BAIN MUSC 525 Post-Tonal Theory

Analysis Project

(for graduate students and SCHC H-option students only)

Due: **Project Proposal Due**: Fri., Dec. 9, 11:59 PM (via e-mail) Wed., Nov. 30, 11:59 PM (via e-mail)

Graduate students, and students taking MUSC 525 via the H-option, are required to complete an instructor-mentored *Analysis Project* that is due at the university-scheduled final exam time.

Project Description

CHOOSE ONE of the *Guided Analyses* in Straus 4/e Ch. 3-6.² Analyze the passage by answering the analytical prompts provided by Straus.

Analytical Approach

- Find a recording on YouTube or Spotify.
- In bullet-point fashion, answer each question Straus poses (typed, single spaced, 12-point font) in a .docx.
 - Use nested bullet points and subheadings, or another logical approach (e.g., re-typing the questions), to organize your views.
- As you work, carefully create an *on-score analysis* of the given passage on the score provided in your book. When you are finished, photoscan the final version of your on-score analysis to a PDF. (Optionally, you may create musical examples instead of an on-score analysis.)

Deliverables and Submission

- 1. A PDF containing your answers to Straus' questions.
 - O At the top of your document be sure to include the following information
 - Your name
 - MUSC 525
 - Graduate Analysis Project, or MUSC 525 SCHC H-Option Analysis Project
 - Guided Analysis #
 - Name of the composer, title of the work (date of composition), and instrumentation
 - Performer(s)
 - URL of the recording
- 2. A PDF containing your on-score analysis.

E-mail these pdf documents (by the deadline) to: rbain@mozart.sc.edu

Grading

- Followed directions and instructor suggestions (if applicable) 50%
- Analytical insight (e.g., correct answers to the questions, appropriate symbology used, etc.) 25%
- Clarity, depth, effort, creativity, presentation, etc. 25%

References

Straus, Joseph N. 2022. The Art of Post-Tonal Analysis: Thirty-Three Graphic Music Analyses. New York: Oxford
University Press. Companion Website: https://www.oup.com/us/theartofposttonalanalysis/ >.
2016. Introduction to Post-Tonal Theory, 4th ed. New York: Norton.

¹ I just need to know which Guided Analysis you are going to complete; e.g, Guided Analysis 5.3 STRAVINSKY, "In a foolish dream," from *Rake's Progress* (1951), mm. 33-46.

² **Alternative project options**: Summarize one of the 12 *Model Analyses* in Straus 2016 or 33 graphic music analyses in Straus 2022. With special permission of the instructor, you may analyze any significant passage of post-tonal music.