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A native of Hershey, Pennsylvania, David Kish is Director of Bands and Professor of Music at Metropolitan State University of Denver (Colorado) where he conducts the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and teaches conducting and music education courses. In 2015, David was appointed Conductor and Musical Director of the Colorado Wind Ensemble. He has twice served as a Faculty Fellow in the Center for Innovation at MSU Denver, is a member of the editorial board for the Journal of Band Research, and curator of

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David has taught instrumental music at all educational levels, including a position as Associate Director of Bands and Franklin Fellow at the University of Georgia. His writings on wind literature, conducting pedagogy, and music education have been published in The Instrumentalist Magazine, Journal of Band Research, Music Educators Journal, and six volumes of the popular resource texts, Teaching Music Through Performance in Band. He is the author of *Brass Methods: an Essential Resource for Educators, Conductors and Students,* four volumes of *Guides to Band Masterworks, Practicing with Purpose* which received the 2018 "Best Music Education Book" from School Band & Orchestra Magazine and *Visualizing Music* which was recently released by GIA Publications

Dr. Kish earned the Doctor of Musical Arts and Master of Music degrees in Instrumental Conducting and Music Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. He has presented sessions at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic, the National Association of Music Education Conference, and various state music education conferences. He was Conductor-in-Residence at Capital Normal University in Beijing, China, and maintains an active schedule as guest conductor, clinician, and lecturer throughout the United States. Dr. Kish can be reached at: dkish@msudenver.edu

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John Heins b. 1956

Overture for Band

John Heins is an American composer. He received his Bachelor of Music degree in composition from the University of Montana and a Master of Music degree in composition and

performance from the University of Colorado, Boulder. He studied composition with Donald O. Johnston, Cecil Effinger and Karel Husa. Heins has taught at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana. and he served as composer, arranger, pianist and clarinetist in the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific Northwest. His Neo-romantic compositions have garnered considerable praise over the past three decades, and have been performed throughout the United States and Europe.

Overture For Band was written to provide audiences with an exciting concert opener featuring contemporary harmonies and rhythmic interest for each section of the band. Driving rhythms in the brass and flourishing passages in the winds appear throughout the composition. After a bold fanfare opening, the first theme is stated by horns in unison and then proceed to lyrical soli for flute, oboe and clarinet throughout the middle section. The work concludes with the return of the opening theme followed by a short, energetic coda.

Danceries: Set I Kenneth Hesketh b. 1968

Kenneth Hesketh is a professor of composition and orchestration at the Royal College of Music, honorary professor at Liverpool University and active as a guest lecturer. He has received

numerous national and international commissions. From 2007 to 2009 Hesketh was Composer in the House (Royal Philharmonic Society/ PRS Foundation scheme) with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. He has been represented at festivals from London (Proms) to the USA (Tanglewood/Bowdoin) to China (Beijing Modern Music Festival).

Hesketh's natural flair for the theatrical has led to works for the stage as well as a dance work for the Psappha and the Phoenix Dance Theatre. This was done through the support of The Royal Philharmonic Society Drummond Fund, and toured nationally throughout

.

Danceries Set I: The term "danceries" can be found in a copy of Playford's Dancing Master, an extensive collection of folk and popular tunes of the seventeenth century (and no doubt earlier). This publication was used by master fiddle players to teach the various dance steps of the day to a nobleman's house or a king's court. The composer writes, "Whilst this present set of 'danceries' cannot be said to be an aid to terpsichorean agility, I do hope that it will at least set feet tapping. The melodies themselves are a mixture of new and old -- well, nearly. Where old occurs, it has been adapted in mood and composition and is often interspersed with completely new material. The harmonies and rhythms bring a breath of the new into these themes and add to the drama of the set."

Movement I: Lull me beyond thee: Gentle and lilting, almost a barcarole, this movement is very much a reverie. The original tune had the name Poor Robin's Maggot -- a rather disconcerting title; maggot however, in seventeenth-century parlance, meant whim or fancy. This theme can also be found in The Beggar's Opera by John Gay (first performed in 1728) under the title Would you have a young lady?

Movement II: Catching of Quails: A colorfully buoyant scherzo on an original melody. The thematic material is shuttled around through the band to contrast with full-bodied tuttis. The last few bars fade away almost to nothing, it seems, until a final surprise!

Movement III: My Lady's Rest: A rather tender pavane, also on an original theme, with Moorish leanings. Solos for principal winds and brass with warmer tutti passages. The movement culminates with a final presentation of the theme before evaporating in held flute and trumpet chords.

Movement IV: Quodling's Delight: The final movement to the set combines one of the melodies from Playford's Dancing Master (under the title "Goddesses," here theme 1) with an original contrasting melody (theme 2). It provides a dramatic and exuberant ending to this first set of Danceries.

Percy Grainger

(1882 - 1961)

Children's March:
"Over the Hills and Far Away"

And

Gumsucker's March



Percy Grainger was an Australian-born composer, arranger and pianist who moved to the United States in 1914 and became an American citizen in 1918. In the course of a long and innovative career he played a prominent role in the revival of interest in British folk music in the early years of the 20th century, along with championing band music and even early forms of what is now called "Flex-Music" or music that can be played by ensembles of various size/composition of instruments. Grainger left Australia at the age of 13 to attend the Hoch Conservatory in Frankfurt. Between 1901 and 1914 he was based in London, where he established himself first as a society pianist and later as a concert performer, composer, and collector of original folk melodies. As his reputation grew, he met many significant figures in European music, forming important friendships with Frederick Delius and Edvard Grieg. In 1914 Grainger moved to the United States, where he lived for the rest of his life, though he travelled widely in Europe and Australia. He served briefly as a bandsman in the United States Army during the First World War from 1917–18 and took American citizenship in 1918. After his mother's suicide in 1922, he became increasingly involved in educational work. He also experimented with music machines, which he hoped would supersede human interpretation. In the 1930s he set up the Grainger Museum in Melbourne, his birthplace, as a monument to his life and works, and as a future research archive. As he grew older, he continued to give concerts and to revise and rearrange his own compositions, while writing little new music. After the Second World War, ill health reduced his levels of activity before his death in 1961.

Children's March: Over the Hills and Far Away was scored for band by Grainger in 1919 from a solo piano work which he had composed between 1916 and 1918. The band arrangement was begun in 1918 while the composer was a member of the U.S. Coast Artillery Band and was written to take advantage of that band's instrumentation. Generally accepted as the first band composition utilizing the piano it is often considered his first mature work. The march features the woodwinds -- especially the low reeds -- during most of its seven-minute duration. From the introduction to the end, the folk-like melodies make it difficult for the listener to realize that the work was originally composed by Grainger. It was first performed by the Goldman Band on June 6, 1919, with the composer conducting and Ralph Leopold at

the piano. Like many of Grainger's works, the march demonstrates both the fierceness and the tenderness of the composer's personality. It was dedicated to "my playmate beyond the hills," believed to be Karen Holton, with whom the composer corresponded for eight years but did not marry because of his mother's jealousy. In 1953, 48 years after they first met, they saw each other for the last time in Denmark, where Grainger had gone for a cancer operation performed by Dr. Fai Holton, Karen's brother.

Gumsucker's March. A "Gum-Sucker" is an Australian nickname for Australians born in Victoria, Grainger's home state. The eucalyptus trees that abound in Victoria are called "gums", and the young shoots at the bottom of the trunk are called "suckers"; so "gum-sucker" came to mean a young native son of Victoria. The march was sketched for wind band in the late 1930s but not finished until the summer of 1942. The first theme was composed by Grainger at Hill Hall, Epping, England, around 1911, and the second theme dates from 1905. The complete march was worked out in the summer of 1914 at Evergood Cottage, Goudhurst, Kent, England, and scored for orchestra late that year in New York. Grainger used what he called "tone-clashfulness" (writing of independent harmonies for various families of instruments, creating moments of dissonance). The lyric theme from this march can also be found in his his works, Australian Up-Country Tune and Colonial Song, written to typify Australia.



Anna Clyne b. 1980

Masquerade Trans, Dennis I linás

Described as a "composer of uncommon gifts and unusual methods" by the *New York Times* and as "fearless" by *NPR*, Grammynominated **Anna Clyne** is one of the most indemand composers today, working with

orchestras, choreographers, filmmakers, and visual artists around the world. She often collaborates on creative projects across the music industry, including *Between the Rooms*, a film with choreographer Kim Brandstrup and LA Opera, as well as the *Nico Project* at the Manchester International Festival. Clyne has also reimagined tracks from Thievery Corporation's *The Cosmic Game* for the electronica duo with orchestra, and has worked with Jess Gillam, Jeremy Denk, Martin Fröst, Pekka Kuusisto, and Yo-Yo Ma. Her music is frequently choreographed for dance, with recent projects including the world premiere of choreographer Pam Tanowitz's dance set to *Breathing Statues* for the

Royal Ballet in London and performances of *DANCE* by the San Francisco Ballet with choreography by Nicolas Blanc. Clyne is deeply committed to music education and to supporting and mentoring the next generation of composers. She has taught master classes and workshops throughout the US and internationally and was the founding mentor for the Orchestra of St Luke's Degaetano Composition Institute, the Scottish Chamber Orchestra's New Stories program, and the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra's Emerging Composers Program.

Masquerade draws inspiration from the original mid-18th century promenade concerts held in London's pleasure gardens. As is true today, these concerts were a place where people from all walks of life mingled to enjoy a wide array of music. Other forms of entertainment ranged from the sedate to the salacious with acrobatics, exotic street entertainers, dancers, fireworks and masquerades. Anne states,"I am fascinated by the historic and sociological courtship between music and dance. Combined with costumes, masked guises and elaborate settings, masquerades created an exciting, yet controlled, sense of occasion and celebration. It is this that I wish to evoke in Masquerade." The work derives its material from two melodies. For the main theme, a chorus welcoming the audience and inviting them into their imaginary world. The second theme, Juice of Barley, is an old English country dance melody and drinking song, which first appeared in John Playford's 1695 edition of The English Dancing Master.



Dmitri Shostakovich Tahiti Trot (1903-1975) Trans. Jerry Brubaker

Dmitri Shostakovich was born in Saint Petersburg, the second child of Dimitri Boleslavovich Shostakovich and Sofia Kokoulina. After showing an early aptitude for music when he began studying piano with his mother at the age of nine (often he would simply play back the music from the previous week despite what was placed in front of him for his lesson) Shostakovich would begin

study at the Petrograd Conservatory in 1919 at the age of 13. The successor of Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Alexander Glazunov was then the head of the conservatory and took special interest in Shostakovich helping him in his studies as well as promoting him as a performer. Shostakovich graduated from the conservatory in 1925 and his *Symphony No.1* was his graduation piece and would earn him international attention as it started to be performed across the globe. This same year Shostakovich's music was first performed in Moscow but was received cooly by critics and the public. This would be a harbinger of the love and hate between the Soviet

leadership, namely Stalin, and Shostakovich. In the 1930s and 40s Shostakovich would be denounced. First in 1936 when Stalin paid a rare visit to the Opera to listen to Lady MacBeth of the Mtsensk District, which the party newspaper Pravda described as "Muddle not Music" and this review encouraged the leader of the Leningrad Philharmonic to have Shostakovich withdraw his 4th symphony from performance. The wellknown 5th Symphony would return Shostakovich to favor, as it was hailed as patriotic and a true representation of the Soviet struggle. The second denunciation came in 1948 when Shostakovich, Prokofiev, and Khatchaturian were all accused of writing music that was too formal or too influenced by western music. This did not affect Shostakovich too terribly as he continued to compose for film, theater, and the performance hall, even if it did see him removed from his post at the conservatory of music. Beginning in 1958 Shostakovich began to suffer from symptoms and complications of being infected with the Polio virus. It slowly took his mobility as well as the motor control in his hands. In all Shostakovich wrote 15 symphonies, 15 String quartets, 10 Operas, 5 Ballets, 36 film scores, and much more for chamber and solo instruments.

Tahiti Trot

Shostakovich had demonstrated as early as 1928 his penchant for what might be termed "light music." In a bet between friends, Dmitri was challenged by conductor Nikolai Malko to prepare, in less than one hour's time, a completely new orchestration of *Tea for Two*, the popular song by Vincent Youmans. The work had previously been adapted in 1926 by Boris Forem as *Tahiti Trot*. It was a recording of this earlier rendition that inspired the wager. The stakes were 100 rubles, and the result was Shostakovich's Opus 16. Dmitri easily won the bet as he completed his original and witty orchestration within only forty-five minutes.

Samba Magic (1882-1961)

Basement Jaxx

Simon Ratcliffe

Felix Burton

b. 1969 1970 b.

Trans. Brain Sadler



Basement Jaxx are an English electronic music duo consisting of Felix Buxton (b 1970) and Simon Ratcliffe (b 1969). The pair got their name from the regular club night they held in Brixton, London, UK. They first met in

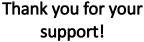
1993 through a mutual friend and bonded over a love of New York house music. Their first album, EP1, sold more than 1000 copies in Britain and received playtime in New York city. The band came to formation in 1994 as Buxton and Ratcliffe started holding a regular nightclub in Brixton, South London, called **Basement Jaxx**. They opened for several well-known electronica/dance house/UK Garage bands including DJ Sneak and Daft Punk. Their biggest breaks came when they opened for Daft Punk and began their collaboration with singer Corrina Joseph. They have composed music for television such as The Rubbish World of Dave Spud, and What's On Your Head?, and in the track Good Luck from their album Kish Kash was rereleased in 2004, after exposure from being the theme to BBC's Euro 2004 coverage, and was also featured in the soundtracks of Just Married and Appleseed, released in 2003 and 2004 respectively. Kish Kash was also recognized the following year at the 47th Grammy Awards, winning Buxton and Ratcliffe the inaugural Best Electronic/Dance Album award. They have also collaborated with the Sydney Metropolitan Opera to bring some of their original hits to the concert hall.

Samba Magic

From their Album *Summer Daze*, *Samba Magic* rose to 61 on the British album Charts in 1995. Transcribed for band by Brian Sadler, it is typical of the upbeat sound that was popular in early Dance house music in London at the time. The influences of bands like Daft Punk can be heard in the chord progressions and walking baseline. This version, transcribed from an orchestral version performed initially by the Metrepole Orkest from the Netherlands plays up the Samba aspect of the tune, which originally has more of an electronica feel. Tonight's performance features Reece Clausen on Piano, Nathan Drabek on Tenor Saxophone, Rich Gabriel on Trumpet, Neil Guy on Trombone, and the brass, percussion, and saxophone sections of the band.

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