Kennesaw State University
School of Music

Non-degree Recital

Joseph Donohue, percussion
Selena Sanchez, percussion

Saturday, May 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center, Brooker Hall
One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Concert of the 2015-16 Concert Season
NATHAN DAVIS
Simple Songs of Birth and Return - Two Shadows
for solo mbira and live electronics
   Joseph Donohue

CHAD FLOYD
Triptych Boom
for solo snare drum and audio accompaniment
   Joseph Donohue

IVAN TREVINO
Electric Thoughts
for 5 octave solo marimba and audio accompaniment
   Joseph Donohue

CASEY CANGELOSI
The Big Audition
for crash cymbals and audio accompaniment
   Joseph Donohue

ROLAND DYENS
arr. Kai Stensgaard
Tango en Skai
for solo marimba
   Selena Sanchez
GUY G. GAUTHREAUX II
American Suite for Unaccompanied Snare Drum
   Mvt. IV
   Selena Sanchez

JAVIER ALVAREZ
Temazcal
for solo maraca and electroacoustic sounds
   Selena Sanchez

ERIC RAMOS
*Latin Inflections
for marimba and pandeiro
   Selena Sanchez
*Premiere

MODERN NOTION DUO
Gobraskischmatz
for two percussionists and audio accompaniment
   Joseph Donohue
   Selena Sanchez

Joe Donohue is a Sophomore pursuing a Bachelor of Music in Performance. Selena Sanchez is a Junior pursuing a Bachelor of Music in Music Education. Mr. Donohue and Ms. Sanchez study percussion with John Lawless.
Simple Songs of Birth and Return - Two Shadows | Nathan Davis

Inspired by natural phenomena and the abstraction of simple stories, Nathan Davis "writes music that deals deftly and poetically with timbre and sonority" *(NYTimes)*, elucidating the acoustics of instruments and the fragile athleticism of playing them. Also an active percussionist, Davis has premiered hundreds of pieces, working with luminaries and fostering emerging composers.

Triptych Boom | Chad Floyd

Dr. Chad Floyd is a percussion artist, educator, and composer. Chad currently serves as Associate Professor of Percussion at Campbellsville University where he instructs applied percussion and directs the percussion ensemble, steel band and drumline. He also serves as Vice President for the Kentucky Chapter of the Percussive Arts Society and as a member of the PAS Education Committee. Chad holds degrees from the University of Kentucky (DMA), Belmont University (MM), Eastern Kentucky University (MAED), and Campbellsville University (BME). He has studied primarily under David A. Johnson, Todd London, and James Campbell. Chad Floyd is proud to be an artist endorser/clinician for Grover Pro Percussion Inc., Innovative Percussion Inc., Pearl Drums and Adams Musical Instruments, and Remo Inc.

Electric Thoughts | Ivan Trevino

Electonic pop music has had a substantial influence on my musical and compositional vocabulary. From Radiohead’s *Kid A* to Jon Hopkins’ *Insides*, I’ve been drawn to music that organically melds artificial instruments with real ones. Given our constant need for technology, the idea with Electric Thoughts is to find a balance, using the tape part to simply enhance, and not overtake, the real life performer. I attempt this by taking my favorite qualities of the marimba and enhancing them with electronic accompaniment; coupling rhythmically articulate passages with unison drum beats and lyrical passages with electronically sustained sounds. This healthy balance reflects the role I’d like technology to play in my own life; a balanced accompaniment.

- Ivan Trevino, September 2014
The Big Audition | Casey Cangelosi

Casey Cangelosi is commonly hosted world-wide by educational institutions, music festivals and educational seminars. Casey has been a visiting guest artist in Italy, Germany, Costa Rica, Mexico, Argentina, Croatia, Sweden, Taiwan, and widely across the U.S. at events including the The Midwest Clinic and PASIC Showcase Concerts. Casey is a regularly commissioned composer called the "Paganini of Percussion" and "The voice of a new generation." Casey's holds music degrees from Rice University, The Boston Conservatory, and Utah State University. Casey is endorsed by Majestic, Mapex, Innovative Percussion, Zildjian, Grover Pro Percussion, Remo, and Beiner Bags.

Tango en Skai (1985) | Roland Dyens

Dyens’ Tango en Skai is a humorous, gaudy take on the tango. Arranged for a 5.0 octave marimba by Kai Stensgaard, this piece presents challenging moments for any marimbist with four mallets.


Gauthreaux’s (b.1956) award winning compositions for snare drum, timpani, marimba, multiple percussion and marching percussion have been heard in recital halls and stadiums around the world for nearly 30 years. The first place winner of the 1989 PAS Composition Contest, American Suite for Unaccompanied Snare Drum has become an international standard. This five-movement work covers nearly all of the different styles of playing that snare drummers have developed over the centuries. Movement IV features a Latin style of writing, requiring the player to use many different techniques and playing zones.


Alvarez (born May 8, 1956, Mexico City) is one of the best-known Mexican composers of his generation. Many of the works in his prolific oeuvre combine the intricacies of music technology with diverse instruments and influences from around the world. The title of the work comes from Nahuatl (ancient Aztec), word literally meaning “water that burns.” Scored for solo maraca and
electroacoustic sounds, Temazcal brings the listener through a journey of traditional Latin American music and rhythms and more modern electronic sounds, which are derived from traditional sound sources. Since receiving an honorable mention at the 1985 Bourges Electro-Acoustic Music Festival, Temazcal has become part of the contemporary percussion repertoire and is regularly performed and broadcast worldwide.

**Latin Inflections (2016) Premiere | Eric Ramos**

Inspired by the flamenco style, *Latin Inflections* takes the rhythmic elements of flamenco to percussion. Written for marimba and pandeiro, Ramos creates a fiery duet for Selena Sanchez and John Lawless. Eric Ramos is currently a composition major at Kennesaw State University.

**Gobraskischmatz | Modern Notion Duo**

Ingo Reddemann and Vincent Vogel present rousing arrangements and compositions full of energy, fantastic, and a wide variety of percussion sounds in their percussion duo from Berlin, Germany. Influenced by many musical styles, Gobraskischmatz is a duet for marimba, vibes, bongos, tom, dumbek, and audio accompaniment.
Joseph Donohue, born in Middletown, New York, began instrumental music in middle school band in 2008, and continued into high school band studying percussion classically with John Lawless in fall 2012. In summer 2013, he was selected to attend the Governor’s Honor Program at Valdosta State University as a music major with a focus in percussion under Ryan Smith. Upon graduating, Joe was a member of the Spirit of Atlanta Drum & Bugle Corps drum line and in the winter from 2014 to present has been a member of the world class WGI group, Atlanta Quest, playing marimba in the front ensemble.

Donohue began his undergraduate studies at Kennesaw State University in the fall of 2014 as a music performance major. He has performed with the KSU Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble, and many other school music ensembles multiple times. In his second year he performed in a percussion quintet that worked in collaboration with the dance studio for a five-night performance. Joe has also taught at multiple high school drum lines over the past two years as well as individual high school students in percussion.

Selena Sanchez is a junior at Kennesaw State University, where she is pursuing a degree in Music Education. She is currently a student of John Lawless, where they explore the world of percussion. Selena is a versatile percussionist that performs numerous concerts throughout the year ranging from Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, pit percussion, and solo performances. She also serves as a percussion clinician/instructor, working with numerous schools throughout Cobb County.

Selena would like to thank her family, friends, and mentors for their love and support!
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Stephen W. Plate, DMA
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