXIR - ACA Music for Solo Piano *Curated by Yael Manor*

Lionel Nowak - Music for Solo Piano 1942-91

Soul of Brevity - Anthology of Miniatures for Solo Piano *Compiled by Richard Cameron-Wolfe*

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Nights Transfigured: Fifteen 21st Century Solos for Guitar

Commissioned, curated, and edited by Aaron Larget-Caplan

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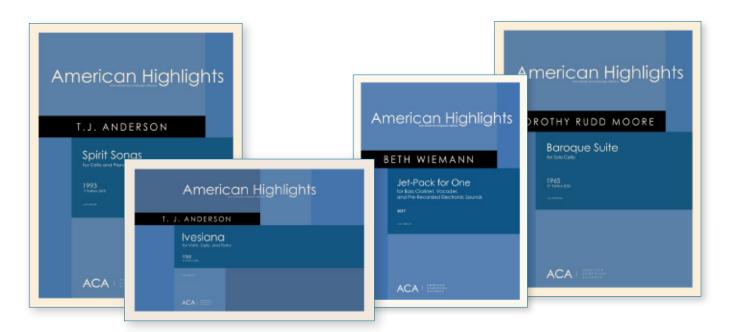
Kokû: Contemporary Works for Flute Alone Edited by Henry Gale

A Peek Into What's Next

Instruments Alone: Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Harp, Trumpet, Trombone, Bass Clarinet, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Percussion, Mallets (Marimba and Vibes), Guitar (Nights Transfigured, Vol. 2)

Small Ensemble: Flute and Harp, Flute Duet, Flute and Piano, Bassoon and Piano, Oboe and Piano

Other: Flute with Electronics, Clarinet with Electronics

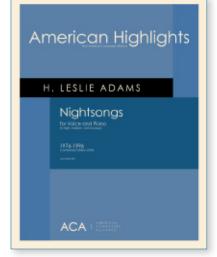


American Highlights

The works in our new *American Highlights* series are, simply speaking, the best-selling works of our catalog. New works are continually added to this series as we evaluate sales.

This bestselling series marks a new page for ACA as a publisher. Though we are committed to promoting and making available all our works, regardless of sales, *American Highlights* allows us to more efficiently make in-demand works even easier to locate, especially by dealers. We are also pleased to share that many of the pieces in *American Highlights* are new editions. Depending on the work, this has included score-cleaning and formatting work, engraving, proofing, and/or the occasional addition of prefaces or critical commentary. We are grateful to the professional musicians and researchers who donate their time and make these enhanced scores possible.

If you are are a musician or music researcher interested in contributing to these new editions of *American Highlights*, please contact us.



H. Leslie Adams NIGHTSONGS

The best-selling, eternally popular Nightsongs cycle by H. Leslie Adams (including *Prayer*, *Drums of Tragedy*, *The Heart of a Woman*, *Night Song*, *Sence You Went Away*, and *Creole Girl*) is now available for voice and piano in four formats:

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New etudes and methods will be added to this series as our composers write or submit them.

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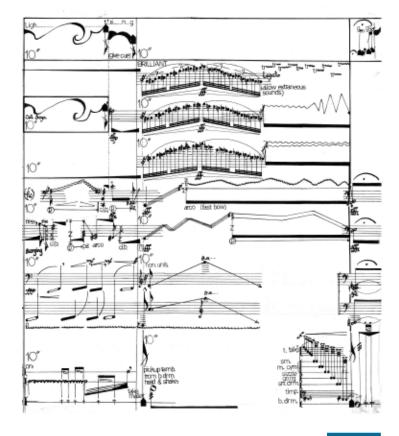
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Burr Van Nostrand

Fantasy Manual for Urban Survival flute, cello, piano Phaedra Antinomaes violin Lunar Possession Manual sop, ensemble Tuba Tuba tuba

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RICHARD THOMPSON

Lemuria Fantasy, 1996, 11 min. *Six Preludes*, 2004, 16 min.

FREDERICK C. TILLIS

Spiritual Fantasy No. 4, 1981, 10 min. Three Movements, 1964, 9 min.

Works for Voice

H. LESLIE ADAMS

The Wider View - Complete cycle of songs for high voice and piano, 1988
 6 songs with texts by Laurence Dunbar, Langston Hughes, Georgia Douglas Johnson, R.H. Grenville, and James Dillet Freeman
 Nightsongs - 6 songs for voice and piano, High, medium, and low ranges, new engraved edition 2018

Collected Songs, 6 songs on texts of various poets, updated edition 2019

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Dunbar Songs, Three songs on Texts of Paul Laurence Dunbar for Medium High Voice, 1981

WALLACE MCCLAIN CHEATHAM

A Collection of Songs, 88 pages of music, with additional sections of texts and notes, 2019 Approximately 30 songs of different lengths, in groupings of Spirituals, Songs of Holy Women, Memoirs, Poetry, Prodigal Tales, etc.

Umukoro Songs, 3 songs for medium voice, 2004, 9 min.

DOROTHY RUDD MOORE

Flowers of Darkness, 6 songs for Tenor and Piano, 1990, 20 min.
From the Dark Tower for Mezzo-Soprano, Cello, and Piano, 1972, newly engraved 2020, 25 min.
Songs - Twelve Quatrains from the Rubaiyat for Mezzo-Soprano and Oboe, 1963, newly engraved, 2019 15 min.

Sonnets on Love, Rosebuds, and Death for High Voice, Violin, and Piano, 1976, 20 min. Fourth of July Speech, Baritone and Piano, newly engraved 2017, 6 min. One at a Time, Two at a Time, Mezzo-Soprano and Piano, newly engraved 2019, 3 min.

RICHARD THOMPSON

Shadow of Dawn - Five poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar, High Voice and Piano, 2020, 20 min. Songs of Passion, 5 songs for Soprano and Piano, 2014, 18 min. Dream Variations, 5 songs for Tenor and Piano, 2003

FREDERICK C. TILLIS

Singing for the Sake of My Soul, Medium voice, 1993, newly engraved 2019, 5 min.
Beyond Shades of Doubt, High voice, 1993, newly engraved 2020, 7 min.
Beck and Call, 1993, newly engraved 2020, 7 min.
Two Songs (The End of All Flesh, and A Prayer in Faith), Baritone (or medium voice), 1960, 9 min.
Three Songs from Shadows and Distance Nowhere, Medium voice, 1971, 6 min.

Works for String Instruments

H. LESLIE ADAMS

Intermezzo for violin and piano, 2018, 3 min. *L'extase d'amour* for viola and piano, 2010, 7 min. *Sonata* for violin and piano, 1976 *String Quartet in D Flat*, 2016, 32 min

T. J. ANDERSON

Spirit Songs for cello and piano, 1992, 24 min. *In Memorium: Lerone Bennett, Jr.* for solo violin, 2018, 3 min. *Aurelia: In Memoriam*, for solo violin, newly engraved, 2020, 2 min.

ULYSSES KAY

Sonata for viola and piano, 1942, newly engraved 2019 *Sonatine* for viola and piano, 1939, newly engraved 2019

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Dirge and Deliverance for cello and piano, 1971, 16 min. *Baroque Suite* for solo cello, 1965, newly engraved and edited, 2020, 15 min. *Three Pieces* for violin and piano, 1967, 7 min. *Moods* for viola and cello, 1969, newly engraved and edited, 2020 15 min. *Modes* for string quartet, 1968, 12 min.

[Works for String Instruments - cont.]

FREDERICK C. TILLIS

Phantasy for viola and piano, 1962, revised 1997
Spiritual Fantasy No. 7 for cello and piano, 1983, 9 min.
Three Showpieces for solo viola, 1966, newly engraved 2020, 5 min.
Three Showpieces for solo violin, 1985, new engraved 2020, 5 min.
Spiritual Fantasy No. 2 for double bass and piano, 1980, 9 min.
Capriccio for viola and piano 1960, newly engraved 2020, 4 min.
Caprice for String orchestra 1998, newly engraved 2020, 5 min.

Works for Woodwind Instruments

H. LESLIE ADAMS

Loving Touches for oboe and piano, 2013, 12 min. Poem of Love for bassoon and piano, 2010, 8 min. L'Amour Eternal for flute and piano, 2012, 20 min. Romance in D Flat for English horn and piano, 2009, 9 min. Trio in D Minor for clarinet, violin, and piano, 2011, 25 min. Danza Di Tre Bambole for piccolo, flute, and piano, 2017, 6 min. Night Song (for flute and harp; unrelated to Nightsongs for voice), 2020), 4 min.

T. J. ANDERSON

Sonorities for solo soprano saxophone, 2018, 4 min.

B Bop in 2 for solo alto sax, pre-recorded alto sax, live recording and playback, 1998, newly engraved 2020, 10 min.

Swing Set for clarinet and piano, 1972, 12 min.

DOROTHY RUDD MOORE

Night Fantasy for clarinet and piano, 1979, newly engraved 2020, 10 min.

FREDERICK C. TILLIS

Spiritual Fantasy No. 16: Death's Cold Icy Hands on Me for alto saxophone and piano, 2004, newly engraved, 2020, 6 min.

Spiritual Fantasy No. 25: Wade in the Water for soprano saxophone and piano

Spiritual Fantasy No. 33: This Little Light of Mine for clarinet and piano,

newly engraved 2020, 8 min.

Spiritual Fantasy No. 24: Little Light of Mine for clarinet and piano, 2010, 7 min.

Works for Brass Instruments

H. LESLIE ADAMS

Grand March for trumpet and piano, 2017, 5 min. *Sonata* for horn and piano - "Empire Sonata", 1960, revised 1980, 45 min. *Trombone Quartet* for 4 trombones, 2005, 12 min.

[Works for Brass Instruments - cont.]

T. J. ANDERSON

In Memoriam Albert Lee Murray for solo trombone, 2014, 4 min. *Contrast* for solo Bb trumpet, 2015, 5 min. *Inaugural Piece* for 3 trumpets and 3 trombones, 1981, 4 min. *Sunstar* for solo Bb trumpet with recording and playback devices, 1984, 11 min.

FREDERICK C. TILLIS

Motions for trombone and piano, 1964, 11 min.
Spiritual Fantasy No. 32 for piccolo trumpet and piano, 2007, 9 min.
Spiritual Fantasy No. 5 for horn and piano, 1982, 9 min.
Passacaglia for brass quintet, 1950, new engraved edition, 2019, 4 min.
Quintet for Brass, 1962, 10 min.
Militant Mood for brass sextet (2 Tpt, Hn, Tbn, Euph, Tba), 1961, 5 min.
Song for Sister Hokkaido for brass quintet and Latin percussion, 2008, 9 min.

MARCUS WILCHER

Shades for bass trombone and piano, 2009, 7 min.

Choral Music

WALLACE MCCLAIN CHEATHAM

Great Institutions of Learning Suite for mixed chorus and piano, 2018, 15 min.
Done Made My Vow for mixed chorus and organ, 2013, 2 min.
Glory Hallelujah Since I Laid My Burdens Down for SATB mixed choir, 1980, 4 min.
He Will Purify for mixed chorus and organ, 2008, 2 min.
Heaven On Mother Earth for mixed chorus and piano, 2016, 8 min.
It is Good to Give Thanks to the Lord for mixed chorus, 2012, 4 min.
New Life in an Old World for mixed chorus and organ, 2008, 4 min.
Psalm 117 for mixed chorus and piano, 2005, 2 min.
There Shall Come Forth for mixed chorus and organ, 2010, 3 min.
Tramping for mixed chorus and piano, 1977, 2 min.
Walk About Elders for mixed chorus and piano, 2004, 2 min.

FREDERICK C. TILLIS

Let Us Break Bread Together for mixed chorus, 1995, 5 min. Sombrero for mixed chorus, 1990, 4 min. Spiritual Fantasy No. 10: We Wear the Mask for mixed chorus and piano, 1988, 8 min. Spiritual Fantasy No. 9: Sympathy for mixed chorus, soprano solo, and brass quintet, 1986, 9 min. Alleluia for mixed chorus, 1969, 7 min. Bolero for mixed chorus and piano, 1995, 6 min. Freedom for mixed chorus, 1968 Halleluyah for male glee club, 1966, 6 min. Five Spirituals for chorus and brass ensemble, 1976, 21 min.

[Choral Music - cont.]

FREDERICK C. TILLIS

The Time Has Come for mixed chorus and jazz trio, 1989, 6 min. *One for Ray* for mixed chorus and jazz trio, 1984, 5 min. *Latin Fringe* for mixed chorus, 1999, 4 min.

Works for Large Ensemble

H. LESLIE ADAMS

Symphony No. 1 for orchestra, 1982, 56 min.
Ode to Life for orchestra, 1982, 10 min.
Love Expressions for orchestra, 1990, 10 min.
Nightsongs - (formerly Six Afro-American Songs) version for voice and orchestra (Mezzo range), 1976
Five Millay Songs - version for medium voice and orchestra, 1987
Prelude to Blake, Opera - orchestra, 2021

DOROTHY RUDD MOORE

Transcension (I have been to the mountaintop) for flute, oboe, clarinet, and strings, 1986, 10 min. *In Celebration* for mixed chorus, soprano and baritone soloists, and chamber ensemble, 1977, 7 min.

FREDERICK C. TILLIS

In the Spirit and the Flesh for chorus, jazz trio, and orchestra, 1985, 21 min.
Celebration, Grand March for band, 1996, 6 min.
Concerto for Piano (Jazz Trio) and Symphony Orchestra 1982, 19 min.
Festival Journey for solo percussion and symphony orchestra or wind ensemble, 1992, 14 min.
Ring Shout Concerto for solo percussion and orchestra, 1973, 20 min.
For the Victims and Survivors of September 11 for jazz ensemble with narrator, 2001, 14 min.
Four Corners of the World for orchestra with narrator, 2005, 20 min.
Metamorphosis on a Scheme by J.S. Bach for jazz ensemble, 1972, 5 min.
Overture to a Dance for band, 1961, 11 min.
Pastorale for wind ensemble, 2005, 8 min.
Sequences and Burleque for student or young string orchestra, 1966, 5 min.
Spiritual Fantasy No. 6 for solo trumpet and orchestra, 1982, 9 min.
Three Symphonic Spirituals for orchestra, 1978, 14 min.
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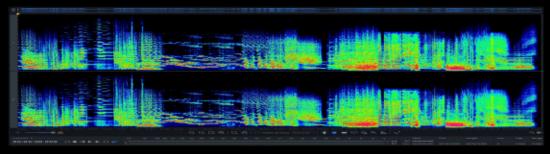
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ANDREW ARDIZZOIA

Distances Between Us Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, and Piano	2011
2020: Suite for Piano, Op. 61 Piano	2020
POSTCARDS FROM LARAMIE: Concertino for Flute & Strings	2018
PALIMPSEST Sinfonietta	2020
Little Peach SSA chorus, piano	2020
Credo SSA chorus, piano	2020
An Ended Day SATB Chorus	2019
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Sonata Accademica (Op. 23) - Bassoon and Piano	2008
FREDERIC BALAZS	
Monika the Clown (for violin) Violin	2010
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JAMES SCOTT BALENTINE	
The Present Children's Chorus (SA) and Mixed Chorus (SATB), Piano	2003
What Water Says Baritone Voice and Guitar	2012
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Monk, through a glass darkly Clarinet Sextet	2002
March, Strathspey, and Reel Clarinet and Piano	2002
Liberty Bar Percussion Duo	2010
Red Poppy & the Yellow Rose Wind Ensemble	2010
Dùn Èideann Blogh Solo Clarinet, Solo Bassoon,	
and Chamber Orchestra	2006
Il y a des Fleurs Soprano, Flugelhorn, Clarinet, Jazz Combo,	
and String Quartet	2016
Bill's Shadow Solo Flugelhorn, Jazz Combo,	
and String Quartet	2015
Fragments of Time and Place SSATBB Chorus	2018
Five Spirituals Baritone and Cello	1997
Asking a Shadow to Dance (for Trio) Clarinet, Viola, and Piano	2013
Asking a Shadow to Dance (for Quartet) Clarinet, Violin,	
Cello, and Piano	2019
Les Quatre Coins Flute, Oboe, Cello, and Piano	2005
Ghost of Eric Dolphy Clarinet Sextet	2010
ROSS BAUER	

ODA AL OLOR DE LA LEÑA	Baritone, Alto Flute,	
Percussion (1), Cello		1991

BURTON BEERMAN	
Quartet: Pleas for a Dying Planet Stereo Fixed Media	2020
Chamber Songs on Texts by Dylan Thomas Soprano, Fl,Cl, Vln, Vcl, Piano	2020
Eight Little Pieces for Solo Piano	2020
ALLAN BLANK	2020
Nine Studies for Bassoon Bassoon Nineteen Studies for Violin Violin	2020 2020
Wheteen Studies for Violini Violini	2020
EDITH BORROFF	
DIVERTIMENTO FOR SOLO FLUTE Flute	1980
MARTIN BOYKAN	
CONCERTO FOR THIRTEEN PLAYERS Sinfonietta	1971, 2020
RICHARD BROOKS	2020
Preludes and Fugues in Olden Style Piano	2020
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Roerich Rhapsody - Liaison III Viola and Piano	2020
Telesthesia 4 Cellos	2019
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Contra-dictions Pierrot Quintet	2019
PHILIP CARLSEN	2020
Elegy for Al Cello Fantazy a6 6 Trombones	2020 2020
Adrift Among the Willows Clarinet, Violin, Viola, and Cello	2020
earth dance SATB choir, piano	2020
Chompling Euphonium and Marimba	2020
Frangipani Blossoms Solo Khaen	1975
Strolling Grover's Row Big Band	2020
ROBERT CEELY	
SEVEN ETUDES FOR PIANO Solo Piano	2002
WALLACE MCCLAIN CHEATHAM	
HYMN SUITE SATB a cappella	1998
CYCLE OF ENCOUNTERS Medium - low voice and piano	2009

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MICHAEL DELLAIRA	
Hollow Hill - Soprano, piano	2020
LAWRENCE DILLON	
you/he Sop, Mezzo-Sop, Bsn, Mandln, Guit, Mrmba, and Cb	2018
Fifteen Minutes Violin	2006
TOM FLAHERTY	
Lamp Unto Thy Tweet Sop, bass (voice),	
mandola, vla, vcl, piano	2017
Five Chorale Preludes (JS Bach) for cello quartet, Arr. 4 vcl	1990
DAVID FROOM	
Duo for Two Violins Two Violins	2020
LEE GANNON	
DERELICT Flute	1989
TWO ETUDE-CAPRICES FOR FLUTE	2020
ROBERT GIBSON	
Harmony of Tensions: Fire Viola	2020
Harmony of Tensions: Water Violoncello	2020
Harmony of Tensions: Earth Double Bass	2020
Harmony of Tensions: Air Violin	2020
MIRIAM GIDEON	
SONGS OF VOYAGE - Low voice and piano	1964
DAVID E. GORDON	
Moments, Tempo Etudes Piano	2000
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Hexachordal Etudes Solo Piano	2016
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HUBERT HOWE (CONTINUED)	
Nocturne, Dance, and Dream Piano	2020
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HERBERT HAUFRECHT	
Etudes in Blues Piano	1956
BARBARA JAZWINSKI	
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LOUIS KARCHIN	
TRIBUTE TO THE ANGELS Sop, fl, cl, hn, perc(1),	
piano, vln, vla, vcl	2020
Three Songs on Poems of Emily Dickinson	
Mezzo-Sop, guitar	2020
ULYSSES KAY	
EIGHT INVENTIONS Piano	1946
SUNBIN KIM	
THREE ETUDES FOR PIANO solo piano	2013
KARL KROEGER	
Sand-Drift High Voice and Piano	1954
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Fatas Morgana Four Electric Guitars	2018
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Chamber Concerto No. 1	1050
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trombone solo, fl, vln, vcl, vib, and piano	2020
RAYMOND LUEDEKE	1002
THREE LYRICAL STUDIES tpt, pf	1983

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JOHN D. MCDONALD You Are Alone To Sleep Guitar Alto Baroqueness Viola Sokari Versions Solo Viola	2007 2017 2006
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DARLEEN MITCHELL City of Dreams (for mixed chorus) Passages Violin, Guitar, and Piano IN LAMENTABILEM VOCEM Fl, tba, and SATB Chorus Whirling Wings flute Solar Winds 7 Brass Septet	2020 2020 1997 2003 2020
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	2020
PHILLIP RHODES	
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Oboe and Piano	2020
	2020

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OR String Orchestra	2020
Expressions Bs Tbn, Db, Pf, Perc	2020
Music for Flute	1982
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ALLEN SAPP	
VIOLIN SONATA IV vln, pf	1981
IMAGINARY CREATURES harpsichord, chamber orchestra	1981
MARRIAGE SONG - Chamber Cantata SATB, piano	1948
BRIAN SCHOBER	
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ALICE SHIELDS	
Mioritza - Requiem for Rachel Corrie (for Trumpet)	
and Fixed Media	2020
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String Quartet 1980	1980
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Love Couplet Piano	2020
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LEON STEIN	
SONATA, for Solo Flute fl	1968
HALSEY STEVENS	
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tourangelles - clarinet or basset horn, piano	1963
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Any 2 Sustaining Instruments	1952
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FROM EARTH, WOOD AND STONE, op.9 ob, org	1981
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- fl, ob, pf	1990
Three Spiritual Fantasies for Organ (Nos. 20, 21, and 22)	
Organ	2020
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Dreamcatcher Guitar	2011
my darling's slumber Guitar	2008
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Irreveries for Clarinet Quartet Clarinet Quartet	2016
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TEN ETUDES FOR TUBA OPUS 70 Solo Tuba	1991
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Humidity Clarinet and Prerecorded Electronics	2020
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FRANK WIGGLESWORTH	
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modes solo piano	2020
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Obituaries

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Martin Boykan b. 1931 passed away March 6th, at the age of 90 in New York City. Boykan was Emeritus Professor at Brandeis University. He studied composition with Walter Piston, Aaron Copland and Paul Hindemith, and piano with Eduard Steuermann. He received a BA from Harvard University, 1951, and an MM from Yale University, 1953. In 1964–65, he was the pianist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra.



Sydney Hodkinson b. 1934 passed away January 10th, a week before his 87th birthday. He received his BM and MM degrees from the Eastman School of Music, and a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from the University of Michigan. A distinguished 60 year teaching career included posts at the University of Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Southern Methodist, Oberlin, Duke, Western Ontario, Stetson, and the Aspen Music Festival and School.

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Frederick C. Tillis b. 1930 was an esteemed jazz musician and composer who joined the University of Massachusetts faculty in the early 1970s and spent 20 years as director of the UMass Fine Arts Center, leaving an extraordinary legacy at UMass Amherst and beyond. He passed away on May 3rd at the age of 90. He graduated with a BA in Music from Wiley College in 1949 at the age of 19, received his MA in 1952 and PhD in Music Composition in 1963 from the University of Iowa under the tutelage of Dr. Philip Bezanson. With his passion and commitment for the arts and arts education, Dr. Tillis enriched many lives throughout the world.

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