

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

COMPOSER'S SYMPOSIUM

March 10-12, 1986

Participating Composers:

LOU HARRISON

JAMES GALLOWAY GORDON GETTY GEORGE HEUSSENSTAMM ROBERT KEHRBERG LEWIS M. MILLER JOSEPH PACKALES CHRISTOPHER PRIOLO MURIEL ROTH JEFFREY STOLET ALAN STRINGER SCOTT WILKINSON WILLIAM WOOD

Donald McRae—Dean, College of Fine Arts Peter Ciurczak—Chairman, Department of Music

Karl Hinterbichler, Scott Wilkinson-Co-chairmen, Composer's Symposium

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LOU HARRISON

Lou Harrison was born in Portland, Oregon in 1917. He studied with Henry Cowell in San Francisco (1934-35) and with Arnold Schoenberg in Los Angeles (1941-42). During World War II he organized recitals of percussion music on his own and with John Cage, while also working as a florist, record clerk, poet, dancer and dance critic, music copyist (his handwriting is known for its beauty), playwright and builder of instruments. In 1943 he moved to New York, where he was influenced by Virgil Thomson who became a champion of his works. He wrote for *View, Modern Music, Listen,* and the *New York Herald Tribune*, edited the *New Music Edition* for a short while, and conducted frequently including

the first complete performance of an Ives symphony (No. 3, 1947). In that year he received a grant from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and shortly thereafter he left to teach in Portland, Oregon and then at Black Mountain College. He returned to California and settled in Aptos. In 1952 and 1954 he was awarded Guggenheim Fellowships, and in the latter year he visited Rome. There followed in 1955 a Fromm Award and a commission from the Louisville Orchestra for the *Four Strict Songs* on some of his continuing concerns: love, plant growth, peace and concerted enjoyment on the journey to death.

In the early 1960's he traveled to the Far East: a Rockefeller grant enabled him to study first in Korea and in Taiwan. He was appointed senior scholar at the East-West Center of the University of Hawaii (1963). His activities as an instrument builder were intensified while pursuing his lifelong interest in pitch relations and his belief in just intonation. In 1965 he was granted a Phoebe Ketchum Thorne award which enabled him to spend one year in Oaxaca where he began organizing Lou Harrison's Music Primer (published by C. F. Peters). In 1967 he began teaching at San Jose State University. In 1973 he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters. In 1974 he developed an advanced polyethnic music theory course: World Music Theory (which he taught at Stanford in 1974, San Jose State University from 1974-82, The Center for World Music in Berkeley 1975, University of Southern California 1977, and Mills College 1980-82). In 1975 he was the American representative to the League of Asian Composers conference in Manila, Philippines. In 1975-76 his music began to proliferate in Europe with many major performances. In 1977 he designed and constructed with William Colvig, two major Javanese Gamelan orchestras. In the last ten years he has toured frequently as a lecturer, keynote speaker on American composers to major Universities across the U.S. In 1980 he was given a Milhaud Chair at Mills Collige and continues teaching there in the Mary Woods Bennett Chair in Music.

In 1983 he was a Fulbright Senior Scholar to four New Zealand Universities. While in New Zealand he composed and performed as well as lectured and recorded commentary to five programs of his own music broadcast by Radio New Zealand. He provided commentary on his own music for Australian broadcastings, and in Germany aided in rehearsals and attended the concerts of "Music in the 20th Century," a public festival presented by the Saarland Radio.

Lou Harrison's compositions demonstrate a variety of means and techniques. In general he is a melodist. Rhythm has a significant place in his work, too. Harmony is unimportant. He is one of the first American composers to successfully create a workable marriage between Eastern and Western forms. "The richness of his legacy resides in the eclecticism and universality of its vision." Lou Harrison says: "Cherish, Conserve, Consider, Create."

ALL EVENTS ARE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO FINE ARTS CENTER AND ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT CHARGE

Monday, March 10	
9:00 - 9:50 am	PANEL DISCUSSION - B-117 The Composer in Today's Society James Galloway, Gordon Getty, Lou Harrison, Muriel Roth Alan Stringer Peter Ciurczak - moderator
10:00 - 10:50 am	OPEN REHEARSAL - Keller Hall Lou Harrison - <u>Violin Concerto</u>
11:00 - 11:50 am	COMPOSITION SEMINAR - B-117 Robert Kehrberg, Joseph Packales, Christopher Priolo, Jeffrey Stolet
12:00 noon	LUNCH - New Mexico Union All visiting composers
2:00 - 2:50 pm	PANEL DISCUSSION - B-117 The Musical Stimuli (Influences) Affecting Today's Composers Lou Harrison, Robert Kehrberg, Joseph Packales, Christopher Priolo, Jeffrey Stolet Peter Ciurczak - moderator
3:00 - 7:00 pm	OPEN REHEARSALS - Keller Hall 3:00 - Getty, Wilkinson (B-117) 3:00 - Galloway - Lembrancas 3:15 - Harrison - Suite 4:00 - Miller - Mr. Updike's Universe 4:45 - Priolo - Bagatelles 5:15 - Stringer - Songs of Mourning and Exaltation 6:00 - Heussenstamm - Reticulum, Set
8:15 pm	CONCERT I - Keller Hall
Tuesday, March 11 8:00 - 9:15 am	WORKSHOP - B-117 Manuscript Preparation, Copyright, Publishing George Heussenstamm, Lewis M. Miller
9:30 - 10:30 am	MEET THE COMPOSER - B-120 Joseph Packales

11:00 - 12:15 pm	COMPOSITION SEMINAR - B-120 James Galloway, Gordon Getty, Lou Harrison, George Heussenstamm
2:00 - 3:15 pm	CONCERT II - Keller Hall
3:30 - 6:00 pm	OPEN REHEARSAL - Keller Hall 3:30 - Miller - Rondo giocoso 4:00 - Kehrberg 5:00 - Packales
8:15 pm	CONCERT III - Keller Hall
Wednesday, March 12	
9:00 - 9:50 am	MEET THE COMPOSER - B-120 Christopher Priolo
10:00 - 10:50 am	OPEN REHEARSAL - Keller Hall Lou Harrison - <u>Organ Concerto</u>
11:00 - 11:50 am	SEMINAR WITH BEGINNING COMPOSITION CLASS - 2100 Gordon Getty
1:00 - 1:50 pm	COMPOSITION SEMINAR - B-120 Lou Harrison, Lewis M. Miller, Muriel Roth, Alan Stringer
2:00 - 2:50 pm	ASK THE COMPOSER - B-117 Lou Harrison
3:00 - 7:00 pm	OPEN REHEARSAL - Keller Hall 3:00 - Getty, Wilkinson (Chamber Singers) 4:00 - Heussenstamm
8:15 pm	CONCERT IV - Keller Hall

CONCERT OF MUSIC BY GEORGE HEUSSENSTAMM - Keller Hall

Thursday, March 13

2:00 pm

CONCERT I

Monday, March 10, 1986 8:15 PM Keller Hall

PROGRAM

Donna McRae - soprano Rita Angel - piano

INTERMISSION

Andante Moderato con moto Recitative Maestoso; Allegro molto

Michael Chapdelaine - guitar

Joanna de Keyser - violoncello

CONCERTO FOR VIOLIN AND PERCUSSION ORCHESTRA (1940, rev. 1959)....Lou Harrison

Allegro, Maestoso Largo Cantabile Allegro, Vigoroso, poco presto

Leonard Felberg - violin
UNM Percussion Ensemble, Christopher L. Shultis, conductor

^{*} Premiere Performance

CONCERT II

Tuesday, March 11, 1986 2:00 PM Keller Hall

PROGRAM

WINNER OF THE UNM UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COMPOSITION CONTEST	
MR. UPDIKE'S UNIVERSE (1983)Lewis M. Miller	
White Dwarf Cosmic Gall Expose News From the Underworld Skyey Developments	
Bradley Ellingboe - baritone Michael Chapdelaine - guitar	
THE JOHN WAYNE PIECE, PART II (1985)Jeffrey Stolet	
Jeffrey Stolet - piano	
SERENADE (1978-79)Lou Harrison	
Round Air Infinite Canon USUL (little homage to Sinan) Sonata	
Michael Chapdelaine - guitar Christopher L. Shultis - percussion	
RETICULUM, op.66 (1972)George Heussenstamm	
UNM Double Reed Ensemble Darrel Randall - director George Heussenstamm - conductor	

CONCERT III

Tuesday, March 11, 1986 8:15 PM Keller Hall

PROGRAM

Darrel Randall - director George Heussenstamm - conductor

*SEVENTEEN PRELUDES TO AN ACT OF GRACE, op.43 (1985)...........Joseph Packales

Keith Lemmons - clarinet
Daniel Gwin - violoncello
Christopher L. Shultis - percussion

INTERMISSION

The Tide Rises, the Tide Falls Acquainted with the Night

Reluctance

from the Memorial to Clorinda Haywood, Egbaston

from "A Christmas Memory"

from The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam

from "In Memoriam"

Veni Creator

Jeanette DeTevis - soprano André Garcia-Nuthmann - piano

SUITE FOR TROMBONE AND PIANO (1983)......Robert Kehrberg

March

Dirge

Dance Song

> Robert Kehrberg - trombone Virginia Combiths - piano

UNM Percussion Ensemble Christopher L. Shultis, conductor

^{*} Premiere Performance

CONCERT IV

Wednesday, March 12, 1986 8:15 PM Kéller Hall

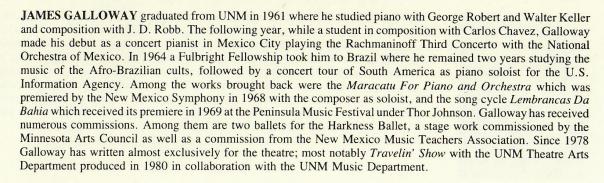
PROGRAM

SONGS OF THE PEYOTE WOMANJames Galloway
Rita Angel - piano
RONDO GIOCOSO (1977)Lewis M. Miller
Joanna de Keyser - violoncello Rita Angel - piano
THREE A CAPPELLA CHORUSES
Loveliest of Trees (text: A. E. Housman) Along the Field As We Came By (text: Alfred Tennyson) Blow, Bugle, Blow (text: A. E. Housman)
FOUR WHATEVERS! (1980)
"How" "if"
UNM Chamber Singers John Clark - conductor
INTERMISSION
TAUTOPHONIC (1984)Robert Kehrberg
Robert Kehrberg - trombone
CONCERTO FOR ORGAN WITH PERCUSSION ORCHESTRA (1972-73)Lou Harrison
Allegro Andante (Siciliana) Largo Moderato (Canons and Choruses) Allegro (Finale)

John Clark - organ UNM Percussion Ensemble Christopher L. Shultis - conductor

PARTICIPATING COMPOSERS







GORDON GETTY was born in Los Angeles in 1933 and has lived in San Francisco since 1945. He graduated from the University of San Francisco in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science degree in English Literature, having meanwhile studied piano with the late Robert Vetlesen and voice with Easton Kent. After six months of active duty in the Army and four years in the family business, he studied theory in 1961 and 1962 under Sol Joseph at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Five short piano pieces from this period were published by Belwin-Mills in 1964, adding to an a cappella chorus written at the Persian Gulf in 1958 and published by Composers Press/Opus in 1959. Music and business have laid an equal claim on his time since then. Mr. Getty's song cycle *The White Election* has received numerous performances throughout the United States and his *Cantata Plump Jack*, a work in progress, was premiered (scene one) by the San Francisco Symphony in 1985. Mr. Getty was a composer-in-residence at the Aspen Music Festival this past summer.



GEORGE HEUSSENSTAMM was born in Los Angeles in 1926. He studied both violin and clarinet at an early age and music theory at Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles State College and privately with Leonard Stein. From 1971-84 he was manager of the Coleman Chamber Music competition. He is a former choir director, professional music copyist, tutor, lecturer and music critic. From 1976 to 1980 he was on the faculty of California State University, Dominguez Hills and since the fall of 1980 on the faculty at California State University, Los Angeles. Prof. Heussenstamm has been a guest conductor and guest composer at numerous institutions throughout the country. He is the author of *Music Copying and Notation* to be published by W. W. Norton and Co., Inc. He has received numerous prestigious commissions including one from the California Chamber Players, the Annapolis and New York Brass Quintets, the National Endowment for the Arts, Crystal Records and the Coleman Chamber Music Association. Over 80 of his works are published and performed throughout the world with many having won significant awards.



ROBERT KEHRBERG holds both Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the University of Iowa. He holds a Doctor of Arts degree from the University of Northern Colorado. He has studied composition with Peter Lewis, Richard Hervig, Walter Hartley and Evan Copley. Dr. Kehrberg is currently director of The School of Music at Eastern New Mexico University where he also teaches low brass.



LEWIS M. MILLER, a native New Yorker, holds degrees from Queens College, Manhattan School of Music, and North Texas State University (Ph.D.), where he studied with Karol Rathaus, Vittorio Giannini, and Samuel Adler. He served as composer-arranger for the Fourth Infantry Division Special Services Unit while stationed in Germany. From 1961-63 he was resident composer in Elkhart, Indiana and El Paso, Texas under the Ford Foundation's Young Composers Project. He has composed extensively in all the traditional media, including opera, and has had his works performed throughout the United States and in Europe. His publications include works for orchestra, band, chorus, and a variety of chamber ensembles. He has received ASCAP awards annually since 1979. Dr. Miller is currently teaching and composing at the University of New Mexico while on sabbatical leave from Fort Hays State University, where he is a professor of music.



JOSEPH PACKALES was born in New York City and received his early education at the High School of Music and Art. He holds the B.Mus. from The Eastman School of Music, the M.Mus. from Cleveland State University and the Ph.D. from Kent State University. He has taught at Cleveland State, Skidmore College, the Cleveland Music School Settlement, and has been since 1984 composer-in-residence at the University of Texas at El Paso. He has twice been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, has won the Howard Hanson Prize, received two MacDowell Colony Fellowships and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. His works have been performed in thirty-two of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Great Britain, Hungary, West Germany, Austria and Romania.



CHRISTOPHER PRIOLO is currently teaching at Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado. He received his Bachelor and Master's degrees from the University of California at Santa Barbara, where he studied with Peter Racine Fricker and Thea Musgrave. This year he completed his Doctorate in Composition at the University of Kansas. His compositions have received performances in West Germany, England, and the United States. Some of his works include a cantata for soprano and orchestra, an oboe sonata, an organ sonata, piano variations, and *Aria Da Capo*, an opera in one act. The *Bagatelles for Guitar* were written especially for Michael Chapdelaine.



MURIEL ROTH grew up in Chicago where she earned a B.A. at the University of Chicago and B.M. and M.M. degrees in piano and composition at the American Conservatory of Music. After a year in Paris studying with Nadia Boulanger, she taught piano and theory for four years at Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio. She left this position in order to study with Roger Sessions in New York where she premiered several piano compositions and collaborated on a folk dance book, *Palestine Dances*, published in 1941. There followed years of little time for music because of family, farm life in Maine, public school teaching, and travelling. Now she is writing again. She lives in Albuquerque and is a member of the New Mexico Women Composers Guild.



JEFFREY STOLET is currently visiting assistant professor of music theory at the University of New Mexico. He specializes in collaborative compositional projects, creating electronic and acoustic music for dance and theatre productions and scores for film. He holds an undergraduate degree and Master of Music degree in piano performance from UNM, and a Ph.D. in music theory from the University of Texas at Austin. He has studied with Russell Pinkston, Karl Korte, Barton McClean and William Wood. From 1981-84 he taught music theory at UT Austin, first as a teaching assistant and later as an assistant instructor. Recent honors include a graduate opportunity fellowship, an assistance award, a department of music scholarship and a graduate research award, all from the University of Texas at Austin. He has worked with directors, members and former members of the American Ballet Theatre, the Joffrey Ballet, the Martha Graham Co., Ballet Austin, the Long Beach Ballet and others. Dr. Stolet is currently working on Sacred Circus, an electronic micro-opera, for which he is doing the choreography, light design, music and text.



ALAN STRINGER has worked as organist-choir director at First Congregational Church, Temple Albert, St. Paul Methodist and organist at First Methodist Church in Albuquerque. He teaches creative writing at Manzano High School in Albuquerque, where many of his students' works have been published and have won regional and national prizes. Mr. Stringer was president of the New Mexico Composers' Guild from 1974-78. He is a member of the Dramatists Guild, and four of his plays and musicals have been performed in Albuquerque. He has composed over 100 musical works including an opera, three musical comedies, sonatas for various instruments and many keyboard, vocal, choral and handbell work. Most of these works have been publicly performed. His Suite on Hebraic Themes for Organ and 10 Uses of a Typical Disaster were both winners in the 1976 New Mexico Composers Bicentennial contest. A production of his third musical is planned for December 1986. He also organized and continues to perform with a men's chorus, has given numerous recitals, written poetry by the State Poetry Association and had several photography shows.



SCOTT WILKINSON was born in Bement, Illinois and took his first theory lessons while still in high school; his teacher was Edith Rose. He received his Master's degree from the University of Arizona and did advanced study with Darius Milhaud at Mills College and in Paris. After returning from France he worked with Gene Forrell in documentary and educational films in New York. He later worked for Carl Fisher, Inc., music publisher in New York and became managing editor. The health of his children necessitated a move to a more arid cimate. In Albuquerque he purchased the Music Mart, which he and his wife operated for several years. After selling the store and a brief stay in New York at Carl Fisher, he returned to Albuquerque where he presently teaches theory, ear training and composition at the University of New Mexico. He has written works in a wide variety of media and has been published by Belwin-Mills, Composer America Editions, Carl Fisher, New Music Company and Mark Tezak Verlag.



WILLIAM WOOD holds degrees from Sacramento State College, the University of Oregon and a D.M.A. in composition from the Eastman School of Music. He has taught at Sacramento State College, Wright State University, Yakima Valley College, and is currently composer-in-residence and associate professor of music at the University of New Mexico. Dr. Wood is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including commissions by the Prague Chamber Orchestra and guitarist Bunyan Webb. His works have been recorded on Opus One records, including his Sonata for Violin, Vortrag for Oboe and Piano and Trios. His Fanfares in the Round was performed at the International Trumpet Guild Convention in May 1985 and his Imaginary Dance, written for Christopher Shultis and the UNM Percussion Ensemble, was premiered last fall at the Percussive Arts Society international convention in Anaheim. Dr. Wood is also very active as a jazz performer and composer in Albuquerque.



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