

BETA AND GAMMA

by Robert Hanson

The “theme” for our 2010 BATAWAGAMA commissioned piece is dissonance and consonance. In our evening class sessions, Mr. Glocke and I explored definitions of dissonance/consonance, looked at the historical significance of dissonance/consonance, and listened to examples of composers utilizing dissonance and consonance in their works.

To keep the definition workable for 30-minute classes, we chose a definition by Joseph Machlis from his 5th edition of *The Enjoyment of Music*. We explained that dissonance and consonance happen only if there are two or more notes sounding at the same time--in other words, with harmony. Machlis says this: “Dissonance creates restlessness and activity. Consonance is relaxation and fulfillment. The dissonant chord creates tension. The consonant chord resolves it.”

The title of today’s composition, *Beta & Gamma*, is based on two things: 1) the obvious similarity of the two Greek letters to the Native American-derived names of our bands (*Bata* and *Gama*) and, 2) the names of the first two notes, B-flat and G, which form the basic motive of the work.

This year, for the first time, I made separate versions of *Beta & Gamma* for each band. *Bata* and *Gama* bands will each play their own versions, first alone in their part of the concert, and finally, all together at the end of the concert.

Beta & Gamma begins with dissonance. Single notes of the motive are played and held, one note at a time, by various sections. Dissonance is created by the clashing of these held notes which eventually dissolve into a three-chord secondary motive and finally into a march-like theme. As the piece progresses, the “*Beta and Gamma* motive” is transposed, played against itself, subjected to augmentation and diminution, and given different rhythmic structures. The work ends with a fortissimo statement of the motive in more consonant harmony.

55th ANNUAL IRON COUNTY BAND CAMP CONCERT

SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH, 7:30PM
FOREST PARK GYMNASIUM

DENNIS GLOCKE
BATA BAND CONDUCTOR
PENN STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY PARK, PENNSYLVANIA

LYNN HANSEN
GAMA BAND CONDUCTOR
TRAVERSE CITY, MI

GAMA BAND

Lynn Hansen, Conductor

Ancient Dialogue.....*Patrick J. Burns*

Lullabye.....*Randall D. Standridge*

Beta & Gamma.....*Robert Hanson*

Crosswinds March.....*James Swearingen*

BATA BAND

Dennis Glocke, Conductor

The Gallant Seventh.....*John Philip Sousa*

Dusk.....*Steven Bryant*

Antiphon.....*Fisher Tull*

Beta & Gamma.....*Robert Hanson*

Variations on a Korean Folk Song.....*John Barnes Chance*

COMBINED BANDS

Beta & Gamma.....*Robert Hanson*

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for hosting the
55th Annual Iron County Band Camp Concert

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necessary for instruction and rehearsal

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scholarships for many of the students attending the 2010
Iron County Band Camp

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Instrumental Specialists

ROGER BRAUN.....PERCUSSION
 Professor of Percussion, Ohio University, Principal Percussion, Ohio Valley Symphony

DAVID COOPER.....TRUMPET
 Madison Symphony Orchestra; Professor of Trumpet and Jazz Studies, University of Wisconsin-Platteville

MIKE HALL.....TROMBONE
 Professor of Trombone, Old Dominion University, Virginia Governor's School for the Arts; Trombonist in the Galliard Brass Ensemble

ROBERT HANSON.....COMPOSER
 Composer, Music Director, Elgin Illinois Symphony Orchestra

CARRIE KOFFMAN.....SAXOPHONE
 Professor of Saxophone, The Hartt School, University of Hartford

JONATHAN LEICHMAN.....PERCUSSION
 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Ohio University

ALYSSA MCKEITHEN.....OBOE/BASSOON
 Freelance Musician in South Florida; Owner of "Double Reed Girl" - source for double reed instruments, reeds and cane; private lesson teacher

ANDREW PELLETIER.....FRENCH HORN
 Principal Horn, Detroit Opera House, Ann Arbor Symphony; Professor of Horn, Bowling Green State University, Ohio

ED RISINGER.....TUBA/EUPHONIUM
 Professor of Tuba and Euphonium, Illinois Wesleyan University

ROBERT SPRING.....CLARINET
 Evelyn Smith Professor of Music, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona; Principal Clarinet, ProMusica Chamber Orchestra, Columbus, Ohio

ELIVI VARGA.....FLUTE
 Lecturer, Southeast Louisiana University; frequent performer with the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra and the Louisiana Sinfonietta

JIM WILHELMSSEN.....PIANO
 Teacher of Piano, Accompanist, Vocal Coach, and Free-Lance Musician; Director, Clarkston Conservatory of Music; Fulbright Scholar; Former Faculty, University of Michigan, Wayne State University, Center for Creative Studies, Detroit

Bata Band

Flute

Miranda DeBretto
Abby Lucas
Audra Basal
Kristi Anttila
Allie Brendel
Lindsay Vandermissen
Tamara Cole
Cheyenne Swisher

Clarinet

Erin Glocke
Alex Swanson
Evelyn DeLong
Hailey Szymanski
Audra Hagan
Brooke Tarvainen
Isabelle Dehring
Rachel Caron
Katrina Tavernini
Briana Hall

Bass Clarinet

Paul Sebero

Oboe

Kimber Guidebeck

Bassoon

Kaylee Whitfield

Alto Saxophone

*Cassie Fehr
*Emily Prychitko
Eric Boggaudo
Brooke Fellner
Lauren Pflughoeft
Cassy Demler
Jaclyn Hollars
Alex Bossenberger
Shane Testini
Skylar Maynarich

Tenor Saxophone

Matt Riutta
Dominique DePas
Jesse Hill
Stephanie Spicer
Mallory Ramelis
Jonathon Korhonen

Baritone Saxophone

Mitchell Paris
Brittany Olson

Horn

Rhonda Rossway
Michael Edwards
Bridger Cherry

Trombone

Roscoe Schieler
Katie Riutta
Evan Kruppstadt
Bob Polzin
Megan Pacer
Amber Faught

Tuba

Jordan Smith
Jonathan Korpi
Thomas Briseno

Trumpet

*Jacob Bender
*Aili Brotherton
Emily Oja
Abby Reynolds
Joel Whalen
Beth Seavoy
Elizabeth Kauppila
Louis Lenten
James Porras
Jackie Nutter
Zach Taylor
Gaby Yanga
PJ Uhazie
Mark Bofinger
Kristina Takala

Euphonium

Jedidiah Kauppila
Lillia Szilahyi
Kelsey Justin
Tony Menucci
Jimmy Spicer
Inga Sievert

Percussion

Wesley Beyer
Dan Bingel
Sam Bradbury
Christopher Paul
Paige Graham
Chelsea Grindatti
Cassidy Hinshaw
Jacob Paul
Andrew LaJoie
Phil Lindblom
Blake Murray
Trevor Rosten
Jason Thibeault

* co-principal

Gama Band

Bass Clarinet

Gregory James Kucharek
Jeff Winchester

Oboe

Katie Edwards
Ashley Berton
Michaela Seim
Nora Erickson
Jon Curtis

Bassoon

Reilly Chabie
Bonnie Huse
Janelle Carroll

Alto Saxophone

Rachel Kauppila
Jerry Munger
Bryson Heimerl

Tenor Saxophone

Kayla Wiltzius
Benjamin Frisanco

Baritone Saxophone

Olivia rouleau
Kyle McMahon

Horn

Taylor LaBorde
Thomas Prica

Trombone

Benjamin Zindler
Chelsea Morin
Jake Marciniak
Steve Prica

Trumpet

Emma Kaznowski
Amanda Braunhausen
Nathan Rotundo
Sara Caron
Kristian Stenvig
Connor O'Donnell
Dakota Gould

Euphonium

Jessica Nutter

Tuba

Hailee Frank

Percussion

David Hill
Matthew Johnson
Dawson McKenzie
Caroline Reynolds
Maggie Sanderson
Christopher Trammell