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**The Sharpened Stick** is a Native American War Song and Dance that is in the “Fish-step” style. It is said that the popular 1920s dance craze “The Charleston” was derived from this dance. At certain points in the composition, the performers shout “Yo-Ho”- in Native American music, this is sounded by the “head singer” and signifies a change of direction in the music as well as a change of direction of the dance. The “WHOO” and the end of the piece should be very high and shrill in pitch.

**Parallel** was born from self-imposed limitations: Metal instruments only, a limited force of those instruments, small fragments of thematic material, and the avoidance of using pitch-based instruments melodically. The goal of these limitations was to create a piece that emphasized atmosphere over all other things. The title and inspiration came from *Parallel Lines*, a video game that creates an experience through exploration and narrative as opposed to skill-driven progress. The theme of parallel lines is key to *Parallel Lines*. *Parallel* was commissioned by and dedicated to T. Adam Blackstock and the Troy University Percussion Ensemble who premiered the work during their showcase concert at the 2012 Percussive Arts Society International Convention.

**Apple Blossom** is “for three or more marimbas played by 4 or more musicians. One continuous rolling. ‘With notes added, taken away,’ brought back. The density increasing, decreasing (i.e. a crescendo of volume; but volume as density, not loudness). Time length 8-12 minutes. A gradual procession. Duration of chords free. No repetition, going back.” For inspiration, the composer has chosen a 1969 poem by French surrealist poet André Breton entitled “On me dit que la-bas”:

Behind you  
Casting its last dark flames between your legs  
The ground of paradise lost  
Ice of darkness mirror of love  
And lower down towards your arms that open wide  
To the proof of spring  
Of AFTERWARDS  
And the non-existence of evil  
All the apple blossom of the sea

**Death Wish** for mallet percussion quartet was written in 2017 by the New Zealand composer Gemma Peacocke. According to the composer, “I wrote *Death Wish* after watching a short film featuring New Zealand survivors of sexual assault. One of the survivors, Hinewirangi Kohu-Morgan, spoke about the out-of-control spiraling of her life for many years and how she developed what she had called a death wish. In the piece I thought about the spooling and unspooling of energy and how we are all bound and driven by forces both within and beyond ourselves.” She continues by dedicating the work, “with the greatest respect for Hinewirangi Kohu-Morgan who has used her life to create art and music and to help the survivors of abuse and those who have perpetrated abuse.”

First and foremost, I want to express my deep gratitude to Dr. Forst for inviting the dance program to participate in the percussion recital. This work is challenging both musically and thematically. We took inspiration from the interview of the seven courageous women who inspired the composer, Gemma Peacocke. Please take special note that we have added an extra eighth dancer in order to represent the many stories and voices left untold and unheard.

**2+1** (2013) is a marimba duo scored for two players to perform on one 4.5 octave (or larger) marimba. There are many percussionists around the world who only have access to one marimba (like me!). I decided to write a piece that would allow two marimbists to play a duet utilizing one marimba. While 2+1 simplifies the instrument needs, it creates a challenging experience for the two performers, who have to maneuver around the instrument without getting in each other's way. In addition, the piece is written so that the players face each other while performing, meaning one of the players performs on the opposite side of the instrument. At the time I composed this piece, I was listening to Bon Iver's self-titled release. The rhythmic language in 2+1 is different from the band's album, but the harmonic language shares similar qualities. This piece is dedicated to my wife, Amanda.

**Apotheosis** is defined as the highest point, or culmination, in the development of something. This multi percussion duet was written in the spring of 2013 for my son Matt Keown's senior recital at the University of Oregon to celebrate the completion of his undergraduate studies and as a sendoff toward the next level. It was performed by Matt and myself at his recital.

**Apotheosis** is written for two identical setups, each consisting of bongos, two toms, bass drum, brake drum, and three splash cymbals (shared by both players). The piece is mostly through-composed with the exception of a restatement of an earlier section as a coda ending. The opening theme is a meter map rather than a rhythmic melody. This meter map is a three-bar grouping of 7/8 + 7/8 + 3/8. This metric grouping happens to be the meter from a very popular song from the rock group Yes called Changes. Even though this is a duet, player 1 is featured with two solo sections while player 2 plays an ostinato figure underneath. There are a few metric modulations throughout the piece culminating with a bombastic ending.

**Beethoven in Havana** is an arrangement of Beethoven's Symphony No. 7, Mvt. 2, performed in a Cuban rumba style. In Joachim Horsley's original arrangement for 8 players on 3 pianos, the pianos are played nontraditionally to create a rhythmic backdrop for the more traditional melodic lines. These sounds are produced by playing on the lid, bridge, strings, and lid prop of the piano. This variety of timbres and rhythmic style led to the adaptation for percussion ensemble. Structurally this arrangement resembles Mr. Horsley's creation, while the sounds and timbres originally performed on piano have been reproduced using percussion instruments. After watching Horsley's popular video

performance of Beethoven in Havana, I immediately contacted him, and he graciously accommodated me by allowing me to move forward with this project.

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April 29 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 1:00 p.m.



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