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Conference Program

The Conference is taking place at the College of Liberal Arts building (CLA) on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin.

Saturday, April 5, 2014

8:00am    Registration and Coffee / Snacks (Hallway, near CLA 0.126)

8:30am – 10:00am    Joint Paper Session (CLA 0.126)
Chair: Robin D. Moore, University of Texas at Austin
Jonathan Leal (University of North Texas)
“Re-Imagining Aztlán: Jazz Improvisation and Chicana/o Activism in the Writings of Raúl R. Salinas”
Erol Koymen (University of Texas at Austin)
“A Musical Minefield: Composing the Turkish Nation State”
Erin Miller Bartosch (California State University, Long Beach)
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- Katharine M. Hoogerheide (Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics)
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- Andrew Greenwood (Southern Methodist University)
  “The Atmosphere of Song in Enlightenment Scotland”

11:45am – 12:00pm    Walk to the DFA Building
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- Andrew Fisher (Texas State University)  
  “Music and Context of Kazumi Totaka’s Song and its Variations”
- Erik Heine (Oklahoma City University)  
  “Style as Leitmotiv in *Grosse Pointe Blank*”
- Laura Jane Houle (Texas Tech University)  
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- Elena Reece (Sam Houston State University)  
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- Robert Sanchez (Texas State University)  
  “Compositional Devices and Techniques of 8-Bit Video Game Music”
- Wade Smith & Nico Schüler (Southwestern University)  
  “African-American Composer Jacob J. Sawyer: Research Methodology, Biography, and Analytical Approach”
- D. Charles Wolf (Texas State University)  
  “Dmitry Kabalevsky and Sonata Form: A Theoretical and Analytical Investigation of Sonatina No. 1, Op. 13, Mvt. 3”

12:45pm – 1:45pm  **Lunch (bottom level of the DFA building)**

*Lunch is provided by the School of Music at UT Austin.*

1:45pm – 2:45pm  **Keynote Lecture (CLA 0.126)**

Timothy Rommen (University of Pennsylvania)  
“What do we mean when we say ‘Creole’?: Some Reflections on an Impossible Concept”

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Guido Olivieri (University of Texas at Austin)

5:30pm – 6:15pm  Javanese Gamelan Ensemble Workshop (MRH 3.306)
Stephen Slawek (University of Texas at Austin)
This workshop is limited to 20 attendees. Sign up at the SEM-SP registration table.

6:15pm – 8:00pm  Dinner (on your own)

8:00pm – 9:30pm  La Follia performs 17th Century Masterworks from Eastern Europe
(First Presbyterian Church, 8001 Mesa Dr., Austin, TX 78731)
Conference attendees can purchase a ticket at the door for the special conference price
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Liechtenstein-Kastelkorn during his tenure as Prince-Bishop of Olomouc (Olomütz) in the Czech Republic. Guest violinist and Kroměříž scholar Mimi Mitchell joins La Follia in presenting music by Vejvanovsky, Kerll, Biber, Bertali, Ritter
and others.

Sunday, April 6, 2014

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*End of the Conference*
Paper and Poster Abstracts
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Hannah P. Adamy (Texas A&M University)
“Is She Really a Diva?: A Soprano, Her Aria, and Vocal Virtuosity in Context”
Divas come into being based on their performance context. In this paper, I analyze one soprano’s three performances of Little Red’s aria “No One Should Ever Break a Promise” from Seymour Barab’s children’s opera Little Red Riding Hood. I consider her performance of the same aria in three different contexts: in her studio class, where the audience is primarily other singers who give constructive criticism; in the opera itself, where the aria is a part of a larger musical moment; and in her accompanist’s piano recital, where the soprano sings to a room of people not expressly there to listen to her perform. In these three performances, I argue, the soprano performs different dimensions of diva-ness in order to hold an audiences’ attention for the length of the aria. – To begin, I use Susan J. Leonardi’s and Rebecca A. Pope’s definition of “diva” to describe this soprano’s bodily and vocal performance technique. I then employ Roland Barthes’ idea of a vocal “grain” to theorize a “diva-grain” or the operatic grain a soprano learns in her voice studio. Next, I describe how the “diva-grain” creates what Brian Massumi calls “field[s] of emergence,” or space that changes the affective flow of a place. Finally, I assert that the “diva’s” performance as intersection of body, voice, and text is virtuosic in its ability to command attention. Through this research, I hope to contribute to the scholarship connecting ethnomusicology and musicology by way of performance studies.

Andrés R. Amado (University of Texas Pan American)
“Transnationalism as an Analytical Framework: Addressing Epistemological Blind-Spots in Historical and Ethnographic Studies of Music in Guatemala”
Despite ethnographic, discographic, and other evidence suggesting the significance of the fox trot in the construction of musical nationalism in Guatemala, most researchers have understated its importance, focusing their attention instead on “autochthonous” musical styles. Similarly, the impact of the fox trot internationally goes largely unexamined in much literature on popular music. The study of the fox trot then invites an exploration of the reasons why disciplines such as historical musicology and ethnomusicology have paid little attention to this type of music. Recent discussions on the subject of transnationalism have suggested that despite the existence of many insightful critiques of nationalism and globalization, these notions continue to inform analytical frameworks, even if inadvertently. Using the fox trot in Guatemala as a case study, I argue that nationalism, whether acknowledged or not, has framed much of the investigation of musics considered “exotic” or “peripheral” from the standpoint of Western academia in general, and historical musicology and ethnomusicology in particular; furthermore, such conceptions have also influenced the work of local researchers. In this paper, I propose transnationalism as a theoretical tool to expose nationalist bias as an epistemological blind-spot of these music disciplines, and which allows us to refocus discussions of identity in ways that highlight previously neglected repertoires. After a brief review of the trends in scholarship dealing with Guatemalan music, I discuss theoretical implications of studying the importation of the fox trot through a transnationalist lens.

Erin Miller Bartosch (California State University, Long Beach)
“Susana Baca and the Feminine Voice of Nueva Canción”
Carrying the tradition of Nueva Canción into the new millennium, Susana Baca (born 1944) uses her music to bring awareness to the struggles of Afro-Peruvians and women of Peru. She is widely regarded as the leading figure in the revival of Afro-Peruvian musical traditions. This paper is an investigation of the female voice in modern Nueva Canción through an examination of the influential singer-songwriter Susana Baca. In this paper I will contextualize the works of Baca within the socio-political environment of Peru through cultural, historical, and political research methodologies. Cultural and historical research will focused primarily on gender and sexuality, and conditions that affect the role and status of women; specifically that of Afro-Peruvian women. It will also address the general state of women’s rights, women’s role in politics, and how or if the movement addresses women’s agency and voice. This will be explored via the artist’s life and work, including an analysis of her songs “Maria Lando,” “Señor de los Milagros,” and “El Mayoral.” This analysis will provide a clearer understanding of the significant issues and conflicts in Peru, such as race, economic inequality, agency, class, gender, and identity for the African diaspora. By using narrative hermeneutic methodologies, I will interpret deeper meaning in regards to personal struggles, political protest, and socially conscious issues. Research will also examine the significance of Baca’s appointment as Peru’s Minister of Culture, and her contribution to the preservation and revival of Afro-Peruvian music via her Instituto Negrocontinuo.
Jayson Beaster-Jones (Texas A&M University)
“Westernization or Cosmopolitanism? The Case of Bhaag Milkha Bhaag”
Bollywood film songs are unabashedly cosmopolitan in terms of the incredible diversity of musical styles that are present in them. Indian music directors (composers) have always incorporated various sonic elements (e.g., melodies, styles, instruments, timbres, rhythms, textures) from India and abroad into film songs that have a distinct sound. As such, film songs have always mediated musical material within and beyond the local, in whatever way the local is constituted by producers and audiences at any given moment of Indian history. Yet critics of contemporary Hindi films argue that songs have been on a trajectory of “Westernization” since the 1990s. They suggest that music directors have privileged the sounds of rock and electronic dance musics over the sounds of “authentically Indian genres.” In this paper, I argue that contrary to this discourse of “Westernization,” contemporary Hindi film songs have largely retained their cosmopolitan orientations in mediating manifold musical styles. Through analysis of the songs of the 2013 film Bhaag Milkha Bhaag – a soundtrack that seems to be the epitome of the Westernization of Hindi film songs – I show that the cosmopolitan mediation of sounds and the translocal orientation of music directors are contiguous with earlier eras of Indian film. That is, these songs draw equally from different regions of South Asia as much or more than they draw from international sources. As such, I argue that it makes little sense to discuss a trajectory of film song “Westernization,” insofar as film songs have always borne the traces of diverse musics.

Kimberly Ann Burton (Texas State University)
“Rediscovering Pavel Haas (1899-1944) and his Four Songs on Chinese Poetry (1944)”
The life of Pavel Haas abruptly ended in October of 1944 at the Auschwitz concentration camp. Behind him he left a legacy of selfless giving. He gave his marriage, musical talent, and eventually his life (Karas, 1985). He started to study music at the age of fourteen, enrolling at the Music School of the Philharmonic Society. Later, he studied for two years in the master class of composer Leoš Janáček (1854–1928), who was Haas’s most influential teacher. Haas proved to be Janáček’s best student (Frenk, 2013). Eventually he worked his way into being a film and stage composer with the help of his brother. Aside from this, Haas’s musical output contains a variety of instrumental and vocal music (Miranda, 2011). The song cycle Four Songs on Chinese Poetry is one of his most famous works, written for baritone and piano, will be the main focus of my poster. This work was originally written for a recital, by fellow Terezin Ghetto member Karel Berman, containing the music of some of the great composers: Beethoven, Wolf, and Dvorak (Karas, 1985). I will also provide biographical information about the largely ‘forgotten’ Haas from before World War II to his death. This will be the first time the piece has been extensively analyzed in English, having been mentioned only in Czech publications; it is instrumental for the understanding of Haas’ work. Included will be an in depth look at the poems used and their relationships to the music.

Mary Channen Caldwell (University of Texas at Austin)
“Marking It Off: Signaling Repetition and Signifying Orality in Medieval Song”
With only the evidence of notated and written sources, the goal of identifying signals of oral transmission in early music repertories has proved to be difficult for musicologists. Focusing on features such as formulaic construction and variants in text and melody, musicologists, including Leo Treitler, Anna Maria Busse Berger, and Susan Boynton, have ultimately argued for the coexistence of oral and literate musical traditions in the Middle Ages. While the French refrain in particular has been drawn on as an example of a simultaneously oral and literate form, the contemporary Latin refrain has not been studied for its role of within medieval orality and literacy. My paper addresses this oversight by analyzing the notations of Latin refrains in the medieval conductus repertory, revealing signs of orality implicit in the visual signals of repetition. Specifically, I draw connections between the cueing and abbreviating of refrains in musical sources and underlying memorial and oral processes. At the core of my analysis is a previously overlooked “itinerant” Latin refrain found abbreviated and inserted into more than twelve conductus from three fourteenth-century Austrian manuscripts: the exclamatory “Gaudeat, gaudeat, gaudeat ecclesia!” I argue that the mobility of this refrain, with its abbreviated forms and flexible use, points to a layer of musical activity operating on the fringes of orality and literacy. This paper provides a glimpse into a larger, predominantly oral medieval practice of ornamenting song by interjecting familiar refrains, a practice made visible only by examining the unique notation of musico-poetic repetition.

Megan Varvir Coe (University of North Texas)
“Musicality and ‘Corporeal Writing’: Reconciling Music, Language, and Dance in Symbolist Theater”
Stéphane Mallarmé declared dance to be the physical embodiment of Symbolism, describing the act of dancing as “a corporeal writing…a poem detached from any scribe’s implement.” The Symbolists’ fascination with dance has led dance scholar Dee Reynolds to describe dance as the “quintessentially Symbolist art form.” But how can we recon-
cile the paradox created when a wordless genre such as dance aspires to the aesthetics of a literary movement such as Symbolism? This paper suggests a means for achieving this reconciliation through a reevaluation of Symbolist thought on the musicality of language. By seeking in their prose to achieve what Walter Pater termed “the condition of music” or its lack of prescribed meaning, Symbolist writers developed a language that they believed transformed words into music. Music thus became the medium through which language and dance could meet each other; music acted as the space where “corporeal writing” could occur. This paper will argue that Florent Schmitt’s ballet pantomime, La tragédie de Salomé (1907), inspired by Oscar Wilde’s Salomé, acted as such a musical mediator. Contemporary critics heralded Wilde’s musical prosody in Salomé as a Symbolist achievement. This music-language in turn was essentialized in Schmitt’s score which, when accompanied with the synesthetic stage experience crafted by choreographer Loïe Fuller, exemplified Symbolist aspirations in theater. Through an exploration of the relationship between music and language in Symbolist aesthetics, this paper will demonstrate how the musicality of prose could be transferred across boundaries of genre and discipline.

Eric Evans (University of North Texas)
“Musical Symbol and Reified Sound: The Body-Semiosis of a LifeTeen Catholic Mass”
The LifeTeen movement in American Catholicism sets the Mass Ordinary as well as other worship choruses to a contemporary worship musical aesthetic. Seen in its symbolic function, ritual music does not merely point to meaning but is a vehicle for congregants to actually encounter meaning through music’s participatory faculty. In this paper I apply this semiotic framework to the LifeTeen Mass of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Denton, TX where such analyses reveal a central arch-symbol of “Body” at work in the liturgical life of the community. The Body arch-symbol acts as a hinge upon which the community discerns the mediation of the Divine as transcendent and/or immanent. The use of a contemporary musical aesthetic can be seen as a musical symbol that signifies the reification of a unified aesthetic language of beauty and which derives its authority, not from the ecclesiastical hierarchy, but from contemporary culture. This change in the Church’s authority to define aesthetic symbols can be viewed as positive in its ability to reveal the Body arch-symbol through and to the broader societal and cultural milieu, or it can be viewed as negative in its blurring of the Body arch-symbol’s transcendent signifying power.

Andrew Fisher (Texas State University)
“Music and Context of Kazumi Totaka’s Song and its Variations”
Video game music has received more and more scholarly attention over the past decade (Collins 2008a, 2008b, Garrelts 2003, Vercher 2007), but many topics, such as specific composers or pieces, have yet to be explored. Kazumi Totaka, while being a renowned composer inside Nintendo, is little known to the public and has not received scholarly attention. Although Totaka’s music is well-known to anyone playing Nintendo games, not much is known about him. It should come at no surprise then that his hidden 19-note melody, dubbed “Totaka’s Song”, is equally insufficiently recognized. “Totaka’s Song” is an ‘Easter Egg’ that is hidden in video games and sounds only at specific places in a game after a waiting period or after a particular action the gamer has to complete. Most of the occurrences of Totaka’s Song are generally known, and one can find YouTube videos of these occurrences, but the song has not been analyzed, nor have its variations been compared in the contexts of the games. This poster will present a transcription of Totaka’s Song (original) and an analysis, considering the original 8-bit video game music technology. Furthermore, transcriptions of several variations used in Nintendo games will be presented and their differences discussed in the context of the games and their changing technology. Finally, some of the speculated appearances of “Totaka’s Song” will be analyzed. A catalog of Totaka’s Song will be presented that reflects the changing of music and technology over time.

Cory M. Gavito (Oklahoma City University)
“Giovanni Stefani’s Songbook Anthologies and their Concordant Sources”
In the 1610s and 20s an elusive figure named Giovanni Stefani teamed up with the Venetian printers Giacomo and Alessandro Vincenti to produce a successful series of songbook anthologies printed with the chordal tablature known as “alfabeto.” Although Stefani indicates that the contents of the anthologies are comprised of “various compositions of first-class virtuosos,” none of the settings from Stefani’s four alfabeto songbook anthologies are printed with attributions. The hunt for Stefani’s nameless “virtuosi” began with Carlo Calcaterra’s 1951 history of Italian lyric poetry, in which he identified concordant textual settings in Stefani’s anthologies and other musical sources. Calcaterra’s work set into motion a series of studies that have unearthed a larger corpus of textual and musical concordance among Stefani’s anthologies and the wider Italian song orbit.

This paper significantly expands the nexus of Stefani’s settings and their concordant sources to include an array of examples ranging from full-scale replicas to a host of “partial” correspondences involving motives, phrases,
and refrains. While these newly identified cases of concordance present evidence that Stefani may have mined a body of print and manuscript monody in preparing the anthologies, they also lend further support to recent suggestions that Stefani relied on his access to aural/oral sources in compiling the amorosi project. Although the precise details of Stefani’s editorial procedure are not verifiably known, the concordances outlined here mark the anthologies as a kind of bibliography of oral practice, chronicling the identities of songs that proliferated otherwise as moving targets throughout the contemporary soundscape.

Lori Gerard (University of Texas at Dallas)
“Franz Liszt’s Francesca da Rimini: The Quintessential Emancipated Woman”
Franz Liszt’s musical depiction of Francesca da Rimini in his Eine Symphonie zu Dantes Divina Commedia (1857) differs radically from how Dante Alighieri originally presented her—a condemned sinner who subjected reason to carnal desire—in his Divina Commedia (c.1308–21). Liszt scholars have offered excellent traditional musical analyses of the entire symphony and have claimed that the composer’s depiction of Francesca reflects a Romantic conception of Dante, but none have discussed how Liszt, a lifelong devotee of the Comedy, conveys his viewpoint through various programmatic compositional devices. Through a semiotic musical analysis, I will show how Liszt’s portrayal of the Francesca da Rimini episode is a highly romanticized interpretation of Dante’s text.

My analysis is informed by an examination of Dante’s narrative devices and wording in his original presentation of the Francesca story in “Inferno,” Canto V; by various early commentaries written on the Comedy, especially Giovanni Boccaccio’s Esposizioni sopra la Commedia di Dante (1373–74), whose added romance elements bear notable responsibility for the nineteenth-century shift in attitude toward Francesca; and by events in Liszt’s personal life that influenced his own reading of the Comedy. Taking into consideration these literary and biographical details, this paper offers a new reading of Liszt’s musical episode. I contend that although Dante originally presented Francesca as a lustful adulterer, deserving of eternal damnation, the poet himself is partly responsible for Liszt’s depiction of her as a wrongly-convicted, ennobled heroine.

Andrew Greenwood (Southern Methodist University)
“The Atmosphere of Song in Enlightenment Scotland”
Drawing on eighteenth-century musicological approaches to embodiment, and ethnomusicological approaches to oral and written traditions (Bohman, Stokes), this paper argues that the concept of “air” in eighteenth-century Scotland is best understood not simply as melody but also atmospherically. Scholarship on Scottish music has too often posited a strict division between words and music in its conceptions of song and air respectively. As put recently by Marjorie Rycroft, “[i]n 18th-century Scotland the term ‘song’ had a very different meaning from the one we know today. It referred not to the music, but to the poetry, while the term ‘air’ was used to refer to the melody.” While this distinction often holds true as a means of labeling many eighteenth-century collections of notated airs, such an arbitrary division bears little resemblance to a meaningful ontology of song. Additionally, Scottish Enlightenment writers on music also rejected this division. For instance, Francis Hutcheson wrote in 1725 of “The Air of a Tune” in his Inquiry into the Original of our Ideas of Beauty and Virtue, while Adam Smith’s essay on the Imitative Arts referred both to the “music of an air” and “words of an air.” My approach is also supported by recent scholarship on literary atmosphere by Jayne Lewis in her new book Air’s Appearance: Literary Atmosphere in British Fiction, 1660–1794, and my findings have implications for our musicological conceptions of “air,” “tune,” and “song” more generally.

Brian Griffith (University of Texas at Austin)
“A Dance of Pachucos and Prostitutas: Class Representations and Folklorization in Costa Rican Swing Criollo”
In 2011, Costa Rica’s Ministry of Culture and Youth, together with President Laura Chinchilla, declared a dance style known as swing criollo to be “intangible cultural heritage” of the country. Despite its urban roots, Costa Rica has visually represented swing criollo as a folkloric event that sprung from a mythological rural, European peasant class. This has led to the erasure of the urban working class that pioneered the dance in 1970s San José. I will examine the ideological constructions that inform the Ministry’s official presentations as well as presentations by Costa Rican dance studios such as La Cuna del Swing and Merecumbé, arguing that these studios present an alternate narrative of swing criollo that privileges the voices of working-class dancers. In promoting the dance alongside its working-class roots and framing it as part of a contemporary Costa Rican, pan-Latin dance experience, instructors negotiate class ideologies, presenting swing criollo in a more participatory form that avoids the pitfalls of folklorization. On this basis, I also consider whether these presentations risk reifying class difference through staged canonization on one hand, or downplaying power dynamics in pan-Latin dance appropriation on the other. This study aims
to provide insight for ethnomusicological research in issues of class and cultural policy. By examining the negotiation of the public and private spheres and the legitimization/popularization process of this once-stigmatized dance style, I hope to open new avenues for research in cultural sustainability, as well.

Myranda Harris (University of Texas at Austin)
“Rhythms and Recitations: Vedic Origins of Indian Classical Music in Nationalist Discourse and Modern-day Practice”
Recent scholarship has demonstrated that music was an important site for the negotiation of nationalist discourses in India at the turn of the twentieth century. Seeking to highlight the country’s pristine and ancient heritage, nationalist projects emphasized the antiquity, importance, and purity of Indian classical music by locating its origins in Sanskritic Hindu ritual, specifically in the chants of the Sāmaṇḍa. This line of discourse (which is still perpetuated by Indian classical musicians today) positions Indian classical music within the ideologies of the Hindu ethos as a śāstric (“scientific”) practice worthy of the same disciplined, scholarly study and respect as European classical music. This paper examines the curious intersection between Indian music and Sanskritic Hindu values, texts, and ritual by looking at the ways in which the Vedic origins of India’s music are reified in modern-day classical music practice. Focusing specifically on the music practices of Karnataka percussion artists in South India, I demonstrate how the verbalization of rhythmic patterns and processes of rhythmic improvisation performed by these percussionists are congruent with the methods used by Hindu priests to aid in the transmission, memorization, and recitation of ancient Vedic texts. While many scholars have been quick to dismiss the relationship between current Indian music practices and ancient Sanskrit texts, I aim to highlight the ways in which this origin story (as propagated in modern music discourses and as reified in current music practices) has helped to legitimize Indian classical music both on an international stage and within Indian society itself.

Erik Heine (Oklahoma City University)
“Style as Leitmotiv in Grosse Pointe Blank”
The 1997 film Grosse Pointe Blank focuses on Martin Blank (played by John Cusack) at his ten-year high-school reunion. His raison d’être in the film is twofold: to apologize to Debi Newberry (played by Minnie Driver), the girl that he stood up at his senior prom, and to complete his final job as a professional hit man. As might be expected in a film that deals primarily with nostalgia, the employment of music in the film predominantly uses pre-existing popular music from the 1980s, the era when the two main characters were in high school. Following Ron Rodman’s recent work on style as leitmotiv, this paper investigates how popular songs used throughout the film not only represent the main characters, but also helps shed light on issues of power and control in the filmic narrative. The two main characters are represented by their own distinct popular music styles, which, on the surface, are worlds apart from each other: Debi by the New Wave music of The Cure (among others), and Martin by the punk/ska/reggae aesthetic of The Clash (among others). With respect to filmic plot, early scenes from the film use one popular music style at the expense of another to help foreground issues of power and control. The actual reunion scene, however, casts a wider musical net, so to speak. Neither Martin nor Debi are in control: indeed, it is at the reunion that the two main characters are able to let go of the past and reimagine their destinies.

Katharine M. Hoogerheide (Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics)
“Exploring the Value of Bimusicality: A Journey Into South Indian (Carnatic) Vocal Percussion”
One of the primary ethnomusicological approaches, stemming from Mantle Hood’s (1960) promotion of bimusicality, encourages arts fieldworkers to immerse themselves in a new artistic tradition through active learning and participation. In this spirit, I recently ventured into the world of classical South Indian (Carnatic) music, studying konnakol (vocal percussion) via online lessons with an expert in this tradition, Rohan Krishnamurthy.

On a technical level, in this presentation I will introduce the fundamentals of Carnatic rhythm and rhythmic notation, explore some of the compositional and improvisational techniques of the tradition, and invite the audience to engage in the short performance of a representative excerpt from the repertoire. From a more applied perspective, I will share some surprising developments of this study, reflect on their potential significance, and consider how this venture promises to continue.

Considering both the technical and applied aspects of this ongoing journey, I suggest that the value of bimusicality extends far beyond the realm of respectable performance and functional understanding. Instead, applied ethnomusicologists can aspire to uncover far richer levels of meaning as they delve into another artistic tradition.
Laura Jane Houle (Texas Tech University)  
“The Fiddlers National Anthem: Comparative Study of Performance Tricks in ‘Orange Blossom Special’”  
“A tune which has been so overplayed that no one ever refers to it by name anymore, but simply by its initials.” The characteristic shuffle of the “Orange Blossom Special” immediately elicits recognition among an audience, while identifying strains of train whistles and the “chug” of train tracks draw grins and spontaneous clapping from audience members. However, seasoned fiddlers and bluegrass musicians openly grimace or grin as they listen to yet another version of the renowned tune. The “Orange Blossom Special” is composed with many trick fiddle techniques that evoke surprise and wonder. The effects such as the train whistles or the double shuffle are technically not challenging for an intermediate to advanced fiddle player. However, it is these techniques or “tricks” that portray the performer as a virtuoso. The “Orange Blossom Special” is performed in numerous fiddle genres each with unique style characteristic that not only identifies the tune, but is also a direct representation of fiddle traditions in genres such as Cajun, bluegrass, or blues. This paper explores the compositional elements and the performance tricks that continue to intrigue audiences through the analysis of Ervin T. Rouse’s “Orange Blossom Special” (1939) by comparing the original by Ervin Rouse, blues fiddle of Vassar Clements, bluegrass variation by Earl Scruggs, and Cajun fiddling of Doug Kershaw.

Chia-Hao Hsu (University of Texas at Austin)  
“Renegotiating Otherness: The voices of Taiwanese Aboriginal Music”  
While Taiwanese Aboriginal culture has become essential for the Taiwanese state to protect in order to construct a new Taiwanese identity, the role of Taiwanese Aboriginal music in contemporary society actually cannot exclude dominant Han Chinese and Western influences as are part of the formation of Aboriginal music. The conventional understandings of Taiwanese Aboriginal music, unsurprisingly, have been exoticized by dominant the Han perspective that has in turn reshaped Aborigines’ musical practices and values. However, while Aborigines are neither simply implementing what the state expects – presenting the folklorized and exoticized traditional song – nor are they completely in conflict with it, such imposed “otherness” has been challenged by the voices of Aborigines, who generally adapt influences from outside forces to reclaim their own identity. I borrow Homi Bhabha’s concept of the “third space” that resists the binary of the dominant ideology and counterhegemonic discourses of minority, in order to theorize how Aborigines themselves negotiate with the Han perspective and outside world. Through this theoretical perspective, I examine the ways in which contemporary Aboriginal performing groups utilize the Aboriginalness in their performances in order to establish themselves socially. Those Aboriginal performers, who have actively presented Aboriginal song and dance at intra-village rituals, national and international cultural events, strategically manipulate their Aboriginal-ness through musical expression or identity markers according to different performative contexts and purposes.

Christopher Johnson (Texas A&M University)  
“Marketplaces of Affect: The Economics of DJ and Audience in Electronic Dance Music”  
The primary musical agent in electronic dance music (EDM) is the DJ. Whether mixed beforehand or skillfully crafted on the spot, the DJ’s set is aimed at manipulating the affective registers of the audience. The music’s steady four on the floor beat as well as intentionally abrasive textures, an infinite amount of synthesized timbres, and additively catchy four-bar melodic lines create an affective embodied experience for dancers. Historically, the music has been a somewhat free-floating musical signifier, adopted by those whose identities would become constructed as marginal, subcultural, or underground. Over the past ten years, however, EDM in the United States has moved to the center of popular consciousness, despite maintaining this marginal discursive trajectory. It has become popular on the charts and in concert, festivals have gained acclaim among the general public and music media alike, and commercials feature EDM tracks, signifying their relevance in mainstream musical-cultural practice.

This paper examines the relationship between the DJ and audience in a neoliberal economic context, especially in light of this convergence of EDM and mass consumption. Discourses of self-actualization, personal independence, and “us against the world” tropes are littered in tracks and referenced at large events. I suggest that the DJ operates as a metaphorical broker in a marketplace of affect. Audiences participate as consumers of identity who rely on the DJ the read and anticipate the audience’s response throughout their set. I argue that through music and musical discourse, these economic-affective exchanges point to particular forms of ideological consumption.

Anna Kalashnikova (Texas A&M University)  
“Noize MC: Mediatized Political Protest”  
In the Moscow rush-hour on February 25th, 2010 a VIP armored vehicle, carrying the vice president of a major Russian oil company veered into oncoming traffic and crashed into a compact car killing two female passengers. This
accident and the resulting trial, in which the blame for the accident was placed on the victims, while critical video evidence mysteriously disappeared, became the symbol of corruption and lawlessness effectively sponsored by the Russian state. In the nearly total state media blackout accompanying the crash and the trial – most in the general public found out the details through an internet-based music video, dedicated to the tragedy, written and performed by Russia’s famous rapper – Ivan Alekseev, mostly known by his stage name - Noize MC. With over a million views, Noize MC’s music video became the most effective way to relay a political message of outrage to a generally apolitical and apathetic public, in effect replacing traditional media.

In this paper I will argue that in the cases when traditional media fails to communicate critical information Internet video becomes one of the few outlets for political protest, specifically, for protest music. New video and music technologies provide the opportunity for a rapid song recording and rich ground for direct or ambiguous dissent messages. In my work I rely on theoretical constructions of Karl Marx, Philip Auslander and Kiri Miller to support my argument that mediatization, often being conceptualized as subjugating original music, paradoxically, provides freedom of speech and freedom of expression in controlled media states.

Kim Kattari (Texas A&M University)
“Raza-billy: Rockabilly’s Latino Roots and Routes”
In certain regions of the United States, the psychobilly subculture – a musical and stylistic blend of rockabilly and punk – has attracted a predominantly Latino audience. For instance, in parts of Texas and California, Latinos often make up about ninety percent or more of the audience and band member demographic. Although psychobilly music itself doesn’t have a Latin American origin, many bands that play the style tap into the audience’s shared ethnic heritage and expand beyond traditional psychobilly by incorporating cumbias, pachuco boogies, and folkloric favorites from Mexico. For example, one psychobilly band plays a hybrid style dubbed “cumbia-billy.” Their performances feature rockabilly covers of songs that the audience recognizes from quinceañeras and weddings, such as “La Negra Tomasa,” “Tiburón,” “Camarón Pelado,” and “Chicarrones.” In this paper, I draw on years of ethnographic research to trace some of the primary reasons why Latinos identify so strongly with the rockabilly and psychobilly scene, and how musicians adapt the genre to cater to the predominantly Latino audience. I argue that present-day participants in this subculture recognize rockabilly as a vital part of the historical Latino experience in the United States during the 1950s, thereby reclaiming a space for Latinos in the narrative of American rock’n’roll. This presentation interrogates the often silenced legacy of Latino involvement in the development of rock’n’roll and explores the subcultural routes this participation continues to shape in current popular music.

Elizabeth Kirkendoll (Texas Christian University)
“‘Slightly Overlooked Professionally’: Popular Music in Bridget Jones’s Diary”
A genre more often regarded as money-making entertainment than serious cinema, romantic comedies have long been overlooked academically. Although recent research by film scholars such as Leger Grindon and Tamar Jeffers McDonald has begun to explore the underlying complexities and historical value of the genre, the musical components of romantic comedies remain under-researched. Using the influential film Bridget Jones’s Diary (2001) as a case study, my research explores the often intricate use of popular music in romantic comedies as a method of providing narrative clarity for general audiences while enhancing the film’s broad appeal. Bridget Jones's Diary further highlights the potential functions of popular music in romantic comedy, employing foregrounded songs both as narrative elements and framing devices. On one level, the songs in Bridget Jones’s Diary act as an extension of the title character’s narration – as an aural extension of her eponymous diary. Furthermore, songs such as Aretha Franklin’s “Respect” (1967), Diana Ross’s “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough” (1970), and Van Morrison’s “Someone Like You” (1987) act as structural and narrative frames for Bridget’s relationships. The popular songs consequently immerse the viewer into the film narrative and provide an emotional bond with the title character. Finally, I examine how Bridget Jones’s Diary’s musical model set the stage for future romantic comedies such as Sweet Home Alabama (2002) and Love Actually (2003) to expand the role of popular music.

Erol Koymen (University of Texas at Austin)
“A Musical Minefield: Composing the Turkish Nation State”
Music reforms in the first decades after the founding of the Republic of Turkey created a tri-partite division of Turkish music into Ottoman Eastern, Western, and folk musics. According to nationalist ideologue Ziya Gökalp’s widely quoted formula, Ottoman Eastern music was to be eliminated and Turkish folk melodies were to be harmonized using Western compositional techniques in order to create a new art music for the Turkish nation state. In practice, however, a decades-long debate ensued as to which music was most appropriate for the Turkish nation state. Turkish musicians who were charged with composing the new Turkish art music had to negotiate a complex musical and
ideological landscape which has been glossed over by existing scholarship. Hasan Ferid Alnar was among the “Turkish Five” group of first generation Turkish Republican composers. I will examine the various musical influences which Alnar absorbed and analyze his work Prelude and Two Dances for orchestra in order to reveal the compositional choices which he made in order to mediate among conflicting conceptions of Turkish music. In so doing, I will begin to unpack the over-simplified account, which has been given of the “Turkish Five” composers and the Turkish music reforms more broadly.

Alexandra Krawetz (Rice University)
“A Defense of Augenmusik’s Cultural Significance in the Fourteenth and Sixteenth Centuries”
Renaissance Augenmusik (the notation of music in the form of shapes) is often dismissed as frivolous. However, in some contexts, it can strengthen music’s connection with text and society. Augenmusik achieves this by inventing an interdisciplinary medium that allows audience members to be visually involved with a musical score and physically see the intentions of a performance. This added visual reinforcement can convey a variety of societal ideas. Augenmusik’s reflection of society and appeals to the public are shown through case studies of two pieces, Baude Cordier’s “Belle Bonne Sage” (1400) and Ghiselin Danckerts’s “Ave Maris Stella” (1535). In Cordier’s “Belle Bonne Sage” augenmusik notation is a method of escapism from societal issues. Through coloration, madrigalisms, and the incorporation of shapes “Belle Bonne Sage” appealed to courtly society and diverted attention from Avignon’s problems. These problems included: the black plague, the Hundred Years’ War, and Papal unrest. Similar methods are employed in Danckerts’s “Ave Maris Stella” to increase its function as a didactic tool. Danckerts’s use of a riddle motet, chessboard notation, and madrigalisms reflect important ideas of Christian humanism in the Netherlands. These ideas include an emphasis on the importance of antiquity, religious morality, and education. Augenmusik’s ability to physically illustrate these abstract cultural and musical concepts shows the genre’s academic and performance value.

Adam La Spata (University of North Texas)
“Yahweh and Jah: Religious and Stylistic Convergence in the Music of Matisyahu”
In his music, New York-based musician Matisyahu combines stylistic elements of both reggae and rap to communicate a message of hope to the youth of today. In addition to syncretizing styles, he also brings together messianic elements of the Rastafarianism of reggae and Orthodox Judaism which he practices. Thus, in songs such as “King Without a Crown,” he transcends religious and stylistic boundaries and facilitates interaction and communication thus imbuing greater meaning to his purpose as a performing artist. Religious beliefs, especially one as disparate in this paper can enrich the study of popular music by showing similarities and connections between faith and culture across national borders. It can also eschew stylistic stasis; in this case, though Matisyahu no longer sees himself as the “Hasidic reggae superstar,” the social, cultural, and religious connections which tie him to Rastafarianism still abide. Discussing the sacred and popular can enrich the field of ethnomusicology by joining elements often considered as distinct entities; one need not profane the other.

Jonathan Leal (University of North Texas)
“Re-Imagining Aztlan: Jazz Improvisation and Chicana/o Activism in the Writings of Raúl R. Salinas”
Although Aztlan lives in the American cultural memory as symbolic of the Chicano Movement in the 1960s and 70s, Raúl R. Salinas, an intriguing Xicanindio poet-activist, presents it in his writings as a culturally-hybrid zone informed by his penchant for jazz. In his work, Salinas celebrates jazz improvisation as a component of Chicana/o intellectual practice—a mode of thinking emerging from cultural exchange between Chicana/o and African American communities in the urban centers he encountered. In this presentation, I engage the counterpoint between Chicano activism and jazz improvisation as manifested in Salinas’s works to underscore an overlooked history of Black and Brown solidarity in Texas, bridging a gap between ethnomusicological and literary critical modes of inquiry. As scholar Walton Muyumba has demonstrated, jazz improvisation as a social practice is an entry point to an emerging discourse on identity studies spanning American ethno-racial, literary, and sonic disciplines. With this in mind, I argue that through political articles, poetry, and jazz criticism, Salinas expands the field of Chicana/o identity to include African-American intellectual and aesthetic practices, challenging notions of the South Texan Chicana/o, or tejana/o, as simply a hybrid of Northern Mexican and Anglo-Texan cultures. In his hybrid texts, Salinas amplifies Aztlan as a geo-conceptual zone in which marginalized communities, Brown and Black, are free to code-switch between cultures, sing in Other keys, and solo over the borders and barlines dividing the American social landscape.
Yuxin Mei (University of North Texas)
“The Houston Chinese Traditional Music Group: Negotiating Decades of Change in America”
For over two hundred years Chinese immigrants have brought ancient customs and musical traditions to their new homes in America. As in many immigrant communities, a new heritage that embodies and exhibits both the quintessential features of American culture and genuine Chinese heritage have come together to form new expressive cultures that are uniquely “Chinese American”. As the youngest of the major American Chinese immigrant centers, the city of Houston, Texas provides an exemplary example of a distinct cultural cohesion that, in part, resulted from significant cultural and political upheavals in the latter half of the 20th century. During this era of political unrest, many Chinese people’s attitudes towards traditional culture changed drastically.

The Houston Chinese Traditional Music Group (HCTMG) is a Chinese orchestra comprised of amateur and professional musicians ranging in age from 13 to over 60 years old. Performing regularly for the Chinese immigrant population in Houston, the HCTMG’s take on traditional Chinese music deviates greatly from that of older, more established immigrant communities on the East and West coasts and in some parts of mainland China. Via participant observation, interviews, and analysis of source materials, this paper examines how changing political and economic climates in China during the 1960s to the 1990s -- when the majority of HCTMG musicians lived in China -- are reflected in the musical decisions of the HCTMG and the greater Houston Chinese immigrant community at large.

Guido Olivieri (University of Texas at Austin)
UT Early Music Ensemble “Austinato” Showcase
Members of the Early Music Ensemble “Austinato” will present excerpts from their upcoming concert on “Music and Dances from Spanish America.” The concert is part of a collaboration with the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México and the ensemble Concierto Barroco, which will be in residence and perform with UT EME on April 15th. During the showcase the audience will be introduced to the goals and past activities of the ensemble, to the instrument collection, and to issues related to the creation and management of a university collegium, with Q&A and hands-on sessions.

Delphine Piguet (University of Oklahoma)
“Southern Cloth Dance: An Exploration of Powwow Music within the Tribal Community”
Powwow music is an excellent example of music, culture, and community coming together as it perpetuates a sense of Native identity. The music and the dance of the Powwow are transmitted by oral tradition. The younger generations are often, unfortunately, less interested in celebrating their ancestors’ traditions. Therefore, Powwow music should be transcribed as it is vital to cultural survival. The confluence of rhythm, pitch, and musical style of Powwow repertoire is markedly different from Western singing.

This paper will present my musical transcription of a Southern Cloth Dance using a modified Western notation system. I will then offer an analysis of the transcription in terms of the song’s musical system and structure, and will explain the methodology used for it. I will present my findings regarding the paradigmatic analysis of this song which uses anhemitonic pentatonic scale and follows the form ABB. This paper will begin with a brief overview of the sequence of events that occur at a powwow and will present the different dance categories, with details about geographical origins and the instrumentation used. I will then focus on the women’s Southern Cloth Dance, including contextual historical information for the dance and its regalia. From an ethnomusicological standpoint, the difficult process of modifying Western notation is crucial in order to accurately notate non-Western music. My findings not only contribute to the existing corpus but also has an impact on the field of ethnomusicology as it offers a methodology applicable for any Powwow song.

Kim Pineda (University of Oregon)
“Go big or Go Home: Eighteenth-Century Real-Time Composition”
When Michel Blavet (1700-1768), arguably the best flute virtuoso in the first half of the eighteenth century, made his premier appearance at the prestigious Concert spirituel in Paris in 1726, he brought more than his flute and music to the stage. Blavet carried with him to the concert hall the requisite and comprehensive materiel musical of the period: this included training in theory, counterpoint, improvisation, bassoon, and basso continuo. My goal in this paper is to determine how much extempore ornamentation was expected of Baroque-era performers within a range of technical abilities, and to provide a means to help the modern scholar-performer of historical performance practice meet these expectations.

By looking primarily at eighteenth-century printed music for flute, violin, and harpsichord by composers from Germany (Johann Sebastian Bach, Georg Philipp Telemann), France (Michel Blavet), and Italy (Arcangelo
Elena Reece (Sam Houston State University)
“Discovering Avet Terterian: Armenian Folk Instruments and Their Role in Forming Temporality in Third Symphony”
Armenian composer Avet Terterian wrote his eight symphonies (1969-89) during the time when the very existence of the symphonic form was questioned as unfit in a current Soviet social and cultural context. Nevertheless, previously recognized as a vessel for addressing the most important concerns of the time in the works of Myaskovsky, Prokofiev and Shostakovich, not only the symphonic form survived, but a new understanding of its potential was found by Soviet Post-Avant-garde composers, Gubaidulina, Ustvol’skaya, Kancheli, Silvestrov, Schnittke, and Terterian.

Terterian’s symphonies stand apart from the symphonic works of his contemporaries in representation of the composer’s unique concept of “submergence in sound”, which is a musical expression of meditation. Terterian’s interpretation of sound as a leading structural and compositional force results in the unique features of temporality in his symphonies. For the first time in the history of symphonic form, Armenian folk instruments - duduk and zurna - were incorporated into the orchestral score in Terterian’s Third Symphony. Solving a controversial issue of merging orchestral sonorities with those typical for folklore music, Terterian suggested symbolic interpretation of the vernacular instruments based on their ritualistic meanings rooted in Armenian traditional culture. Such approach resulted in the demonstration of distinctive types of temporality associated with the instruments throughout the development of the symphonic form. This poster will prepare the ground for the future research of Terterian’s works by examining the issue of correlation between sound and temporality in his Third Symphony.

Timothy Rommen (University of Pennsylvania)
“What do we mean when we say ‘Creole’?: Some Reflections on an Impossible Concept”
Keynote Lecture
The ‘creole’ has long been a contested and slippery concept within Caribbean Studies. This is partly due to the fact that it has led separate and quite divergent lives within the realms of linguistics, anthropology, and critical theory (to name but three primary disciplinary contexts within which it has circulated). But the difficulties we encounter when invoking the creole also stem from its attractiveness as a convenient and generally rather uncritical short-hand for various mixtures and hybridities – the ‘creole’ just seems to explain so much so easily (foods, musics, language, etc.). In my current work in Dominica, I have encountered musicians for whom the creole is an important explanatory tool. And yet, as I’ll illustrate, the concept, freighted as it is with such a bewildering set of interpretive and theoretical possibilities, threatens to lose its explanatory clarity as soon as we start pressing a bit – what do we mean when we say ‘creole’? More importantly, what do Dominican musicians mean when they use it? Do we mean the same things? I suggest that answers here point to the possibility that, while the concept is shared, we’re not really deploying it in the same ways or for the same reasons. Drawing on the work of Michaeline Crichlow, this paper explores a possible means of finding our way toward understanding how the creole is mobilized in and through Dominican music and musical discourse (especially cadence-lypso and bouyon), and offers a view toward repurposing the concept in the contemporary moment.

Lauryn Salazar (Texas Tech University)
“Transcribing and Publishing Mariachi Music”
As mariachi music has expanded into academia in the U.S., the demand for written mariachi music has increased as a result. The proliferation of mariachi festival workshops and academic mariachi programs since the 1990s has raised important issues surrounding the role of musical transcription in mariachi music. Traditionally, mariachi has been a music learned by ear, but an increasing number of educators are now utilizing written scores in teaching this music. As mariachi educators and would-be publishers grapple with how to realize mariachi music through transcription and notation, this wide variety of approaches has resulted in lack of standardization. While the use of written scores is becoming more widespread, the abilities to learn aurally and improvise remain vital skills for all practicing mariachi musicians.

Many mariachi festivals offer workshops during which participants receive musical instruction and serve as a main point of distribution for sheet music. Moreover, many academic mariachi programs exist under the aegis of
music programs where Western classical music notation is the dominant method of instruction. In my paper, I discuss the problems of transcribing mariachi music and investigate its practical and cultural implications for the tradition as a whole. The transcription of mariachi presents its own set of challenges, particularly in the representation of defining musical characteristics such as the complex polyrhythmic nature of the son jalisciense, which employs the use of sesquialtera, and the virtuosic singing styles particular to the ranchera and huapango song forms, which each have specific demands in terms of vocal timbre.

Robert Sanchez (Texas State University)
“Compositional Devices and Techniques of 8-Bit Video Game Music”
In recent years, video game music has become the focus of scholarly research. The purpose of this poster is to present the boundaries and techniques that the composers were limited to during the 8-bit era (1984-1990).

Due to the rise of popular demand for video games in the 1980s, video game companies began to increase the quality in all aspects, such as graphics, gameplay, and music. This was the first time video game music was composed by actual composers, rather than by programmers. The use of different soundwaves (square, triangle, sawtooth, etc.), gameplay variables (tempo, pitch, timbre, etc.), looping, and/or algorithmic composition are just some examples that define 8-bit music. Even now, certain video games are being created in the ‘style’ of 8-bit, which includes the style of music. Although the technological limitations are no longer as they existed in the 1980s, the compositional devices and techniques are still being applied today.

Since research on 8-bit video game music has only been conducted sparsely (Collins 2007, Ahlers 2009, Márquez 2012), this presentation will provide further details of compositional devices and techniques of 8-bit video game music in the context of well-known games and composers such as Super Mario Brothers & The Legend of Zelda (Koji Kondo), Mega Man (Manami Matsumae), and others.

Stephen Slawek (University of Texas at Austin)
Javanese Gamelan Ensemble Workshop
The UT gamelan ensemble was established in 1998. Named Kyahi Rosowibowo (“The Majestic One”), the instruments of the ensemble were built in Yogyakarta and are available in complete sets in both slendro and pelog tunings. The ensemble is directed by Stephen Slawek. He will be conducting the workshop with a short interactive performance and explanation of the ensemble. The number of workshop attendees will be limited due to space restraints (participants must sign-up during onsite conference registration). The workshop will also include discussion on the benefits and challenges of establishing a gamelan ensemble within a university setting.

Wade Smith & Nico Schüler (Southwestern University)
“African-American Composer Jacob J. Sawyer: Research Methodology, Biography, and Analytical Approach”
Newspapers are excellent sources of music-historical research, especially when focusing on the ‘forgotten’ composers. While newspaper research used to be archival research, it is becoming more and more online research, as more and more newspapers are being digitized and become available online. Digitized newspapers can also be supported by electronic collections and databases. This conference poster is both a methodological reflection on such research as well as a biographic-analytical study, focusing on the ‘forgotten’ African-American composer Jacob J. Sawyer (1856-1885).

So far, little was known about Jacob J. Sawyer. A very sketchy biography was published in E. Southern’s Biographical Dictionary of Afro-American and African Musicians (Westport, CT, 1982). One of Sawyer’s compositions was printed in J. M. Trotter’s Music and Some Highly Musical People (Boston, MA, 1880). Even dates such as for birth and death were unknown. The authors of this study will present how online databases, electronic collections, and electronic archives were used to reconstruct some of the life and work of Jacob J. Sawyer as a pianist, composer, teacher, and arranger. An introduction and analytical approach to his important compositional work, which includes a march for the Seventh Cincinnati Industrial Exhibition in 1879, will also be included.

Leticia Isabel Soto Flores (U. of California Los Angeles)
“Mariachi Music Education in Diverse Educational Contexts”
Since the end of the 1960s, scholars have questioned whether formal education systems respond to changing needs in society (Coombs 1968, Estrada 1969, y Freire 1969). Such social changes—globalization, gender equality, increased migration, and socio-cultural identification—inevitably impact how musical traditions are to be passed on to next generations. In addition, they begin to reshape the relations between different educational systems, such as formal, non-formal, and informal education. In the case of the mariachi tradition, however, its educators have not en-
tirely taken into account the influence these aforementioned educational contexts can have on the future of this musical tradition.

A more in-depth look at the teaching-learning of mariachi music takes into account the knowledge and experiences gained, not only in formal education, but also in non-formal and informal settings. In formal education, students receive training via a formal curriculum offering theoretical and practical tools. Non-formal music education encompasses systematic methods also learned through formal education, such as workshops and private instruction. Informal education, on the other hand, is passed on from generation to generation, through lived experience in unsystematic practices, and generally within a community or family context. This last kind of educational experience is the most difficult to analyze and reproduce, even if it is the one that adds the most richness and significance to the mariachi tradition. In this regard, this paper provides a brief analysis of these teaching-learning systems, and how these may impact the future of the mariachi education experience.

Daniel Akira Stadnicki (University of Alberta)
“(Anti) Neoliberal Musicking: An Inquiry into Drumming for Political Protest”
This presentation will investigate the history, role, and significance of collective drumming practices during recent political demonstrations, focusing particularly on casserole processions (les casseroles/los cacerolazos) and drum circles. In both cases, drumming has been used to encourage participation and to enhance the feeling of cultural solidarity. However, these musical practices have been politicized and appropriated in unique and problematic ways, raising a number of questions that challenge claims for their unifying power and subversive value. Drawing from the work of Slavoj Žižek and Jacques Attali, this paper will examine the globalization and politicization of these diverse drumming traditions, exploring how the dynamics of political enjoyment (Žižek, 1991), genre, and noise are important factors to consider when analyzing the music of anti-neoliberal dissent.

Collective drumming practices have performed a significant role in some of the largest protests in recent North American history, including Occupy Wall Street and the 2012 student demonstrations in Quebec (the ‘Maple Spring’). At the same time, drum circles negatively impacted Occupy organizers in New York and divided supporters. Drum circle facilitators have also developed similar ‘world’ drumming practices into corporate team building exercises, utilizing parallel languages of carnivalesque emancipation and hierarchical subversion as incentives to foster creativity in the workplace—core features of the neoliberal ‘creative class.’ In contrast, this paper argues that casserole processions (from Buenos Aires, to Reykjavik, and Montreal) have proven particularly effective due to their semiotic evasion of musical genres and cultural drumming traditions, emphasizing noise and social disruption over musicality and groove.

Jessica Stearns (University of North Texas)
“Reactionary Improvisation and the Anti-Gestalt in Christian Wolff’s For 1, 2, or 3 People”
In his music, Christian Wolff grants the performer a variety of freedoms and decision-making powers, requiring the creation of new notation. The result of Wolff’s innovations is a collection of graphic scores that produce a reactionary improvisation between performers. One such work is For 1, 2, or 3 People. Written in 1964, this composition can be performed by one to three musicians using any combination of instruments or sound-producing media. Musicians must respond to environmental sounds or sounds produced by other players, creating an unpredictable musical performance. Though scholars have discussed the interactive nature of Wolff’s notation, the visual layout of his scores has been overlooked. Gestalt psychology’s principles of organization, such as proximity, similarity, and good continuation, have been applied to graphic notation as a means of understanding visual aspects of music and shaping interpretation. Most research in this area has focused on Cornelius Cardew’s works, including his massive 193-page graphic score Treatise. The principles of organization, however, prove insufficient in the realization of For 1, 2, or 3 People because the notation’s visual elements are often counterintuitive and do not always align with the temporal spacing of sounds, requiring the performer to act against his/her natural inclinations. The purpose of this study is to further the analytical discussion of graphic notation, inform performance practice, and aid musicians’ interpretations of For 1, 2, or 3 People and similar works by demonstrating that Wolff’s notation contradicts Gestalt principles of organization.

José R. Torres-Ramos (University of North Texas)
“The Mariachi Tradition in Nochistlán, Zacatecas”
Much of the small body of scholarship on mariachi has focused on historical analysis of the musical development of the ensemble, its transnational movement, and transformation to symbol of nationalist cultural identity. There has also been significant work on the etymology of the word mariachi. More recent research has begun examining the larger sociological aspects of the tradition as it has become more diversified in terms of gender, ethnicity, and class
of practitioners. Mariachi music represents a conceptual model for how music is socially meaningful and fundamental.

The town of Nochistlán, Zacatecas is well known for its appreciation, cultivation and promotion of music. Musical activities are a central focus of social and familial life in Nochistlán. Mariachi enjoys a strong, vibrant, artistic life within the region and among immigrant communities of Nochistlaneros in the United States. Drawing upon conceptual frameworks established by Thomas Turino, this paper will examine the mariachi tradition both in Nochistlán and among immigrant communities in the US, particularly in Ft. Worth, TX. Utilizing ethnographic fieldwork, this paper will tie the mariachi tradition in Nochistlán to a larger theoretical concept of identity and culture as foundational to the study of music as social life.

D. Charles Wolf (Texas State University)
“Dmitry Kabalevsky and Sonata Form: A Theoretical and Analytical Investigation of Sonatina No. 1, Op. 13, Mvt. 3”

Over the past fifty years, musical scholars have often viewed and approached the work of the Russian Soviet composer Dmitri Kabalevsky primarily within the context of music education or performance. These approaches are certainly merited and appropriate, because Kabalevsky composed several concertos and piano sonatas and maintained a lifelong interest in music for children and musical education in general. In his book A History of Russian Soviet Music, music historian James Bakst draws attention to this latter fact when he summarizes Kabalevsky’s career as “a composer dedicated to the advancement of Communist principles of musical creativity and music education.” Although these frameworks are on target, rigorous theoretical analysis of Kabalevsky’s music has not been pursued to the same degree. Scholars have written very little on Kabalevsky’s two piano sonatinas in particular, and no wide sweeping study of his contribution and approach to form, especially sonata form, has been undertaken so far. This poster will begin to remedy these gaps, through a closer investigation of Kabalevsky’s contribution and approach to sonata form, and through analysis of the third movement of his Sonatina No. 1, Op. 13, incorporating James Hepokoski and Warren Darcy’s dialogic view of sonata form and historical contextualization. This study contributes to a broader understanding of the development of sonata form in the 20th century and adds a fresh perspective through a theoretical, rather than performance or educational approach, to this innovative composer and his music.
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