# BAIN MUSC 525 *Post-Tonal Theory*

## **Analysis Project**

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

**Due**: Project Proposal Due: Fri., Dec. 13, 11:59 PM (via e-mail) Fri., Nov. 22, 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.<sup>2</sup> 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 typed bullet-point 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: <a href="https://www.oup.com/us/theartofposttonalanalysis/">https://www.oup.com/us/theartofposttonalanalysis/</a>>.

2016. *Introduction to Post-Tonal Theory*, 4th ed. New York: Norton.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.