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COMPOSER INFORMATION

Cullyn D. Murphy (b.1993) is a composer, conductor, vocalist, and educator from Champaign, Illinois. His music has been programmed and commissioned by the Concrete Timbre Series, Atlantic Music Festival, New Music On the Point Festival, the Longleash Trio, the Thompson Street Opera Company, New Music Gathering, Illinois State University’s Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Louisville University Symphony Orchestra, Wm. Riley Leitch, and many others. Murphy’s music has been described as “theatrical,” “riveting and inventive,” and “push[ing] the idea of what music and musical organization is.” (Composer's Toolbox) His music draws from his experiences in absurdity, theater, education, and current events.

Murphy received his B.M.E. in Music Education-Choral and his B.M. in Theory/Composition from Illinois State University. Currently, he is pursuing his M.M. at the University of Louisville where he has received the Bomhard Fellowship. In the fall of 2017, he co-founded AmiEnsemble (an experimental trio) for whom he regularly composes, directs, and performs. Murphy has been invited to lecture at Illinois State University and Parkland Community College. He has participated in master classes with Joan Tower, Lee Hyla, Steven Stucky, Carlos Sanchez-Gutierrez, Kate Soper, Caroline Shaw, Du Yun, Ted Hearne, George Lewis, Bent Sørensen, and Andrew Norman. His private studies include Roy Magnuson, Carl Schimmel, Martha C. Horst, Steve Rose, and Krzysztof Wolek.

Performance Information

Duration: c. 18’00”-20’00”
Librettist: Jessica Elliott

Instrumentation:
Flute
Oboe
Clarinet in Bb
Saxophone (Soprano, Alto, Baritone)

Horn in F
Trumpet in C
Trombone
Bass Trombone

Percussion 1 (Suspended Cymbal, Sand Paper Block, Low Tom-tom, Bass Drum)
Percussion 2 (Vibraphone F3-F6, Crotales C4-C6 (2 sets), Glockenspiel G3-C5) Middle C is C4.
Piano
Solo Soprano (Sabine)
Solo Alto (Father)
Solo Tenor (Schreber)
Solo Baritone (Flechsig)

Strings (8, 8, 7, 6, 5)

Character Information

Schreber: Daniel Paul Schreber – a revered German judge born in 1842 who developed what is today known as paranoid schizophrenia. He was institutionalized at least twice, and wrote an account of his second treatment to argue for his freedom.

Father: Paul's father – one of Germany's leading experts in childrearing in the 1800s. A figment of Paul’s memory and imagination, he has passed away but his strict rules and repulsion for free emotional expression have stayed with Daniel.

Sabine: Paul’s wife – has suffered many miscarriages, has been supportive and close to her husband, but his illness is beginning to distance them.

Flechsig: Paul's doctor – treating his mental illness. Cold lack of empathy cut with passionate desire to understand.

Program Note

In 1884, Daniel Paul Schreber was admitted into an asylum in an attempt to help treat his paranoid schizophrenia. He documented his time in the asylum through a memoir titled Memoirs of My Nervous Illness. His memoir noted the extremely poor living conditions and treatment of patients, while also illustrating Schreber’s slowly deteriorating mental state. Prior to his admittance, Schreber was a well respected judge in Germany and the son of a renowned child psychologist. This societal decline contributed to the acceptance of these memoirs as a serious account of the events that transpired on a daily basis for mental health patients and this acceptance ignited a push towards improving these unsuitable facilities.

Asylum is an oratorio depicting Schreber’s time in the asylum as well as his deteriorating state interpreted through hallucinated view of his relationships with his wife (Sabine), his doctor (Flechsig), and his deceased father. All three of these pivotal relationships and their potential contributions to Schreber’s affliction have been repeatedly analyzed by famous psychologists through the lens of Memoirs of My Nervous Illness. Asylum takes the perspective of Henry Zvi Dothan’s who argues in In Defense of Schreber that Schreber’s schizophrenia was not necessarily caused by these relationships, rather his mental illness was a manifestation of his need to process complex and unresolved emotions.

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PERFORMANCE INDEX

Extended techniques are additionally explained in-score on first appearance.

All *glissandi* begin immediately and are continuous.

*Bisbigliando* trills indicate a timbral trill on the same pitch.

Arrows indicate a gradual change from one technique to another (i.e. *slow* → *fast*).

A diamond note head indicates an audible breath noise through the instrument for the full duration.

An X note head indicates a key click.

The following abbreviations are used:

ord. - *ordinario*

norm. - *normale*

sim. - *simile*

s.p. - *sul ponticello*

m.s.p. - *molto sul ponticello*

s.t. - *sul tasto*

m.s.t. - *molto sul tasto*

Aleatoric boxed or repeated notation indicates continuous, repeated activity for the duration of the horizontal line, out of time with the rest of the ensemble. An aleatoric box with dashed lines separates playable options. The order of the options should be ad libitum.

Unmetered notation passages are indicated with a prolation symbol in place of a time signature. Bars are sectioned off with headers containing the duration of the bar in seconds. The bar in the example would be five seconds long.

A square note head with a series of notes and articulation floating over it indicates that the player should ad lib. duration and articulation for the full duration of the square note head.
SCHEBER:
No interaction with a human being is ever simple.

PAUL:
Forsaken, simply forsaken. In other words, left me to rot.

SABINE:
Rot!

PAUL:
A game of chess, please could you-

FATHER:
Shhh! Sit up! Sit tall!

PAUL:
Or the piano, oh I knew how to play-

FLECHSIG:
Interesting, interesting, he can play the piano-

PAUL:
It subsides and I recall what was lost to me for a time.

SCHEBER:
Forsaken!

FATHER:
Forsaken?

SABINE:
Forgive me!

FLECHSIG:
Ferociously mad, recurring delusions it seems.

PAUL:
Nerves! My nerves! To follow my brother or be left in these rough hands? God has asked that I hear it all but some days I should like to hear nothing.

FATHER:
Weakness aside, boy, do only what you are told.

PAUL:
But father, then I cannot be free here I cannot be free.

FATHER:
If you are here, you belong here.

FLECHSIG:
It is your mind that is not free.

SABINE:
Can you help him? Help him come back to me. I have come for months but now I must stop visiting. At least for now. I cannot keep watching him disappear, become small and unfamiliar. I used to know someone. Someone who looked just like this man.

SABINE:
We are happy. We are quiet, but happy and hopeful aren’t we, Paul?

PAUL:
Yes, Sabine.

SABINE:
Our Sunday papers and afternoon tea?

SABINE AND PAUL:
Walks in the garden and black currant jam.

PAUL:
But the children are gone. They were never here and they are gone

SABINE:
I am ashamed. I am so sorry.

PAUL:
Never say that. Never have you brought me shame. But to have held them, to have given them our name.
SABINE:
They would have played in the garden. Mouths and fingers. Violet with black currant jam.

PAUL:
Learned to read from the Sunday paper. Spilled your afternoon tea.

SABINE AND PAUL:
Wouldn’t it have been wonderful? I know not what it is to be whole.

PAUL:
I feel so uneasy, Sabine.

SABINE:
What is wrong?

FATHER:
I am here. You need not worry.

PAUL:
I am unravelling from the center of myself.

SABINE:
This troubles me, Paul.

FATHER:
I am here.

PAUL:
Sabine I must leave for a while. Just a while. I do not feel like my self

SABINE:
My love, whatever do you mean?

PAUL:
I need to go and see the doctor again.

SABINE:
Are you ill?

PAUL:
Not that doctor, Sabine.

SABINE:
Flechsig.

PAUL:
I need to go and see the doctor again.

SABINE:
Will you be there long?

PAUL:
Not long, Sabine.

SABINE:
I will go with you.

PAUL:
No, I cannot take you with me.

SABINE:
Then I will visit. I will visit every day.

PAUL:
I need to go and see the doctor again.

FLEHSIG:
I say again, I am here, right in front of you.
FLECHSIG: 
Can you not see me? I am begging you.

PAUL: 
What is it that you’d like to do next? It isn’t as though I can get up and leave.

FLECHSIG: 
As I said before, can you put your arms out to the sides?

PAUL: 
Like a cross.

FLECHSIG: 
What? Yes, like a cross.

PAUL: 
Wait, what have you done? What are you doing to me? What are you doing?

FLECHSIG: 
I haven’t done anything. Why do you scream?

PAUL: 
Rays! I feel them can you see the rays running up my arms look, look!

FLECHSIG: 
I see nothing.

FLECHSIG: 
Enough! Enough!

FLECHSIG: 
Day after day I have studied your gait. I have measured your pulse I have listened to your mad ramblings screaming at the walls staring at the sky each night, but it doesn’t mean anything. Anything at all. There is nothing more to say to you. You are sick.

FATHER: 
Arms out to the sides, now.

PAUL: 
No, no please not again sir!

FATHER: 
And then straight through the sleeves…

FLECHSIG: 
What on earth do you mean?

FATHER: 
I shall wring out your will, son.

PAUL: 
Wait! I have cannot leave until I’m done!

FATHER: 
I will break this resolve

FLECHSIG: 
Done with what!

PAUL: 
My soul! I swear I have words that are burning to get out. God has told me to try.

FLECHSIG: 
You are driving me mad right along with you!

FATHER: 
There is honor in discipline.

FATHER, FLECHSIG and PAUL: 
Don’t you understand?

PAUL: 
I am here.

FLECHSIG: 
You will stay in confinement.

PAUL: 
Right in front of you.

FLECHSIG: 
Perhaps your wife will return.
PAUL:
Can you not see me?

FLECHSIG:
Though I would ask her why.

PAUL:
I am begging you.

Scene 3

PAUL:
Simple. I am to walk through the door and return home to my life, to my desk, to my mind. It is not simple. I am afraid everyday that I will slip through my own fingers again. That my voice will not be the loudest I hear. Am I even well, and was I even ill?

SABINE:
You don’t have to be sure. You do not have to know. I know who you are, and I will tell you everyday. I am sorry I have stayed away, to have left you alone in this place. I will never leave you alone.

PAUL:
Sabine, I am fearful. I have fought and I have dreamed. I have pleaded to return to my life, but what if it follows me outside? Those days where my words were stolen from me.

FLECHSIG:
Lacking now is-

FATHER:
I seem to often-

FLECHSIG:
You were to-

FATHER:
It will be-

FLECHSIG:
Perhaps I will ask-

FATHER:
To be in denial of God is to-

FLECHSIG:
I am seeking the only-

PAUL:
I cannot promise you anything now. I might not know who I am tomorrow.

SABINE:
I know who you are like I know sunlight, like I know it will always return. I know who you are, and I will help you return.

PAUL:
Even as I have written myself back into the world I cannot help but wonder for what purpose. For what purpose.

FATHER:
I am here

PAUL:
Sometimes I still feel a hand upon my shoulder. He has always had a hand upon my shoulder keeping me here, keeping me safe. I find a strange sense of comfort in his presence.

FATHER:
I will always be here.

SABINE:
Do not think of that now. It is done. Come with me. Come home with me.

PAUL:
And on the days when I feel like a page torn from a book?

SABINE:
I will read to you for hours. We will read to you.

PAUL:
Who do you mean?

SABINE:
Our daughter, our daughter.

PAUL:
No, oh no, Sabine. She will have the same blood as mine. The same nerves that torture me. I cannot give to a child.
SABINE: She is ours. Not from us but from God. She needed a home and now she had ours. A family, Paul. We will know what it is to be whole. We will not be alone.

PAUL: I am not alone.

FATHER: I am here. You are not alone.

SABINE: I will be waiting just outside if you need a moment alone. Take your time, my dear. You have as much as you want of it now. Take your time.

PAUL: This is the place I stood when I heard the weeping of thousands and could not do a thing. This is the bed a begged to fall asleep in while the moonlit windows kept opening my skull. This is the room where I finally let go of what I had clung to with such vigor. Desperately. Angrily. Bitter. And I thought I found something more to become.

FLECHSIG: Now you do not wish to leave?

PAUL: Oh, but I do.

FLECHSIG: You are dishonest.

PAUL: Why would a free man remain in a prison?

FLECHSIG: I know why, but do you?

PAUL: Now it is you who seems mad.

FLECHSIG: You believed it all. You thought you had been called to great things. You are afraid to leave because you will find that you are small. You are a fractured man.

PAUL: I am fractured, but I am whole. I can feel what it is to be whole.

FLECHSIG: I will see you again.

PAUL: I believe you are wrong.

FATHER: Come along, son. Come along.

FLECHSIG: Soon.

End of Scene 3
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Asylum
A one-act oratorio for chamber orchestra and four voices.

Cullyn D. Murphy (2018)
Fl.
Ob.
Cl.
Bari. Sax.
Hn.
C Tpt.
Tbn.
Bs. Tbn.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Pno.
Sab.
Fath.
Schreb.
Flech.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.

For sale-in!

A game of chess, please could you–

left me to rot.

Ad lib.

Ad lib. the most recently performed
Sit tall! I knew how to play–

It subsides and I recall what was lost for me–

Forgive me.

Defeated

For

Wronged

Sak-En? - Weakness... a side, boy do

For

Wronged

Sak-En! - Ferociously mad, recurring delusions it seems.
God has asked that I hear it all but sometimes I should like to hear noth- -

It is your mind that is not free.

But father, then I cannot be here. I can not be here.

It is your mind that is not free.

It is your mind that is not free.
Can you help him come back to me?

Help him come back to me?

Can you help him come back to me?

almost desperate

Can you help him come back to me?
I have come for months, but I must stop.
Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Sopr. Sax.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

Bsn.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

Sib.

Fath.

Schreb.

Flech.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

Solo, do not follow singers.

At least for now. I can not keep watch ing him.

Expressively

Sop. Sax.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Sib.

Fath.

Schreb.

Flech.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

Solo, do not follow singers.
Vox. requires the player to hum any low pitch into the instrument while playing.
I used to know some one.- Some one-
who looked just like this man.

Change to II as subtly as possible.
ppy- - and hopeful aren't we,

(Breath noise)
Paul? Our Sunday papers and afternoon tea? Walks in the garden, and black currant jam.

Yes, Sa bine.- Walks in the gar den-
and black currant jam. But the children— are gone.
I am ashamed. I am so sorry.

They were never here and they are gone.

Never say that.
They would have played in the garden. - Mouths and fingers. Violin -

Never have you brought me shame. But to have held them. To have given - them our name. - Violin -

accel. \( q = 80 \)
with black currant jam. Wouldn't it have been wonderful?
What is wrong? This troubles me, Paul. I feel so uneasy, I am here. You need not worry. I am here.
Just do not
Sabine—I must leave for awhile. Just a while. I do not—
My love, whatever do you mean? Are you ill? Flech sig.- I need the doctor again.- Sabine.- I need the doctor again.- Feel like myself.- I need– to go and see the doctor again.- Not that doctor,- Sabine.- I need to go and see the doctor again.- Accelerando.

"Are you ill?" Flech sig.
Will you be there long? I will go with you. Then I will visit. I will visit every day.

Not long. So long, no. I cannot take you with me. I need to go and see the doctor again.
and black hallways, picture frames and black currant jam. (a)

Laugh in our hallways and picture frames

\[ q=120 \]

Fl.
Ob.
Cl.
Sop. Sax.

Hn.
C Tpt.
Tbn.
Bs. Tbn.

Perc. 1
Vib.
Pno.

Sab.
Fath.
Schreb.
Flech.

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.
-60 Frozen as before

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Sop. Sax.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

Bs. Tbn.

Perc. 1

Vib.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

Pno.

Sib.

Fath.

Schreb.

Flech.

-60 Frozen as before

An X note head indicates a key click.
What is it that you'd like to do next? It isn't as though I can get up and leave.

patient, but angrily trying to calm

I say again, "I am here."

Right in front of you.

Can almost in disbelief

you not see me? I am begging you. As irritated, but keeping temper

I said before,- "Can you put your..."
arms out to the sides? What? Yes, like a cross.

Like a cross. What have you done? What are you doing? What are you doing? Rays!

I haven't done anything. Why do you scream?

with sudden interest

with sudden interest
I feel them. Can you see the rays running up my arms? Look, look! (panicked breathing)

I see nothing.

Enough!—
I have studied your gait. I have measured your pulse. I have listened to your mad ramblings.

\( j=60 \) As before
Screaming at the walls. Warning at the sky each night. But it doesn't mean anything—nothing at all.

There is nothing more to say to you. You are sick.
Arms out to the sides, now. And then straight through the sleeves. I shall wring out your will, son.

No, please not again, sir! Wait, I cannot leave until I'm done!

What on earth do you mean?

Wait, I cannot leave until you're done!

One player only.
I will break this re solve.—— There is hon or—— in dis ci- pline.—— Don't you un der- stand?——

My soul! I losing steam swear there are words burn ing to get out. God has told me to try. Don't you un- der- stand?——

Done with what?

How with what? You are driv ing me mad right along with you! Don't you un- der- stand?
I am here. p

almost unsure of what he is saying

Right in front of you.

You will stay in confinement.

Perhaps your wife will return. Though I would ask her why.

You will stay in confinement.
Can you not see me? I am begging you.
I am to walk through the door and to turn home.
To my life. To my desk. To my mind. It is not simple— I am afraid— everyday. That I will slip through my own fingers—.
You don't have to be sure. You don't have to know.

That my voice will not be the loudest I hear

You don't have to be sure. You don't have to know.

That my voice will not be the loudest I hear.
I know who you are. And I will tell you everyday. I am sorry I have stayed away. To have left you alone in this place. I will never leave you alone.
I will never leave you
alone.

I seem to often...

I have fought and I have dreamed. I have pleaded to return to my life. But what if it follows me outside. Those days where my words were stolen from me.
I am sure - I have stupid eyes.

Like I know you are.

I know who you are.

Like I know sun light.

Like I know it will always return.

I know who you are.

in denial of God is to...

To be in denial of God is to...

I seem to often...

as before

I cannot promise you anything now.

I might not know who I am tomorrow.

haps I will ask...

I am seeking...

The only...

ppp

f
dim.

q

=90

248

242 243 244 245 246 247

ppp

ppp

f
dim.

q

=90

248

242 243 244 245 246 247

ppp

ppp

f
dim..

pp

q

=90

248

242 243 244 245 246 247

ppp

ppp

f
dim.

mp ppp

f
dim.

pp

mp ppp

f
dim.

pp

mp ppp

f
dim.

pp

mp
I will help you return.

And I will help you return.

Even as I have written myself back into the world I cannot help but wonder. For what purpose. For what purpose. Sometimes I still

I am here.

For what purpose. For what purpose. Sometimes I still

For what purpose. For what purpose. Sometimes I still
It will always return. Do not think of that now. It is done.

I will always be here. I find a strange sense of comfort in his presence. Lack now–

feel a hand on upon my shoulder. He has always had a hand upon my shoulder. Keep ing- me here. Keep ing- me safe. I find a strange sense of comfort in his presence.
Come with me. Come home with me.
I will read to you for hours.

We will read to you for hours.
Our daughter—our daughter—

And on the days when I feel like a page torn from a book. What do you mean? No, oh no, Sabine. She will have the same blood as mine. The same nerves that torture me.
She is ours. Not from us, but from God.

She needed a home, and now she has ours.

A family, Paul. We will know what it is to be whole.

To be in denial of God is to–
We will not be alone.

I will be waiting just outside

if you need a moment alone.

Take your time, my dear.

You have as much as you want of it.

Take your time.

...I am here. You are not alone...

...I am here. You are not alone...

...This is the place I stood when I heard...

...and could not do a thing...

...There's a need to stand behind the weaving of...
This is the bed I begged to fall asleep in. While the moonlit windows kept opening my skull. This is the room where I finally let go of what I had clung to with such vigor. Des per ate- ly.- An gri- ly.- Bit ter. And I thought I found something
Now it is you who seems mad. Now you do not wish to leave? You are dishonest. I know why, but do you? You believed it all. You thought you had been called to great things. You are afraid to leave because you will find that you are small. Oh, but I do. Why would a free man remain in prison?
Balanced in motion:

Come along, son. Come along. Soon.

I am fractured, but I am whole. I can feel what it is to be whole.

I believe you are wrong.

You are a fractured man.

I will see you again.

q=60

fp f
I will see you again.
I can feel what it is to be whole.

I believe you are wrong.

I can find what it is to be whole.

I believe you are wrong.
A family, Paul.

We will know what it is to be whole.
Don't you understand?

You will stay in confinement.

\[ q = 80 \text{ accel.} \]

\[ \text{Fl.} \]

\[ \text{Ob.} \]

\[ \text{Cl.} \]

\[ \text{Alto Sax.} \]

\[ \text{Hn.} \]

\[ \text{C Tpt.} \]

\[ \text{Tbn.} \]

\[ \text{Bs. Tbn.} \]

\[ \text{Perc. 1} \]

\[ \text{Crot.} \]

\[ \text{Pno.} \]

\[ \text{Sab.} \]

\[ \text{Fath.} \]

\[ \text{Schreb.} \]

\[ \text{Perc.} \]
q = 90 accel.
As fast as possible
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AWARDS AND HONORS (selected)

Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2018-2022.
Bombard Fellowship, University of Louisville, 2016-2018.
Morton Gould Young Composer Award, finalist, 2018.
Dean’s Citation, University of Louisville, 2018.
Iowa Society of Composers Inc. Student Chapter Call for Scores, award recipient, 2018.
Composer’s Circle, featured composer, 2016.
Concrete Timbre Series Call for Scores, award recipient, 2016.
Joshua Award Scholarship, Illinois State University, 2015.

MASTERCLASSES, FESTIVALS, CONFERENCES

- Bent Sørensen, April 2018.
- Donald Crockett (USC), July 2017.
- Hannah Lash (Yale), July 2017.
- Robert Patterson, July 2017.
- David Drubay (Indiana University), November, 2017.
- Andrew Norman (USC), April 2017.
- Carlos Sanchez-Gutierrez (Eastman Conservatory), November, 2016.
- Steven Stucky, April 2015.
- Lee Hyla, April 2014.
- Joan Tower (Bard College), April 2013.

The Loretto Project, Composer Fellow, August 2018.
New Music on the Point, Composer Participant, June 2018.
New Music Gathering, performer, composer, AmiEnsemble, May 2018.
New Music Gathering, attendee, 2017.

COMPOSITIONS AND PERFORMANCES (selected)

Asylum for mezzo-soprano, alto, tenor, baritone, & chamber orchestra, 22’00” (2018)
Duckx for live video and electronics, 8’00” (2017)
Agony for three performers, assorted percussion, and electronics, 20’00” (2017)
-premiere, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, November 10, 2017
-Decca, Louisville, KY, November 10, 2017
-Comstock Hall, Louisville, KY, November 15, 2017
-Bird Recital Hall, Louisville, KY, December 2, 2017
evidence-based for flute, violin, and trombone, 4’00” (2017)
-premiere, Olli Gallery Studio, New York, NY, January 21, 2018
Simple Economics for solo performer, and assorted percussion, 5’00” (2017)
-premiere, Comstock Hall, Louisville, KY, November 2nd, 2017
-premiere, Colby Chapel, Waterville, ME, July 17, 2017
Texts for Nothing #4 for voice, and live electronics, 8’00” (2017)
-premiere, Bird Recital Hall, Louisville, KY, April 9, 2017
-premiere, Comstock Hall, Louisville, KY, October 27, 2017
Intrusive Thoughts for orchestra, 2’00” (2017)
-premiere, Comstock Hall, Louisville, KY, November 8, 2017
Come To (Hypnic Jerk for flute, clarinet, violin, cello, piano, and percussion, 5’00” (2017)
-premiere, Coltby Chapel, Waterville, ME, July 17, 2017
-premiere, Kemp Recital Hall, Normal, IL, April 19, 2015
Reciprocity for large wind ensemble, 9’00” (2017)
-premiere, Kemp Recital Hall, Normal, IL, April 19, 2015
General Considerations for eight voices, 5’00” (2014)
-premiere, Kemp Recital Hall, Normal, IL, April 14, 2014
-premiere, Kemp Recital Hall, Normal, IL, April 18, 2014
Stories From Outside The House for narrator, trumpet, horn, trombone, and piano, 5’00” (2013)
-premiere, Kemp Recital Hall, Normal, IL, November 21, 2013
-premiere, Kemp Recital Hall, Normal, IL, April 19, 2015