Senior Capstone Lecture

Joshua Little

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 6:30 pm
Joe Mack Wilson Building, Room 119
One-hundred Twenty-fourth Concert of the 2016-17 Concert Season
The Absolute Progression in Michael Giacchino’s Film Scores

Presentation by Joshua Little
Capstone, BA in Music Theory
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Michael Giacchino, composer of film scores including *Inside Out*, *Up*, *Zootopia*, and *The Incredibles*, has tended to design chord progressions, often focused between two chords, that reflect a scene’s psychological content. In this project, I will classify and compare chord progressions in 3-4 of his movies that oscillate between two focal harmonies. I will look into their root relationships (which intervals used), wider tonal contexts, and wider transformational contexts. I will then show how the chord progressions correspond to certain psychological states in each movie.

Questions/Answer Session
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Brass & Percussion
Doug Lindsey, Trumpet, Chamber Music
Mike Tiscione, Trumpet
Anna Dodd, Horn
Jason Eklund, Horn
Tom Gibson, Trombone
Nathan Zgonc, Trombone
Brian Hecht, Bass Trombone
Martin Cochran, Euphonium
Paul Dickinson, Tuba / Euphonium
Bernard Flythe, Tuba / Euphonium
John Lawless, Percussion

Strings
Helen Kim, Violin
Kenn Wagner, Violin, Chamber Music
Catherine Lynn, Viola
Paul Murphy, Viola
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Judith Cole, Collaborative Piano
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