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Composing Electronic Music Farrar Straus & Giroux

First published in 1999, this volume explores the great diversity of music created by African communities is reflected in this book, which discusses the ways in which a wide range of musical forms are composed and performed from Egypt to South Africa and from Ghana to Kenya. As two composers explain here, this diversity provides much inspiration for western contemporary composition. Particular attention is paid to the contexts generate musical creativity. Ceremonies and festivals celebrating birth, death, marriage or rites of passage provide the impetus for much composition and performance, enabling young people to pick up, early on, some of the techniques and styles of which they then become the new exponents. The book also looks at the role played by formal music education programmes and bodies such as the South African Music Rights Organization and the South African Broadcasting Corporation in fostering musical activity, as well as the contribution of composers to the social and political changes that have dominated South African life in recent years.

*Composition Concepts for Band and Orchestra* GIA Publications

The 2nd edition of the Oxford Handbook of Music Psychology updates the original landmark text and provides a comprehensive review of the latest developments in this fast growing area of research. Covering both experimental and theoretical perspectives, each of the 11 sections is edited by an internationally recognised authority in the area. The first ten parts present chapters that focus on specific areas of music psychology: the origins and functions of music; music perception, responses to music; music and the brain; musical development; learning musical skills; musical performance; composition and improvisation; the role of music in everyday life; and music therapy. In each part authors critically review the literature, highlight current issues and explore possibilities for the future. The final part examines how, in recent years, the study of music psychology has broadened to include a range of other disciplines. It considers the way that research has developed in relation to technological advances, and points the direction for further development in the field. With contributions from internationally recognised experts across 55 chapters, it is an essential resource for students and researchers in psychology and musicology.

**Self-Reference, Pedagogy, and Practice** CreateSpace

Libby Larsen has composed award-winning music performed around the world. Her works range from chamber pieces and song cycles to operas to large-scale works for orchestra and chorus. At the same time, she has advocated for living composers and new music since cofounding the American Composers Forum in 1973. Denise Von Glahn 's in-depth examination of Larsen merges traditional biography with a daring scholarly foray: an ethnography of one active artist. Drawing on musical analysis, the composer 's personal archive, and seven years of interviews with Larsen and those

in her orbit, Von Glahn illuminates the polyphony of achievements that make up Larsen 's public and private lives. In considering Larsen 's musical impact, Von Glahn delves into how elements of the personal "a 1950s childhood, spiritual seeking, love of nature, and status as an important woman artist "inform her work. The result is a portrait of a musical pathfinder who continues to defy expectations and reject labels.

[Music Composition 1](#) Routledge

This book is written as an aid for the creative teacher who wishes to expand composition in the music class. It is a graded course, following on Music Composition for Teens - a graded First Course. Activities include assignments on more advanced work including triads, secondary triads, four-part writing and twentieth-century techniques. This is also a multimedia course that uses keyboards, instruments, video, recording devices, computers, notation software and other media. It is aimed at encouraging student interactivity with various media. It is also a multi-arts course as visual, dramatic and language arts are included where applicable. The course includes music from various cultures and this multi-cultural approach allows students to develop a deeper understanding of various tone systems, instruments and musical approaches used across the world. Assignments focus on structured creativity which guides students to symbolize sound through guided composition activities, thus enabling students to acquire a musical literacy. This composition course is neither a theory nor a harmony method, but rather a composition skill and knowledge builder. Teachers may supplement composition assignments with more detailed theory and harmony work. This course is aimed at the acquisition of standard notation skills. In addition there is an introduction to the use of improvisation, electronic media and twentieth-century techniques employing graphic notation. Composition assignments begin with simple two or four measure phrases exploring new concepts. The assignments become more challenging as the course progresses. Compositions need not be enormous works of many pages. Indeed, shorter compositions which accurately demonstrate a compositional device will be far more worthwhile and less daunting to the beginner composer. Any of the composition assignments can be expanded if necessary. Even the simplest four measure structure can be expanded to a lengthy composition by using the devices learned in the module. Teachers should engage students through an anticipatory explorative set at the start of composition activities with suitable listening, visual, kinesthetic and explorative activities. Exploration engages the imagination and inspires critical thinking, speculation and the creative process. Suggestions have been included where applicable. Listening suggestions include more well-known works easily accessible in the media. A wide variety of musical styles is addressed and explored in this course. Teachers should use discretion, not all assignments would be suitable for your particular group. However, by exploring many musical styles e.g. jazz, African music, Baroque, ensemble, etc. the idea remains that Composing and creative activities are for skill building and application; Knowledge regarding various musical styles and cultures should be gained through active, creative exploration; Various styles and compositional techniques should be learned, not to stereotype student compositions, but to broaden the young musician's scope and horizons.

[Minds on Music](#) Univ of California Press

Music's inclusivity - its potential to unite cultures, disciplines, and individuals - defined the life and career of Lou Harrison. This book talks about Harrison's music through an exploration of his stance on pacifism, gay rights, ecology, and respect for minorities - all of which directly impacted his musical works.

[Composing the Music of Africa](#) University of Hawaii Press

Focuses on the role of the computer as a generative tool for music composition. Miranda introduces a number of computer music composition techniques ranging from probabilities, formal grammars and fractals, to genetic algorithms, cellular automata and neural computation. Anyone wishing to use the computer as a companion to create music will find this book a valuable resource. As a comprehensive guide with full explanations of technical terms, it is suitable for students, professionals and enthusiasts alike. The accompanying CD-ROM contains examples, complementary tutorials and a number of composition systems for PC and Macintosh platforms, from demonstration versions of commercial programs to exciting, fully working packages developed by research centres world-wide, including Nyquist, Bol Processor, Music Sketcher, SSEYO Koan, Open Music and the IBVA brainwaves control system, among others. This book will be interesting to anyone wishing to use the computer as a companion to create music. It is a comprehensive guide, but the technical terms are explained so it is suitable for students, professionals and enthusiasts alike.

[A New Aesthetic](#) MIT Press

(Includes free life-time access to on-line quizzes and audio samples) "Music Composition 2" is the second book in a two book series by award-winning composer, Jonathan Peters, which explains how music is formed and how to compose your own music. Book 1 covers the study of rhythmic and melodic composition, while book 2 covers harmonic composition and compositional form. Each lesson covers a particular concept (or related concepts). Concepts and compositional techniques are demonstrated throughout the course with real musical examples (pictures and on-line audio samples). Each lesson also contains memory questions, access to on-line quizzes, listening assignments, and composition assignments. Memory questions serve to summarize and reinforce key concepts learned, while the quizzes tests the students' knowledge and understanding of the material from each lesson. In the composition assignments students will get real life practice using the information and techniques learned in each lesson to write their own chord progressions and entire pieces. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS COURSE? A computer with internet connection, screen, and speakers. A basic knowledge of music theory. If you do not already have a rudimentary understanding of music theory, it is recommended that you take a music theory course before this course. (See "Music Theory" by the same author) Some type of music notation software. The notation software demonstrated in this course is the Finale NotePad software. NotePad is a very basic music notation program and has all the necessary functions for a beginning composition student. An important part of music composition is getting your music to paper, and so this course will also develop the students' ability to properly notate their music. This software not only prints professional looking sheet music, it also allows the student to hear their compositions as they are writing them. You can read more about NotePad and download it for FREE at: [www.finalemusic.com/NotePad](http://www.finalemusic.com/NotePad) Although not a necessity, it is very beneficial that the student have some ability to play the piano (or other instrument) It is also recommended that you take "Music Composition 1" (by the same author) before taking this course. WHAT AM I GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS COURSE? Includes free life-time access to on-line audio samples and quizzes for each lesson By the end of the course you will understand be able to compose chord progressions. You will also have composed a number of entire pieces in various compositional forms. You will learn how to develop your harmonic

material through a variety of compositional techniques. You will learn about musical texture and how rhythm, melody, and harmony are combined.

You will get practice notating music using basic music notation software. WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS COURSE? Anyone who has always wanted to learn how to write music! Every student of music! Beginning Composers/Songwriters Composers/Songwriters with previous knowledge or experience who want to brush up and hone their skills (and maybe learn some new techniques!) Although this course uses many examples from classical music, most of the information and compositional techniques learned in this course can be used by musicians of other genres. If you want to deepen your understanding of music, learn to write it! Note: If at any point in this course you have music composition questions that you would like answered or if you would like to have each composition assignment reviewed and commented on, please contact the author at his web site [www.ComposerJonathanPeters.com](http://www.ComposerJonathanPeters.com) about receiving this service.

[A Library of America E-Book Classic](#) Routledge

The familiar old world of classical music, with its wealthy donors and ornate concert halls, is changing. The patronage of a wealthy few is being replaced by that of corporations, leading to new unions of classical music and contemporary capitalism. In *Composing Capital*, Marianna Ritchey lays bare the appropriation of classical music by the current neoliberal regime, arguing that artists, critics, and institutions have aligned themselves—and, by extension, classical music itself—with free-market ideology. More specifically, she demonstrates how classical music has lent its cachet to marketing schemes, tech firm-sponsored performances, and global corporate partnerships. As Ritchey shows, the neoliberalization of classical music has put music at the service of contemporary capitalism, blurring the line between creativity and entrepreneurship, and challenging us to imagine how a noncommodified musical practice might be possible in today's world.

[Composition, Interpretation and Realisation](#) Composing for the StateMusic in Twentieth-Century Dictatorships

This book is intended to introduce concepts about music composition to band and orchestra students of all ages and engage them in actual creative composing projects. The National Core Arts Standards (2014) emphasize that students should be engaged in the "creative practices of imagination, investigation, construction, and reflection in multiple contexts." These lesson plans attempt to accomplish that challenge in the context of large group band and orchestra ensemble classes using composition activities and projects.

[Musical Composition](#) University of Illinois Press

Electronic music evokes new sensations, feelings, and thoughts in both composers and listeners. Opening the door to an unlimited universe of sound, it engages spatialization as an integral aspect of composition and focuses on sound transformation as a core structural strategy. In this new domain, pitch occurs as a flowing and ephemeral substance that can be bent, modulated, or dissolved into noise. Similarly, time occurs not merely as a fixed duration subdivided by ratios, but as a plastic medium that can be generated, modulated, reversed, warped, scrambled, and granulated. Envelope and waveform undulations on all time scales interweave to generate form. The power of algorithmic methods amplify the capabilities of music technology. Taken together, these constitute game-changing possibilities. This convergence of technical and aesthetic trends prompts the need for a new text focused on the opportunities of a sound oriented, multiscale approach to composition of electronic music. Sound oriented means a practice that takes place in the presence of sound. Multiscale means an approach that takes into account the perceptual and physical reality of multiple, interacting time scales-each of which can be composed. After more than a century of research and development, now is an appropriate moment to step back and reevaluate all that has changed under the ground of artistic practice. *Composing Electronic Music* outlines a new theory of composition based on the toolkit of electronic music techniques. The theory consists of a framework of concepts and a vocabulary of terms describing musical materials, their transformation, and their organization. Central to this discourse is the notion of narrative structure in composition-how sounds are born, interact, transform, and die. It presents a guidebook: a tour of facts, history, commentary, opinions, and pointers to interesting ideas and new possibilities to consider and explore.

[Form and Method](#) Rowman & Littlefield Publishers

This book is a full multimedia curriculum that contains over 60 Lesson Plans in 29 Units of Study, Student Assignments Sheets, Worksheets, Handouts, Audio and MIDI files to teach a wide array of musical topics, including: general/basic music theory, music appreciation and analysis, keyboarding, composing/arranging, even ear-training (aural theory) using technology.

[Composing for the State](#) Routledge

*Composing a World* is the definitive work on Lou Harrison, the prolific California composer often cited as one of America's most original and influential figures. The product of extensive research, including seventy-five interviews with the composer and those associated with him over half a century, *Composing a World* includes chapters on music and dance, intonation and tuning, instrument building, music criticism, Harrison's political activism, homosexuality, Asian influences, and final years. This edition features an updated catalog of works reflecting compositions completed after 1997. It also includes an annotated work list detailing more than 300 compositions and a CD featuring over seventy-four minutes of illustrative Harrison compositions, including several unique and previously unrecorded works. A compelling and deeply human portrait, *Composing a World* offers an indispensable study of a beloved musical pioneer.

[A Composer's Guide to Game Music](#) Yale University Press

This textbook enhances preservice and practicing music educators' understanding of ways to successfully engage children in music composition. It offers both a rationale for the presence of composition in the music education program and a thorough review of what we know of children's compositional practices to date. *Minds On Music* offers a solid foundation for planning and implementing composition lessons with students in grades PreK-12.

[Libby Larsen](#) Harwood Academic Publishers

A comprehensive, practical guide to composing video game music, from acquiring the necessary skills to finding work in the field. Music in video games is often a sophisticated, complex composition that serves to engage the player, set the pace of play, and aid interactivity. Composers of video game music must master an array of specialized skills not taught in the conservatory, including the creation of linear loops, music chunks for horizontal resequencing, and compositional fragments for use within a generative framework. In *A Composer's Guide to Game Music*, Winifred

Phillips—herself an award-winning composer of video game music—provides a comprehensive, practical guide that leads an aspiring video game composer from acquiring the necessary creative skills to understanding the function of music in games to finding work in the field. Musicians and composers may be drawn to game music composition because the game industry is a multibillion-dollar, employment-generating economic powerhouse, but, Phillips writes, the most important qualification for a musician who wants to become a game music composer is a love of video games. Phillips offers detailed coverage of essential topics, including musicianship and composition experience; immersion; musical themes; music and game genres; workflow; working with a development team; linear music; interactive music, both rendered and generative; audio technology, from mixers and preamps to software; and running a business. *A Composer's Guide to Game Music* offers indispensable guidance for musicians and composers who want to deploy their creativity in a dynamic and growing industry, protect their musical identities while working in a highly technical field, and create great music within the constraints of a new medium.

*The Oxford Handbook of Music Psychology* Wesleyan University Press

*Composing Music for Games* is a guidebook for launching and maintaining a successful career as a video game composer. It offers a pragmatic approach to learning, intensified through challenging project assignments and simulations. Author Chance Thomas begins with the foundation of scoring principles applicable to all media, and then progresses serially through core methodologies specific to video game music. This book offers a powerful blend of aesthetic, technique, technology and business, which are all necessary components for a successful career as a video game composer.

*A Curriculum Using Technology* MIT Press

The author chronicles his life, from his childhood and early studies in classical composition to his "docu-opera" achievements, and evaluates his professional relationships and the social movements that creatively inspired him.

*Preparing Music Educators to Teach Composition* Oxford University Press

Eminent composer discusses music, culture, and the environment.

*Lou Harrison, Musical Wayfarer* Routledge

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When we think of composers, we usually envision an isolated artist separate from the orchestra—someone alone in a study, surrounded by staff paper—and in Europe and America this image generally has been accurate. For most of Japan's musical history, however, no such role existed—composition and performance were deeply intertwined. Only when Japan began to embrace Western culture in the late nineteenth century did the role of the composer emerge. In *Composing Japanese Musical Modernity*, Bonnie Wade uses an investigation of this new musical role to offer new insights not just into Japanese music but Japanese modernity at large and global cosmopolitan culture. Wade examines the short history of the composer in Japanese society, looking at the creative and economic opportunities that have sprung up around them—or that they forged—during Japan's astonishingly fast modernization. She shows that modernist Japanese composers have not bought into the high modernist concept of the autonomous artist, instead remaining connected to the people. Articulating Japanese modernism in this way, Wade tells a larger story of international musical life, of the spaces in which tradition and modernity are able to meet and, ultimately, where modernity itself has been made.

**Composing Music with Computers** Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG

An invaluable introduction to the art and craft of musical composition from a distinguished teacher and composer. This essential introduction to the art and craft of musical composition is designed to familiarize beginning composers with principles and techniques applicable to a broad range of musical styles, from concert pieces to film scores and video game music. The first of its kind to utilize a style-neutral approach, in addition to presenting the commonly known classical forms, this book offers invaluable general guidance on developing and connecting musical ideas, building to a climax, and other fundamental formal principles. It is designed for both classroom use and independent study.

*Composing an American Life* R&L Education

Virgil Thomson had already established himself as one of the nation's leading composers when he published *The State of Music* (1939), the book that made his name as a writer and won him a fourteen-year stint as chief music reviewer at the *New York Herald Tribune*. This feisty, often hilarious polemic, presented here in the extensively revised edition of 1962, surveys the challenges confronting the American composer in a hide-bound world where performance and broadcast outlets are controlled by institutions shocked by the new and suspicious of homegrown talent. For Aaron Copland, *The State of Music* was not just "the most original book on music that America has produced," but "the wittiest, the most provocative, the best written."