Carleton University College of the Humanities Humanities

HUMS 3103 (Western Music: 1850-2000) Winter Term 2014

HUMS 3103 is the second of two half-courses that review the major musical genres in Western music from medieval times to yesterday. Students will gain familiarity with significant musical works of this period as well as an understanding of the techniques that were used in their composition.

Lecture: three hours a week.

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Required Text

Wright, Craig, Listening to Music, 7th Edition, Wadsworth, 2013 – the same text as used in HUMS 3102

Aims and Objectives

The aim of this course is to provide you with a survey of the history of Western classical music from about 1850 to yesterday.

For HUMS 3103 (**Prerequisite HUMS 3102**) the lecture topics (one 3-hour lecture/week) will be (starting Tuesday **January 7th, 2014** at 6pm in Paterson Room 303):

- 1. Schumann Brahms
- 2. Wagner
- 3. Mahler
- 4. R. Strauss
- 5. Russia: Mussorgsky Shostakovich
- 6. France: Berlioz Debussy Messiaen
- 7. Stravinsky Varèse
- 8. Schönberg Berg Webern Gerhard Boulez
- 9. mid-term exam Elgar
- 10. Britain: Grainger Vaughan Williams Holst Britten
- 11. USA: Ives Cage Gershwin Copland Bernstein Rochberg Corigliano Glass, etc
- 12. Canada: Willan Macmillan Weinzweig Somers Freedman Schafer

Student Examinations for HUMS 3103

- 1. One mid-term examination worth **50%** of the final grade.
- 2. One research paper worth 50% of the final grade.

The mid-term examination is designed to test knowledge of specific musical works and general musical style as well as the historical and practical aspects of music. The examination will include one short essay question requiring synthesis and/or comment on material covered in lectures, a series of

short-answer questions devoted to brief definitions of names and terms used during lectures (and included in the annotated Glossary made available at the first lecture), and a series of questions based on the listening identification of musical works (using examples from the 5CD set that accompanies the text book).

With respect to the listening identification questions, it cannot be stressed enough the importance of regular, concentrated, and intelligent listening to the assigned musical works. Do not leave listening to the week before the examinations. It is suggested you consider spending a minimum of one to two hours each week listening to the required musical examples. So again I urge you NOT TO LEAVE LISTENING TO THE LAST MINUTE. IT SIMPLY WILL NOT SINK IN. You are required to listen to many examples of music covering a wide diversity of types and styles and it is important to listen to each example carefully and frequently with a view to placing it in the context of the lectures.

Listening cannot be crammed in at the last minute. Not only does a one hour CD take precisely sixty minutes to hear – no more, no less – it is generally true that for most people the aural memory is less reliable than the visual memory. Students taking a Music course for the first time tend to have the greatest difficulty in the area of the listening requirements. For those of you without the 5CD set, there is a set of the earlier edition CDs available for study in the St. Patrick's Building, Audio-Visual Library, Room 460 (tel. 520-2600, ext. 8399)."

A list is supplied on page 8 of this outline indicating which tracks you will be expected to recognize for the **mid-term exam**, which I anticipate will be **March 11th**, **2014**. I hope, however, that you will listen to **all** the tracks on all the CDs 3-5 before concentrating on the tracks indicated on the list. You can expect questions on the mid-term examination related to the tracks noted on this list. I will cover many of the examples in the lectures, but not all – so *make sure you read the relevant part of the text-book for all the tracks listed as required listening*. The mid-term exam can be completed in about 60 minutes but I have allowed 90 minutes for those who require extra time.

Research Project

The required essay should be in the region of 3000 to 4000 words (i.e., approximately twelve to fifteen double-spaced word-processed pages).

You must bear in mind the necessity of choosing a narrow, specialized topic that can be dealt with in a precise manner devoid of "padding" and extraneous detail. The essay should develop a line of argument which is then defended and documented with hard evidence culled from primary and secondary sources. Ideas for suitable topics invariably arise from extensive reading. Beyond standard monographs, you can consult scholarly journals, contemporary newspapers and magazines, musical scores, recordings, and other relevant materials.

The essay can be on a topic of your choice (see suggestions below) relating to any aspect of Western European serious (classical) music. In order to assure a suitable topic, you are required to clear your topic with me well in advance of the due date, that is, preferably by the end of the third week of classes and no later than the end of the FOURTH week of classes. My email address is given above. Although I will be happy to help you refine a topic and may offer bibliographic suggestions, the onus is on you to present a workable topic and explore the relevant literature. YOUR ESSAY IS DUE ON April 1st, 2014 for HUMS 3103 (to be handed-in at the beginning of the last class).

What Research Means

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"Research involves much more than just locating a group of relevant quotations and stringing them together in a paper, even if the writer includes quotation marks and appropriate footnotes. Reporting what authorities have said about a topic may be a useful way to begin a paper, but this step does not fulfil the researcher's responsibility. Research in any field must have a creative, personal side, especially in the arts, where we study the products of the human imagination and artistic vision. Even research in the natural sciences involves more than merely measuring and quantifying phenomena. In any field of research, facts of themselves are useless unless they lead to ideas. One must have a hypothesis and a conclusion. After the writer has quoted this authority and that authority, the reader wants to know what *you* the writer thinks. Too often, students think their work is done if they have summarized what everyone else has written. A review of the literature may be useful or necessary, but true research involves much more than that.

Research, then, involves more than stringing quotations together. What should happen at some point is that all the information you have gathered, both from primary and secondary sources, begins to coalesce around one central point, the main idea of your paper. The reader wants to know what you think. Do you agree with the secondary sources? Does your analysis of the problem lead you to side with one opinion rather than another or to disagree with them all? Your hypothesis and conclusion need not be world-shaking. The reader does expect, however, to see your informed opinion based on the research you have done. Too many papers stop abruptly after reporting on the secondary literature and the analysis process, as if the last page or two were inadvertently left out. As a scholar and/or musician, even as an apprentice in one or both fields, you have a responsibility to follow the research process to the conclusion, to risk taking a position, and to communicate your informed ideas and opinions about your topic."

A Note on Plagiarism

Stringing quotations together, adding the appropriate quotation marks and foot-notes, is one thing; stringing quotations together without quotation marks and footnotes is another question altogether – as is "dressing-up" articles copied from the Internet. Some students are apparently not aware that copying uncredited quotations from books or articles, giving the impression that the copied words or paragraphs are the student's own words, constitutes plagiarism, a serious breach of academic ethics. Copying uncredited quotations is equivalent to cheating on an examination and raises serious questions about whether the student should be allowed to continue pursuing a degree. At Carleton, a proven case of plagiarism will result in a failing grade for the course and can result in expulsion from the University. You should acknowledge in an appropriate manner your reliance on the work of others, whether the sources are published or unpublished, oral or written, in print form or electronic (e.g., the Internet). Although it is difficult to provide an iron-clad definition of plagiarism, the following guide will be helpful:

Plagiarism is the use of another person's ideas or expressions without acknowledging the source. The most blatant form of plagiarism is reproducing someone else's sentences, more or less verbatim, and presenting them as your own. Other forms include repeating another's particularly apt phrase without appropriate acknowledgement, paraphrasing someone else's ideas, and failing to cite the source for a borrowed thesis or approach (whether in electronic or print form). Thus, Plagiarism is a serious instructional offence. The statement on Instructional Offences in the Undergraduate Calendar explains that plagiarism is "to use and pass off as one's own idea or product work of another without expressly giving credit to another". This includes material found on the Internet. All cases of plagiarism will be forwarded to the Dean's Office.

The sad thing about most cases of plagiarism is that they are so transparent. Generally, students resort to these tactics because writing is difficult for them or because the student has not provided sufficient time to complete the project. Occasionally, a student will get away with plagiarism, but in the long run it is the student's loss. It is much better to submit an honest paper and take the consequences than to try to pass off someone else's writing as your own work.

ESSAY TOPICS

For HUMS 3103: choose a topic from the period ca. 1850 to 2000

Here are some suggestions to get your creative juices flowing regarding a Research Essay topic:

For the historians:

Choose, substantiate and discuss the most important seminal works from about 1850-2000 which changed the course of music history. This could also be structured as a discussion of the development of the symphony, concerto, chamber music, opera, church music, etc.

For the poets:

Discuss the relationship between text and music.

For the philosophers:

Discuss the interactions between philosophy and music.

Or discuss with me other possibilities that interest you in the first four weeks of term.

An Editorial Comment

I do not mind whether you opt for the American (e.g., Webster's Dictionary) or the British (e.g., Oxford Dictionary and Fowler's *Modern English Usage*) system of spelling and punctuation as long as you consistently use one or the other system throughout your chosen assignment.

References

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The following sources may be helpful for the **research essay**:

The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians, 2nd edition, Stanley Sadie, ed. (London: Macmillan Publishers Limited, 2000), twenty-nine volumes. Call Number: REF MLl OO.N48.

This is the standard music encyclopedia in the English language. It is often an excellent place to begin one's research in order to obtain both an overview of a subject and a working bibliography (up to 2000). There are also specialized Grove Dictionaries of American Music, Jazz, Musical Instruments, and Opera.

The Music Index: A Subject-Author Guide to Music Periodical Literature (1949-). Call Number: REF MLll8.M84.

The Music Index is an annual catalogue, with authors of articles, proper names, and subjects in an alphabetical listing. This resource indexes the contents of approximately 350 music periodicals in many languages. For example, if you wish to find articles written on Franz Liszt within a given period of time, locate **Liszt**, **Franz** in the volume. If you wish to do a literature search on a subject area, such as The History of the Piano, locate **Piano**, **History** in the volume. For example, under Liszt, Franz for Volume 37-38 (1985-1986) (see p. 774) the listed items are broken down into the following categories: **General, Festivals, General Works, Works.** The eighteenth entry in the third column reads: Liszt – 100 years on (works which anticipated later generations). N. Cook. MUS T 227:372-3+ Jul 1986. To find the source, turn to the front of the volume and locate (alphabetically) MUS T (see p. xx) where the full name of the journal, *The Musical Times*, is cited. Locate the call number for *The Musical Times* in the CUBE (SER ML5.M66), then locate Volume 127 (1986) on the shelves, then turn to page 372 for the beginning of Cook's article. Similarly, the heading **Piano** for Volume 37-38 (1985-1986) (see pp. 970-73) lists articles and book reviews on that general subject and is further broken down into sub-categories, including **History** (see p. 971).

RILM Abstracts of Music Literature (1967-). Call Number: REF MLIB.AIR2.

The RILM Abstracts (RILM stands for Répertoire International de Littérature Musicale) is more inclusive than The Music Index in that, in addition to listing journal articles, it lists books and dissertations on music topics. The Author and Subject Index is placed in the back of each volume. Longer entries are broken down into subcategories which give some clue as to the content of an article or book. For example, under Liszt, Franz for Volume 26 (1992) (see pp. 975-76) one of the sub-categories is "Works, piano music, survey", followed by a number, 4219. Turning to the front of the book, which lists items chronologically by number, locate 4219 (p. 255) and you will find a listing of the following:

4219: Pesce, Dolores. Expressive resonance in Liszt's piano music,

Nineteenth-century piano music (New York: Schirmer, 1990) 355-411.

See RILM/91/4219. This is a chapter (pp. 355-411) in a book.

For further information on the book, the entry instructs you to consult the 1991 volume of 4219. There, in Volume 25 (1991), under 4219 (see p. 255) you will find the following:

Todd, R. Larry, ed. **Nineteenth-century piano music: Studies in musical genres and repertories** (New York: Schirmer,1990) xvi, 426 p.

This is a book, edited by R. Larry Todd, containing a collection of essays by various authors.

Note that each entry in *RILM Abstracts*, whether an article or a book, also provides a brief abstract, in English, of the content or principle thesis of the article, book, or dissertation.

Humanities Index (1974/75-). Call Number: REF AI3.R4912.

An international index which includes the following subjects: archaeology, classical studies, fine and performing arts, folklore, history, language and literature, philosophy, religion, and related subjects.

A perusal of the Reference section of the MacOdrum Library in the music area (call letters ML) will reveal numerous other sources of many types: specialized bio-graphical dictionaries, bibliographies, catalogues, discographies, etc. In the stacks you will find biographies of composers, scores, and books on various aspects of music – which can be discovered by browsing through the stacks and by using the *Title* and *Author* search functions on CUBE (The Carleton University Library Index).

Interlibrary Loans

Frequently during your research you will discover to your annoyance that the local libraries (Carleton, University of Ottawa, Ottawa Public) do not hold a certain book or periodical you wish to consult. In certain cases, back issues of periodicals may not be on the shelves in hard copy but may still be available on microfiche or microfilm (check the information in the CUBE carefully). If the item cannot be found locally, then it may be requested through Carleton's Interlibrary Loans department, located in Room 220 in the MacOdrum Library. Here you may obtain a pamphlet, *Interlibrary Loans at Carleton University Library*, which explains the system in detail. Bear in mind that borrowing material from other libraries should be a last resort; for most research topics the Carleton Library will have ample resources. The service is available to graduate students and fourth-year honours students; service to undergraduates is more restricted. There is also a charge for this service, ranging from a few dollars for a xerox copy of a periodical article to upwards of twenty dollars (or more if it comes from abroad) for a book loan. Finally, you should be aware that materials may take anywhere from two to six weeks to arrive.

GUIDELINES FOR AURAL ANALYSIS

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Among the most frequently asked questions in music history courses – which of course involve a great deal of what we might call active or perceptive listening – are: "But what are we listening *for*?" or, "*How* do we listen?" These are legitimate questions, for listening to music has various dimensions. Although there are a number of avenues leading to intelligent listening, no single approach is exclusively desirable; rather a combination of approaches should be sought. But above all, what the potentially perceptive listener must avoid is *purely passive hearing*. Although this kind of musical encounter is very pleasant – music to read by, music to study by, music to drink by, etc. – in all probability the music is not often absorbed for hearing and listening are two different things.

Most listeners first come to enjoy the **sensuous** effects of the musical sounds, primarily through the psychological associations that accompany various kinds of musical movement and sound. Such purely emotional responses to sound, though genuine and therefore valid, are not entirely durable because the sensuous experience in itself usually merely arouses surface emotions; it cannot do full justice to the music nor to the listener's mental capacities. The **intellectual** approach on the other hand, presupposes a perceptive listener, one who consciously strives to use his or her innate faculties to extract meaning from what is heard, to achieve a responsive experience through mental awareness and inquisitiveness. But to approach a piece of music in a purely cerebral fashion – assuming that were possible – is an exercise in sterility. So we arrive at the classic dichotomy: intellectual/sensuous, cerebral/emotional, mind/body. Ultimately the two come together, and when they do the total effect of music – any music – is revealed. As sheer sound, music is delightfully diverting; in its total *perceptive-emotional* context it can be exquisite and profoundly meaningful.

The real roles that intelligence and education play in the appreciation of music are not in determining whether or not you will listen to it, but in determining how you listen to it. Intelligence comes into the matter in allowing you to listen to music cerebrally – as well as emotionally, kinaesthetically, viscerally, and erotically. Education gives you the tools to listen to music intelligently, not merely through learning about music history or music theory but through the many parallels it enables you to draw with other artistic, scientific, and related experiences, and through the greater perceptions you then have about what is really going on in music. Although you need to go beyond the purely visceral level of musical experience, it is not necessary to adopt the trained musician's highly technical approach to listening, for it is possible to cultivate the art of listening learning to hear music in terms of those basic elements of musical expression that are understandable to everyone regardless of musical background. Part of the problem in listening to music is that it is by and large an abstract medium of expression. That is to say by itself and without a text, music is difficult to decode in terms of its socio-aesthetic "message", it operates on a deeper level of signification. Precisely because music is an abstract language without immediate concrete associations, its "meaning" occurs on several levels simultaneously, some of which may be obvious and others only dimly perceived. We may even be consciously aware of some of the most significant ways in which a piece of music moves us or appeals to us, but we respond intuitively.

As a general rule, you should look first for what a piece of music *itself* expresses – melody, rhythm, timbre, form – and not merely search for extra-musical meaning. Just as a painting need not look like a tree or a waterfall, so music need not sound like ocean surf or galloping horses in order to convey meaning. It is, then, primarily because music is an abstract medium of expression that you must learn to deal with abstract principles such as repetition, texture, tonality, design, and movement. To aid in this process here are some *Guidelines for Aural Analysis*:

A. General:

dynamic range

medium

formal organization

register

tempo

B. Textural qualities:

Monophony: one line of sound only – may be solo or more than one voice producing identical line (unison)

Homophony: more than one voice, using different pitches but the same rhythm

Polyphony: more than one voice, with independence of both pitch and rhythm

C. Listening with a focus on timbre (the quality of the sound itself):

as a result of medium

as a result of the method of sound production

as a result of texture

D. Listening with a focus on tonal relationships:

tonal – atonal – modal

harmonic rhythm

harmonic progression

E. Listening with a focus on rhythmic elements:

beat or non-beat

metre

accents and / or syncopation

shifting metre

F. Listening with a focus on melody:

range

intervals used

direction or shape of the melodic line

motifs

repetitions – exact or with variation, either in the melody or in the accompaniment phrasing – is the melody divided into phrases? How are the phrases marked? What is the relationship of the phrases? Are there sequences in the melody?

G. Listening with a focus on inflection (the continuous movement of a parameter of sound):

as a result of timbre

as a result of pitch

as a result of rhythm

H. Geo-cultural location:

the cultural group or region to which the music belongs

I. Genre:

folk song, jazz, rock, symphonic music, opera, tribal music, electro-acoustic music, blues, country music, etc.

J. Date of origin:

medieval, renaissance, baroque, classic, romantic, contemporary, etc.

CD Tracks for study
(from the 5 CD box set created to accompany
Listening to Music 7th edition by Craig Wright)

Disc	Track			
3	14	Schubert: Erlkonig		
3	15	Schumann: The Ring on my finger		
3	16	Berlioz: <i>Symphonie fantastique</i> , 4 th mov.		
3	17	Tchaikovsky: Romeo & Juliet		
3	22	Mussorgsky: Pictures at an Exhibition Promenade		
3	23	Mussorgsky: Pictures at an Exhibition Polish Ox-Cart		
4	1	Mussorgsky: Pictures at an Exhibition Great Gate of Kiev		
4	5	Chopin: Nocturne in E flat major		
4	6	Liszt: Wild Hunt (Transcendental Etude No. 8)		
4	10	Verdi: La Traviata: La follie & Sempre liber		
4	13	Wagner: Die Walküre: Ride of the Valkyries		
4	15	Wagner: Die Walküre: Wotan's Farewell		
4	17	Bizet: Carmen Habanera		
4	18	Puccini: La Boheme: Che gelida manina		
4	22	Brahms: Violin Concerto; 3 rd mov.		
4	24	Dvorak: Symphony No. 9, 2 nd mov.		
5	1	Mahler: Ich bin der Weltabhanden gekommen (Rückert lied)		
5	2	Debussy: Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune		
5	6	Debussy: Voiles from Preludes Bk 1		
5	8-9	Stravinsky: The Rite of Spring		
5	10	Schönberg: Pierrot Lunaire (Madonna)		
5	11	Schönberg: Suite for Piano – Trio		
5	13	Shostakovich: Symphony No. 5, 4th mov.		
5	16	Bartok: <i>Concerto for Orchestra</i> , 4 th mov.		
5	17	Ives: Variations on America		
5	19-21	Copland: Appalachian Spring		
5	22	Varèse: Poème électronique		
5	23	Adam: Short Ride in a Fast Machine		

REGULATIONS COMMON TO ALL HUMANITIES COURSES

COPIES OF WRITTEN WORK SUBMITTED

Always retain for yourself a copy of all essays, term papers, written assignments or take-home tests submitted in your courses.

PLAGIARISM

The University Senate defines plagiarism as "presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one's own." This can include:

- reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else's published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one's own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another's data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another's works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
- handing in "substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs."

Plagiarism is a serious offence which cannot be resolved directly with the course's instructor. The Associate Deans of the Faculty conduct a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They can include a final grade of "F" for the course

GRADING SYSTEM

Letter grades assigned in this course will have the following percentage equivalents:

A+ = 90-100 (12)	B = 73-76 (8)	C - = 60-62(4)
A = 85-89 (11)	B- = 70-72(7)	D+=57-59(3)
A = 80-84 (10)	C+ = 67-69(6)	D = 53-56(2)
R + -77 - 79 (9)	C = 63-66(5)	D = -50-52(1)

F Failure. Assigned 0.0 grade points

ABS Absent from final examination, equivalent to F
DEF Official deferral (see "Petitions to Defer")

FND Failure with no deferred exam allowed -- assigned only when the student has failed the course on the basis of inadequate term work as specified in the course outline.

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean.

WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT ACADEMIC PENALTY

The last date to withdraw from FALL TERM courses is DEC. 9, 2013. The last day to withdraw from FALL/WINTER (Full Term) and WINTER term courses is APRIL 8, 2014.

REQUESTS FOR ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term because of disability, pregnancy or religious obligations. Please review the course outline promptly and write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at: carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/

Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Documented disabilities could include but not limited to mobility/physical impairments, specific Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/psychological disabilities, sensory disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and chronic medical conditions. Registered PMC students are required to contact the PMC. 613-520-6608, every term to ensure that your Instructor receives your Letter of Accommodation, no later than two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations. If you only require accommodations for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodations to PMC by Nov. 8, 2013 for the Fall term and March 7, 2014 for the Winter term. For more details visit the Equity Services website: carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/

PETITIONS TO DEFER

If you miss a final examination and/or fail to submit a **FINAL** assignment by the due date because of circumstances beyond your control, you may apply a deferral of examination/assignment. If you are applying for a deferral due to illness you will be required to see a physician in order to confirm illness and obtain a medical certificate dated no later than one working day after the examination or assignment deadline. This supporting documentation must specify the date of onset of the illness, the degree of incapacitation, and the expected date of recovery.

If you are applying for a deferral for reasons other than personal illness, please <u>contact</u> the Registrar's Office directly for information on other forms of documentation that we accept.

Deferrals of assignments must be supported by confirmation of the assignment due date, for example a copy of the course outline specifying the due date and any documented extensions from the course instructor.

Deferral applications for examination or assignments must be submitted within **5 working days** of the original final exam.

ADDRESSES: (Area Code 613)

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