Robert E. Thomas

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Education

Ph.D., Music Theory and Composition, 2004

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Dissertation: Composition with Layered Structures and Trio for Violin, Clarinet in A and Marimba

Mus.M., Composition, 1996

Boston University, Boston, MA

Director's Award: Awarded by the Faculty, 1995

B.Mus., Composition, 1994

Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA

Principal Teachers

Composition – Charles Wuorinen, Lukas Foss

Theory – Richard Chrisman (Schenkerian Analysis), Floyd K. Grave (History of Theory, Theory and Notation)

History – Floyd K. Grave (Theory), John Daverio (19th century), Joel Sheveloff (18th century)

Conducting – Theodore Antoniou, Bruce Pullan

Piano – Ford Hill (Performance, Pedagogy), Sonja Hanke (Performance)

Academic Teaching Experience

William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ

Adjunct Professor, 2005-present

Courses Taught:

Music Theory I, II, & III; Ear Training I, II, & III; Music Fundamentals

Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ

Adjunct Professor, 2008-present

Courses Taught:

Music of America

Raritan Valley Community College, Somerville, NJ

Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2005-2008; Adjunct Instructor, 2002-2005

Courses Taught:

Keyboard Skills I & II; Music Technology: Fundamentals and Applications;

Music Synthesis, Composition, and MIDI I & II; Introduction to Music

Also revised computer music curriculum, maintained computer music lab (including hardware and software upgrades), and developed Music Technology Fundamentals course

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Teaching Assistant, 1999-2003

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Music Theory; Introduction to Music Analysis

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Selected Compositions

- **Vision After Vision** [Synthesized sound] *(2008)*: First performance at Raritan Valley Community College (02/24/08).
- **All the Time in the World** [Synthesized and sampled sound] (2006): First performance at Raritan Valley Community College (02/25/07).
- **Tetractys** [Chamber Orchestra] (2006): First performance by the Composers' Chamber Ensemble at Bard College as part of the Conductors Institute at Bard (08/04/06).
- **Sixteen Lines Circling a Square** [Percussion solo: Vibraphone and Marimba] (2005): First performance by Tony Oliver at Christ and St. Stephen's Church (New York, NY) as part of the Society for Chromatic Art's annual Call for Scores (06/06/06).
- i am a stranger here [Synthesized and sampled sound] (2005): First performance at Raritan Valley Community College (02/26/06).
- **Sketches** [Computer generated sound] (2004): First performance at Raritan Valley Community College (02/27/05).
- **Quicktime** [Piano solo] (2002): First performance by Yi Fang Huang of the Helix! Ensemble at Rutgers University (03/03/02). Subsequent performance at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.
- Quintet [Flute, Clarinet in B b, Violin, Cello, Marimba] (2001): First performance at the State University of New York at Buffalo as part of the June In Buffalo Festival (Buffalo, NY), Magnus Martensson conducting (06/07/01). Subsequent performances by the Helix! Ensemble at Rutgers University and the Ionisation New Music Ensemble at the Montclair Art Museum and New Jersey City University.
- **for Solo Clarinet** (2000): First performance by Jodi Cole of the Helix! Ensemble at Rutgers University (03/03/01).
- **for Solo Flute** (1999): First performance by Bridget DePaola of the Helix! Ensemble at Rutgers University (02/20/00).
- **Present Memories** [Flute, Clarinet in Bb, Violin, Cello, Piano, Percussion] (1998): First performance by the Helix! Ensemble at Rutgers University (12/07/98). Subsequent performance at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music as part of the Music99 Festival (Cincinnati, OH), Jonathan Talberg conducting.

Work in Progress

- **Essential Notation**: A book intended mainly for undergraduate music majors but designed to be usable by anyone with an interest in learning how to correctly notate music.
- **Psalm 47**: New commissioned work for choir and piano.
- **Vision After Vision 2**: New work for synthesized sound.
- **Only the Lonely are Free**: Song cycle. Text by Sara Teasdale.

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Music Technology

Computer Notation – Score, Sibelius, Finale

MIDI - Cubase SX, Cakewalk Pro Audio, Master Tracks Pro

Digital Audio – GoldWave, WaveLab, SoundForge, Diamond Cut Audio Restoration Tools

Computer Music – Reason, Csound

Recording – Live recording, sampling, analog-to-digital transfer, audio clean-up and restoration

Festivals and Conferences

The Conductors Institute at Bard, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY

Composer-Conductor Program, 2006

Music Theory Society of the Mid-Atlantic Second Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

Session Chair, Twentieth Century Topics, 2004

June In Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, 2001

Music99, Cincinnati, OH, 1999

Other Teaching Experience

Fourth Church Music and Arts Program, Boston, MA

Piano Faculty, 1997-1998

Private Piano Instructor, 1992-1999

English Instructor, Ochakov and Kherson, Ukraine, 2000 and 2001

Other Professional Activities

Music Copyist: Using Score and Finale music engraving software. Projects include work for Oxford University Press (Richard Taruskin's *The Oxford History of Western Music*) and preparation of works by Charles Wuorinen (*Haroun and the Sea of Stories*, for the premiere performance by the New York City Opera) and John Heiss.

Organist: East Brunswick Congregational Church, East Brunswick NJ

Music Director: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rahway, NJ **Music Director**: St. Francis Episcopal Church, Dunellen, NJ