# Indiana State University's 55th Annual CONTEMPORARY MUSIC FESTIVAL

### **OCTOBER 27-29, 2021**

Guest Composer: Jake Runestad Orchestra-in-Residence: Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra

### **EVENING SHOWCASE CONCERTS**

Wednesday, October 27 (Opening Festival Concert) Thursday, October 28 (Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra) Friday, October 29 (ISU Student Ensembles)

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The School of Music at Indiana State University welcomes all participants to the performances, sessions, and other events that make up this 55th Contemporary Music Festival. The school expresses its appreciation to the guest performers, composers, and speakers; to the local and extended audience; and to the sponsoring agencies that have made this festival possible.

Principal Guest Composer Jake Runestad

Composition Contest Winners Benjamin Krause (2020) Craig Peaslee (2021)

Guest Orchestra **The Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra**  *Matthew Kraemer, Music Director Wilbur Lin, Guest Conductor* 

Music Now Composition Contest Winners Dustin Dunn Michael Grebla Aaron Houston Micah Mooney Robert Rankin Jason Rosenberg



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### **CONTENTS / SCHEDULE**

#### Wednesday, October 27, 2021

- 7:30 p.m. **Concert: Opening Festival Concert: Faculty and Friends Concert** . . . . 6 University Hall Theater
- post-concert Reception University Hall Atrium

#### Thursday, October 28, 2021

| 9:00 a.m.  | Session: Jake Runestad, Principal Guest Composer<br>Landini Center for Performing and Fine Arts, Room 159             |
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| 10:30 a.m. | <b>Concert: ISU Student Performer and Composer Recital</b>  |
| 1:30 p.m.  | <b>Session: Panel Discussion with Festival Guests</b><br>Landini Center for Performing and Fine Arts, Room 159        |
| 3:00 p.m.  | <b>Open Rehearsal: The Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra</b><br>Tirey Hall, Tilson Auditorium                            |
| 4:30 p.m.  | Session: Benjamin Krause, 2020 Composition Contest Winner<br>Landini Center for Performing and Fine Arts, Room 159    |
| 6:30 p.m.  | <b>Concert Comments: Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra &amp; Guest Composers</b><br><i>Tirey Hall, Tilson Auditorium</i> |
| 7:30 p.m.  | <b>Concert: The Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra</b> 10<br><i>Tirey Hall, Tilson Auditorium</i>                         |

### Friday, October 29, 2021 Session: Craig Peaslee, 2021 Composition Contest 9:00 a.m. Landini Center for Performing and Fine Arts, Room 159 10:30 a.m. Landini Center for Performing and Fine Arts, Boyce Recital Hall Session: Music Now Composers 1:30 p.m. Landini Center for Performing and Fine Arts, Room 159 Concert: Music Now Recital 3:00 p.m. Landini Center for Performing and Fine Arts, Boyce Recital Hall 7:30 p.m. Tirey Hall, Tilson Auditorium Acknowledgments......inside back cover

### HISTORY OF THE CONTEMPORARY MUSIC FESTIVAL

By Kathleen Hansen Sabaini

When Izler Solomon, conductor of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, approached the Rockefeller Foundation in September 1965, he had in mind a foundationsupported project involving the orchestra and colleges and universities in the Indianapolis area. Solomon told Martin Bookspan, the foundation's music consultant, that foundation support could add a week to the ISO concert season. The orchestra in turn would devote the week to publicly rehearsing and performing music by American composers, giving preference to works that had not been performed before in the Indianapolis area. This meeting was the genesis of Indiana State University's Contemporary Music Festival, which celebrates its 54th anniversary this year.

Solomon's proposal led to another meeting, when foundation officials met in New York with ISU Department of Music chairperson James Barnes, along with William Thomson and Wilfred Bain, theory chair and dean, respectively, of the Indiana University School of Music. The foundation agreed to make a grant to the Indiana State Symphony Society Inc. to fund premiere performances of symphonic works by American composers to be presented in Terre Haute and Bloomington.

A nationwide advertisement called for scores that were screened by ISU music faculty members Sanford Watts and Jon Polifrone, further evaluated by Barnes, and turned over to Solomon for final selection. The result? The first Symposium of Contemporary American Music at Indiana State University—several open rehearsals and one orchestral concert—took place May 8-11, 1967, after a week of similar activities at Indiana University.

Since then, the mission of the festival has grown to give students a glimpse of the lives of professional composers, performers, critics, and scholars; to promote the work of young American composers; and to generate public interest in modern music. It stands alone among other contemporary music festivals by emphasizing symphonic music and featuring a major professional orchestra.

Over the last fifty-four years, the festival has featured numerous nationally and internationally known performers, conductors, and composers. Eighteen of them now have the Pulitzer Prize for Music, and four have received the Grawemeyer Award. Some of them were guests of the festival several years before they received these awards. Festival planners built into the program lectures, symposia, open rehearsals, and social events to foster interaction between the visiting musicians and the public. An annual competition for orchestral compositions, part of the festival since its inception, has provided many young composers with the invaluable experience of hearing their works rehearsed and performed by a professional orchestra.

After the festival's first two years, however, foundation support ceased. ISU President Alan

Rankin, a musician himself, saw not only the artistic value of the event but also the prestige it had brought to the institution and allocated university funds to keep the festival going.

In 1971, under the leadership of ISU percussionist Neil Fluegel, the format of the festival underwent major changes. One well-established composer that year it was Michael Colgrass, who would win the Pulitzer in 1978—was invited to participate with the competition winners. A solo and chamber ensemble concert by faculty and students, featuring the chamber music of the participating composers, was added. The daytime event schedule was expanded as orchestra section leaders held master classes, and the principal guest composer led a composition seminar. The additions have been preserved, with some changes, since that time.

Newspaper reports of the first few festivals describe a fairly conventional event, but coverage of the 1971 festival indicated a new underlying political agenda: a break with traditional Western culture. Events included a modern-dance workshop, a seminar in multimedia composition, and a synthesizer demonstration. "Music to the People," the title of the special festival edition of the ISU student newspaper, mirrored the anti-elitism that had begun to pervade higher education.

The idea that art music could be relevant to youth was reflected by concert programs and newspaper articles equating these young, longhaired CON composers in blue jeans with the iconoclastic masters of the century's earlier years. Now the emphasis was on student involvement: performing, composing, and participating in panel discussions. They no longer just observed musicians and composers as role models on a stage or in front of a class, but interacted with them at their instruments, at the lunch table, or on the softball field.

The 1972 festival died in a strike by Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra union musicians, but in 1973 the festival continued to move in new directions. Over the next several years, the musical emphasis was on experimental composition and performance techniques of the late-twentieth century. In the first three festivals, only one composition—Charles



Wuorinen's Orchestral and Electronic Exchanges (1967)—included non-orchestral elements. But electronic and synthesized music soon became an annual component of the festival.

Atonality, twelve-tone and total serialism, multimedia, and aleatoric compositional methods were represented, as were the influences of ethnic musical styles, jazz, and rock. Some representative guest composers were David Cope, Ross

Lee Finney, and Will Gay Bottje. Nonstandard notation became commonplace. Slides, films, and other visual elements were introduced. Altered instruments (such as prepared piano) and unfamiliar techniques (such as plucked or bowed piano) were used. Much attention was given to world premiere pieces. The festival clearly reflected the "do your own thing" era.

For several years, many were attracted to the novelty of the festival. But public tastes change with time, and the inflation of the late-1970s made

it increasingly difficult to keep up with festival expenses. The culminating orchestral concert was made a part of the university's Convocation Series. Neo-Romantic principal guest composers such as Ned Rorem, George Rochberg, and William Bolcom—spoke frankly of their desire to communicate with their audience.

Selection of chamber ensembles began to favor nationally known groups over regionally recognized ones. Music critics from major publications were invited and led student writing seminars. Faculty began to require students to attend the festival and, often, to write related class papers. The Louisville Orchestra, which made its reputation in the 1950s for commissioning and performing contemporary music, began participating in 1987.

Some of the social changes of the previous decades, however, began to leave their mark: women composers like Joan Tower and Ellen Taaffe Zwilich began to be integrated into the festival, and members of the Kronos Quartet preferred T-shirts and leather jackets to formal wear.

During the 1980s, festival planners had to do more with less, and over the decade they reduced the

number of competition winners to one, returned to the single orchestral concert format, and condensed the festival from four days to three. Getting funding for the festival was a continuing struggle, and several times the future of the festival was in doubt.

However, overwhelming support from the music faculty, growing audience interest, and increasing national recognition of the respect for the festival persuaded the university administration to provide the means for it to continue. Although public funding for many projects was cut drastically during the period, the festival was beginning to receive grants from government and corporate sources.

The introduction of the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra as the festival's guest orchestra in 2007 helped to reestablish its connection to Indiana's outstanding arts organizations. In fact, the 2007 festival featured an all-Indiana cast, including the guest composer, the composition winner, the guest orchestra, and the guest chamber ensemble.

The 54th Annual Contemporary Music Festival in 2020 was one of the most unusual in the festival's 54 year history. In order to serve our students safely during COVID-19, all live events were limited to 45-50 audience members and were live-streamed to large classroom spaces for overflow seating. The festival did not feature a principal guest composer, but all eight Music Now composition winners participated in speaking sessions and attended their concert virtually using the Zoom platform. The 55th Annual Contemporary Music Festival returns to its regular format with various health and safety guidelines in place.

While the principal guests change and unprecedented health concerns adjust the festival's format, the primary goal of the festival remains true to its roots — to introduce students to the everyday work of professional musicians and to present new music to the public. No one can predict the result of the synthesis of these ideas. But one thing is certain: if art music of any style is to remain alive, it must continue to grow. Indiana State University's Contemporary Music Festival is one event that encourages that growth. It is to be hoped that universities everywhere will persevere in such encouragement for the enrichment of our culture and our lives.

### MUSIC NOW RECITAL

Friday, October 29, 2021, 3:00 p.m., Boyce Recital Hall

### Program

| Serial Bowl: Breakfast Variations for Alto Saxophone Solo (2021)<br>Breakfast Theme!<br>Variation I: Crunchatize Me Captain<br>Variation II: Snap, Krackle, Pop!<br>Variation III: Fruit Charms and Lucky Loops<br>Variation IV: Frosted Mini Mush<br>Variation V: Frosted Mini Mush<br>Variation V: Corn Flake Gruel<br>Variation VI: Fruity Tooty Swirly Whirls<br>Coda | Dustin Dunn (b. 1996)           |
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| Paul Bro, alto saxophone  |                                 |
| Jam and Toast for Solo Horn in F (2019)<br>Parker Nelson, horn  | Aaron Houston (b. 1991)         |
| <i>El Taquero</i> for Solo Steel Pan and Auxiliary Percussion (2021)<br>Kyle Scully, percussion   | Micah Mooney (b. 1998)          |
| Arborescence for any Keyboard or Pitched Mallet Instrument (2019)<br>Martha Krasnican, piano  | Jason Rosenberg (b. 1979)       |
| Deep State for soprano saxophone and percussion (2020)<br>Video Performance<br><b>Duo Axon</b><br>Derek Granger, soprano saxophone; Dan Ingman, percuss   | Robert Rankin (b. 1994)<br>sion |
| A Curious Misadventure for Flute, Clarinet, Violin, and Cello (2019)<br>Angela Reynolds, flute; Andrea Hoyt, clarinet<br>Yunjung Lee, violin; Kurt Fowler, cello  | Michael Grebla (b. 1989)        |

### **Music Now Composers**

A Missouri native. (b. 1996) composer **Dustin Dunn** draws largely from his roots in southeast Missouri for his music. This humble beginning allows Dunn to musically capture his connections to American folk music, music of the protestant church, and an intense love for nature. A Singuefield Composition Scholar to the University of Missouri, his primary instructors have consisted of Drs. Stefan Freund, and Carolina Heredia in composition, and Dr. Janice Wenger in piano. During his time at the University of Missouri. Dustin was commissioned and performed by ensembles including the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, the Mizzou New Music Ensemble, Khemia Ensemble, and the Springfield Missouri Symphony Orchestra. Awards include the Missouri Composers Orchestra Project, the University of Missouri Saint Louis Wind Ensemble Composition Competition, and second place National Music Teachers Association Composition award. Currently, Dustin attends the University of Michigan where he has received a full fellowship to study composition and is a student of Dr. Evan Chambers.

**Aaron Houston** (b. 1991) composes music that lives where the energetic soul of rock, folk music, and more collides with his classical training in unexpected ways to create what Ellen Taaffe Zwilich has labeled a "strong voice in composition" and reviews have said "[feels] alive and tangible to the audience" (Emily McCarthy, Tallahassee Democrat). His recent work, Midway to Midtown (2019), merges the influences of Texas Blues legend Stevie Ray Vaughan with "brilliant orchestration" (George Tsontakis) and was premiered by David Alan Miller and the Albany Symphony. Other projects include Katabasis (2020), a virtuosic cello solo commissioned by cellist Holden Bitner as a descent into the wild nature of Florida, and We're All a Little Mad Here (2021) for brass guintet which explores the frenetic energy of an anxious mind. Aaron's music has been commissioned and performed by the Albany Symphony Orchestra, Dallas Winds, Fifth House Ensemble, the University Symphony Orchestra at Florida State University, Baltimore Choral Arts Society, the Baylor Symphony Orchestra and more with performances in Germany, Brazil, and across the United States. Nominated for an award from the Academy of Arts & Letters, Aaron has also been a finalist for the ASCAP Morton Gould Young Composer Awards, finalist for the American Prize in Composition, winner of the Dallas Winds Fanfare Contest, Honorable Mention for the International Horn Society Composition Contest, finalist for the Verdant Vibes 2019 Call for Scores, winner of the Civitasolis Quintet 2020 Call for Scores, and winner of the 2015 Baylor University Orchestra Composition Contest. Aaron holds degrees in composition from Baylor University and Florida State University where he was the recipient of the 2017-2018 Ellen Taaffe Zwilich Fellowship for orchestral composition. His mentors have included Richard Danielpour, David Ludwig, Stephen Montague, Scott McAllister, Ellen Taaffe Zwilich, Clifton Callender and Ladislav Kubik.

**Micah Mooney** (b. 1998) is a composer from Sellersville, Pennsylvania. He is an M.A. Music Theory student at Pennsylvania State University and is studying composition with Dr. Baljinder Sekhon. He is a graduate from Grove City College where he earned a B.M. in Music with a piano concentration. At Grove City, he co-wrote and produced a full-length musical, composed incidental music for the Theatre Department, and premiered his own choral arrangements with the men's choir Scherzo, which was under his direction for two years. His music has been performed by Longy's Divergent Quintet and has been recorded in Germany by NOUS Records.

Jason Carl Rosenberg (b.1979; Ph.D. in Music from UC San Diego) is an acclaimed composer, conductor, and music cognition researcher. Having worked in Switzerland and Singapore for several years, Dr. Rosenberg is active in several contemporary music scenes in the U.S. and abroad, and seeks to link these communities through collaborative projects and innovative programming. His concert music uses contrapuntal inventiveness and rhythmic vitality to create rich environments of "power and persuasion... and violence" (Herald Tribune). His music also features an interaction with historical models, especially from the Renaissance and Baroque, through an idiosyncratic artistic practice based on evocation and transformation. Rosenberg has been a selected composer at several festivals, including the Royaumont Abbey and the Acanthes Festival, and has received the Salvatore Martirano Award and the Foro de Música Nueva Composition Prize. Dr. Rosenberg is currently an Assistant Professor and Director of Music Theory & Composition at Sewanee: The University of the South.

**Robert Rankin** (b. 1994) is a composer who grew up in North Carolina and now lives in Bloomington, IN. Hailed as "one of the nation's brightest and most talented emerging composers" (Fort Wayne Philharmonic),

Robert's music draws on a wide range of influences to create intense, intricate and expressive works. Robert has been commissioned and performed by various ensembles, music festivals, and solo artists including the Illinois Philharmonic, Durham Symphony, Fort Wayne Philharmonic, the Empyrean Saxophone Quartet, Split The Lark, Duo Axon, and numerous high school and college wind ensembles across the country. He has received awards and honors from organizations including Tribeca New Music, the Bridgeport Symphony Orchestra, Northwestern University, the Society of Composers Inc., and the American Composers Orchestra. Upcoming performances in the 2021-22 season include several consortium performances of Deep State for saxophone and percussion as well as premieres new orchestral works for the Durham Symphony Orchestra and Illinois Philharmonic. Robert holds a Masters Degree in Composition from Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music studying with Don Freund and Claude Baker. Currently, he is pursuing his doctorate in composition from Indiana University studying with Eugene O'Brien.

Spreading music described as "a testament to the universal strength and endurance of the human spirit" by Cut-Common Magazine, **Michael Grebla** is an international award-winning emerging composer from Western Australia based in New York City. With a deep conviction for the role music play as a unifying mechanism in society, constructing identity and building community, he endeavors to create meaningful and inclusive cultural experiences, bridging tradition and the present through his music. In recent years, his works have dealt with ideas of journey, displacement, transience, and spirituality, offering his own deeply introspective expression and examination of the human experience. Recognised with grants and awards from the New York Composer's Circle, the Zodiac Festival in France, UNSW, Keene State College, the Australia Council for the Arts and the Australian American Association, Michael's work has been performed internationally at festivals including the Atlantic Music, Connecticut Summerfest, Charlotte New Music and TUTTI festivals and by ensembles including ETHEL, BEO, Hub New Music, the Australian Youth Orchestra, and the West Australian Symphony Orchestra. He is a John Monash Scholar and holds a Master of Music with honors from the New England Conservatory and undergraduate degrees from the University of Western Australia in mechanical engineering and music with first-class honors.

### **Music Now Guest Performers**

Formed at The Hartt School in 2020, **Duo Axon** is composed of Derek Granger, saxophone and Dan Ingman, percussion. Sharing a love of contemporary chamber music, Dan and Derek are active in commissioning new works for non-traditional combinations of saxophones and percussion. Recent commissions include Deep State by Robert Rankin, and upcoming consortiums include forthcoming works by Viet Cuong. Duo Axon was awarded second prize in the 2021 Hartt Chamber Music Competition, and received the Vandoren Student Recital prize at the 2021 North American Saxophone Alliance Region 8 Conference. Dan and Derek are DMA students at The Hartt School, studying with Ben Toth and Carrie Koffman.

**Parker Nelson** is redefining the limits of what the horn can do with innovative programs that include his own original arrangements, transcriptions, techniques, commissions, and new context for standard practices and repertoire. As a soloist, chamber musician, orchestral musician, and educator, Parker actively works with communities both home and abroad to continually expand the cultural, educational, and artistic reach of the 21st century horn player. Parker is a dynamic soloist and consistently creates new concert and recital programs to highlight his wealth of original arrangements for horn that include unaccompanied horn, horn and piano, and horn with looping pedal. By no means shy of the traditional, Parker has also been a featured soloist in series programs at universities and with orchestras around the country. As a chamber musician, Parker continues his love of breaking musical boundaries with Chicago's Fifth House Ensemble, a concert organization that presents innovative programs including collaborations with pop musicians from other cultures, educational partnerships with incarcerated and at-risk youth, and the world's first audienceinteractive video game concert. Parker is an active educator, currently serving as High Brass Instructor for the Ravinia Festival's El Sistema program, Horn Instructor at numerous high schools and serving as the Educational Programming Coordinator for Fifth House Ensemble. Parker is also a faculty member at the Fresh Inc Festival, maintains a private studio, and is always interested in new opportunities to teach at any level. Parker also continues to play frequently with orchestras such as the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Milwaukee Ballet Orchestra, and the South Bend

### PAST PARTICIPANTS

| Guest Orchestras                               | 2007 | David Baker                  | 1988 | Joan Tower (GA, 1990)              | 1972 | No Festival   |
|--|------|------------------------------|------|------------------------------------|------|---|
| 0007 0001                                      | 2006 | Augusta Read Thomas          | 1987 | Gunther Schuller                   | 1971 | Michael Colgrass                                    |
| 2007 – 2021<br>The Indianapolis                | 2005 | Roberto Sierra               |      | (PP, 1994)                         |      | (PP, 1978)<br>Donald Erb                            |
| Chamber Orchestra                              | 2004 | Tod Machover                 | 1986 | Bernard Rands<br>(PP, 1984)        | 1970 | Jon Polifrone                                       |
| 1987 – 2006                                    | 2003 | Stephen Paulus               |      | Maximo Flugelman                   | 1970 | Arthur Custer                                       |
| The Louisville Orchestra                       | 2002 | Chen Yi                      |      | Alexina Louie                      | 1909 | Ross Lee Finney                                     |
|  | 2001 | Richard Einhorn              | 1985 | Joseph Schwantner                  |      | Nikolai Lopatnikoff                                 |
| 1967 – 1986<br>Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra | 2000 | Aaron Jay Kernis             |      | (PP, 1979)                         |      | Ron LoPresti<br>Elliott Schwartz                    |
| indianapolis Symphony Orchestra                |      | (PP, 1998; GA, 2002)         | 1984 | Ellen Taaffe Zwilich<br>(PP, 1983) |      | Laurence Taylor                                     |
| Dringing Curet Company                         | 1999 | Shulamit Ran (PP, 1991)      | 1983 | Ned Rorem (PP, 1976)               | 1968 | Leslie Bassett (PP, 1966)                           |
| Principal Guest Composers                      | 1998 | Michael Daugherty            | 1983 | Jacob Druckman                     |      | Jack Beeson   |
| 2021 Jake Runestad                             | 1997 | George Crumb<br>(PP, 1968)   | 1902 | (PP, 1972)                         |      | Thomas Beversdorf<br>Thomas Bricetti                |
| 2019 Robert Paterson                           | 1996 | Libby Larsen                 | 1981 | George Rochberg                    |      | Roy Travis  |
| 2018 Marc Mellits                              | 1995 | Samuel Adler                 | 1980 | Martin Mailman                     | 1967 | Donaldson Lawhead                                   |
| 2017 Narong Prangcharoen                       | 1994 | Karel Husa                   | 1979 | (Sept.) None                       |      | Jon Polifrone<br>Paul Schwartz                      |
| 2016 Libby Larsen;                             | 1001 | (PP, 1969; GA, 1993)         |      | (Jan.) William Kraft               |      | Donald White  |
| James Beckel                                   | 1993 | Chinary Ung (GA, 1989)       | 1978 | Barney Childs                      |      | Charles Wuorinen                                    |
| 2015 Carter Pann                               | 1992 | David Del Tredici            | 1977 | Elliot Schwartz                    |      | (PP, 1970)<br>Richard Yardumian                     |
| 2014 Derek Bermel                              |      | (PP, 1980)                   | 1976 | David Cope                         |      |   |
| 2013 Evan Chambers                             | 1991 | John Harbison                |      | William Maloof<br>David Baker      |      |   |
| 2012 Christopher Theofanidis                   |      | (PP, 1987)                   | 1975 | David Del Tredici                  | GA   | University of Louisville<br>Grawemeyer Award winner |
| 2011 Eric Ewazen                               | 1990 | John Corigliano              | 1975 | (PP, 1980)                         |      | and year  |
| 2010 Gabriela Lena Frank                       | 1000 | (GA, 1991; PP, 2001)         | 1974 | H. Grant Fletcher                  |      |   |
| 2009 Steve Reich (PP, 2009)                    | 1989 | William Bolcom<br>(PP, 1988) | 1973 | Russell J. Peck                    | PP   | Pulitzer Prize winner                               |
| 2008 Dan Locklair                              |      | (, 1000)                     |      |                                    |      | and year  |

### **Guest Performers**

| 2019 | Indianapolis Quartet                                      |
|------|---|
| 2017 | Heare Ensemble;<br>Tianshu Wang, piano                    |
| 2016 | Shattered Glass Ensemble;<br>Clara Osowski, mezzo-soprano |
| 2015 | Carter Pann, Piano  |
| 2014 | Minju Choi, piano;<br>Derek Bermel, clarinet              |
| 2013 | Mary Bonhag, soprano;<br>Evan Premo, double bass          |
| 2012 | Indianapolis Chamber Players                              |
| 2011 | Chicago Saxophone Quartet;<br>The Ambassador Brass        |
| 2010 | Michael Kirkendoll, piano                                 |
| 2009 | Steve Reich Ensemble                                      |
| 2008 | Fulcrum Point<br>New Music Project                        |
| 2007 | Ronen Ensemble  |
| 2006 | Callisto Ensemble   |
| 2005 | Continuum   |
| 2004 | John Graham, viola;<br>Omni Ensemble                      |
| 2003 | eighth blackbird  |
| 2002 | eighth blackbird  |
| 2001 | Chicago 21st Century<br>Music Ensemble                    |

| 2000 | The Core Ensemble   |   |
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| 1999 | The Peabody Trio  |   |
| 1998 | Present Music   |   |
| 1997 | Continuum   |   |
| 1996 | American Brass Quintet  |   |
| 1995 | Dorian Wind Quintet   |   |
| 1994 | Colorado Quartet  |   |
| 1993 | Cleveland Chamber Symphony  | , |
| 1992 | The Western Wind  |   |
| 1991 | Lydian String Quartet   |   |
| 1990 | Aequalis;<br>Maro Partamian, mezzo-soprano;<br>James Tocco, piano                         |   |
| 1989 | The Da Capo Chamber Players;<br>Joan Morris, mezzo-soprano                                |   |
| 1988 | Equilibrium<br>Adam Klein, tenor<br>The Dale Warland Singers                              |   |
| 1987 | Kronos Quartet  |   |
| 1986 | Chicago Jazz Quintet;<br>Shari Anderson, soprano  |   |
| 1985 | The Percussion Group/Cincinnati   |   |
| 1984 | The Chester String Quartet  |   |
| 1983 | Nelda Nelson, soprano;<br>Arkady Orlovsky, cello;<br>Suzuki and Friends<br>(Indianapolis) |   |
| 1982 | Suzuki and Friends<br>(Indianapolis)  |   |

| 1981            | The Chester String Quartet  |
|-----------------|---|
| 1980            | Equilibrium;<br>Diane Kesling, mezzo-soprano  |
| 1979<br>(Sept.) | The University of Illinois<br>Contemporary Chamber Players;<br>Paul Schoenfield, piano;<br>Jack Kirstein, cello;<br>Carolyn Fittz                 |
| 1979<br>(Jan.)  | Hank Roberts and the<br>Terre Haute New Creation<br>Ensemble  |
| 1978            | Jan DeGaetani, mezzo-soprano;<br>Gilbert Kalish, piano  |
| 1977            | Indianapolis Jazz/Rock<br>Ensemble  |
| 1976            | Gita Karasik, pianist   |
| 1975            | The McLean Mix  |
| 1974            | None  |
| 1973            | None  |
| 1972            | No Festival   |
| 1971            | Paul Reed, pianist  |
| 1970            | None  |
| 1969            | None  |
| 1968            | None  |
| 1967            | Lili Chookasian, soprano  |
|                 | 1980<br>1979<br>(Sept.)<br>1979<br>(Jan.)<br>1978<br>1977<br>1978<br>1977<br>1976<br>1975<br>1974<br>1973<br>1972<br>1971<br>1970<br>1969<br>1968 |

### **Composition Contest Winners**

| 2021 | Craig Peaslee         |
|------|-----------------------|
| 2020 | Benjamin Krause       |
| 2019 | Michele Caniato       |
| 2018 | Roger Zare            |
| 2017 | Arthur Gottschalk     |
| 2016 | Reinaldo Moya         |
| 2015 | None                  |
| 2014 | Michael-Thomas Foumai |
| 2013 | Veronika Krausas      |
| 2012 | Bin Li                |
| 2011 | Nicolai Jacobsen      |
| 2010 | Joseph Dangerfield    |
| 2009 | Lansing McLoskey      |
| 2008 | Alejandro Rutty       |
| 2007 | David Dzubay          |
| 2006 | Karim Al-Zand         |
| 2005 | Robert Paterson       |
| 2004 | Andrián Pertout       |
| 2003 | Ann K. Gebuhr         |
| 2002 | Mike McFerron         |
| 2001 | Cindy McTee           |
| 2000 | Peter Knell           |
| 1999 | Mark Kilstofte        |
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| 1998 | James Grant  |
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| 1997 | Garrison Hull  |
| 1996 | Jennifer Higdon (PP, 2010)                             |
| 1995 | Srdan Dedic  |
| 1994 | Lawrence Rapchak                                       |
| 1993 | Augusta Read Thomas                                    |
| 1992 | Daniel Godfrey   |
| 1991 | David Dzubay   |
| 1990 | Michelle Ekizian                                       |
| 1989 | Jeffrey Hass   |
| 1988 | John Muehleisen  |
| 1987 | Stephen Hartke   |
| 1986 | Timothy A. Kramer<br>Linda Bouchard                    |
| 1985 | Tyler White<br>James Underwood<br>Thomas Ludwig        |
| 1984 | Julius Burger<br>Eric Stokes<br>Jerry M. Owen          |
| 1983 | Donald Grantham<br>Larry Stuckenholtz<br>Jan Swafford  |
| 1982 | Michael Kurek<br>Faye-Ellen Silverman<br>Stephen Suber |
| 1981 | Ruth Anderson<br>Ann Gebuhr<br>Scott Meister           |

| 1980<br>1979   | Joey Bargsten<br>Maximo Flugelman<br>Stephen Stucky<br>Jordan Tang                        | 1975 | James Balentine<br>Priscilla McLean<br>James Riley<br>Greg Steinke<br>Gary C. White   |
|----------------|---|------|---|
| (Sept.)        | Aurelio de la Vega<br>Frederick Fox<br>Sydney Hodkinson<br>Vincent McDermott              | 1974 | Ramon Zupko<br>David Cope<br>William Dargan   |
|                | John Rinehart   |      | Barton McLean   |
| 1979<br>(Jan.) | Randall Henn<br>Byron Hermann<br>James Hobbs III  |      | Theldon Myers<br>Jeffrey Prater<br>Glenn Spring                                       |
|                | James Horner<br>William Steinort  | 1973 | Kurt Carpenter<br>Nicholas D'Angelo   |
| 1978           | Conrad Cummings<br>Arthur Jannery<br>Daniel Kessner<br>Paul Reale                         |      | William J. Maloof<br>Edward J. Miller<br>Pasquale J. Spino<br>Paul Steg               |
|                | Sheila Silver   | 1972 | No Festival   |
| 1977           | Will Gay Bottje<br>Simon Carfagno<br>Gerald Plain<br>George Michael Schelle<br>Byron Tate | 1971 | Richard Busch<br>Charles Campbell<br>Kurt Carpenter<br>Gordon Goodwin<br>Walter Mayes |
| 1976           | Robert Barclay<br>Richard Busch   |      | Paul Turok<br>Paul Whear  |
|                | Robert Keys Clark   | 1970 | None  |
|                | Curtis Curtis-Smith<br>Andrew Frank   | 1969 | None  |
|                | Andrew Imbrie   | 1968 | None  |
|                | James Morgan<br>Carl Vollrath   | 1967 | None  |

### Guest Music Critics/Scholars/Educators

| 2019 | Ted Green, Film Director &<br>Tyron Cooper, Film Composer                            |
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| 2018 | Jeff Frizzi, Clay Middle School in Carmel, Indiana                                   |
| 2017 | Sam Fritz, Center Grove Middle School Central,<br>Greenwood, Indiana                 |
| 2015 | Kathleen Swayze, Music Educator and<br>Composer, Indianapolis, Indiana               |
| 2004 | Mary Madigan, Boosey & Hawkes  |
| 2003 | Olivia Carter Mather, Jean-Benôit Tremblay,<br>Vincent Benitez, Ralph Lorenz         |
| 2002 | Brian Sacawa, Paolo Bortolussi, Tom Lopez,<br>Patti Plascak Willey                   |
| 2001 | Daniel H. Foster, Jeongwon Joe, Charles<br>Leinberger, Thomas Handel, Tobias Plebuch |
| 2000 | Arved Ashby, American Record Guide   |
| 1999 | Wynne Delacoma, Chicago Sun-Times  |
| 1998 | Andrew Adler, The Louisville Courier-Journal   |
| 1997 | Kyle Gann, Village Voice   |
| 1996 | David Patrick Stearns, USA Today   |
| 1995 | Willa Conrad, Charlotte Observer   |
| 1994 | Scott Cantrell, Kansas City Star   |
| 1993 | James Wierzbicki, St. Louis<br>Post-Dispatch   |

| 1992    | James Oestreich, New York Times   |
|---------|---|
| 1991    | Lawrence B. Johnson, Freelance writer   |
| 1990    | John von Rhein, Chicago Tribune   |
| 1989    | Tim Page, Newsday   |
| 1988    | Byron Belt, Newhouse News Service   |
| 1987    | Nancy Malitz, Detroit News,<br>Gannett News Service                           |
| 1986    | Eric McLean, Montreal Gazette   |
| 1985    | David Hamilton, Freelancer  |
| 1984    | Michael Anthony, Minneapolis Star and Tribune                                 |
| 1983    | Robert Finn, Cleveland Plain Dealer   |
| 1982    | Charles Staff, Indianapolis News;<br>Leighton Kerner, Village Voice           |
| 1981    | Stephen Cera, Baltimore Sun;<br>Betty Dietz Krebs, Dayton Daily News          |
| 1980    | William Littler, Toronto Star;<br>James Wierzbicki, St. Louis Globe-Democrat  |
| 1979    |   |
| (Sept.) | Lawrence B. Johnson, Milwaukee Sentinel;<br>Nancy Malitz, Cincinnati Enquirer |
| 1979    |   |
| (Jan.)  | Robert Croan, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette;<br>Richard Dyer, Boston Globe          |
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| 1978 | Robert Finn, Cleveland Plain Dealer;<br>Karen Monson, Chicago Daily News |
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| 1977 | None   |
| 1976 | None   |
| 1975 | None   |
| 1974 | None   |
| 1973 | None   |
| 1972 | No Festival  |
| 1971 | None   |
| 1970 | Charles Staff, Indianapolis News;<br>Thomas Willis, Chicago Tribune      |
| 1969 | None   |
| 1968 | None   |
| 1967 | None   |

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