

**MUSIC (B.A., B.S.)
COMPOSITION STUDIES CONCENTRATION**

The composition program at Austin Peay State University is designed to answer the needs of music students wanting to pursue serious interests in composition. While still connected to the performance curriculum, the program is designed to give students a firm grounding in the fundamentals of music theory and history, as well as a healthy amount of hands-on experience in various instrumental and vocal writing techniques. Composers are encouraged throughout their degree program with high level performances of their music.

Recent senior recitals (a program devoted to the graduating composition major's music) have involved professional performances by both faculty and regional performers. Composers are also encouraged to perform their own music whenever possible.

The following is an example of a recent graduating recital:

Austin Peay State University Department of Music presents

GREGORY JACKSON, composition and percussion

Senior Recital

Gathering Hope Gregory Jackson
Night Shadows
Gregory Jackson, marimba

Against Love (text by Robert Herrick) Gregory Jackson
Peace (text by Sarah Teasdale) Scott Niebauer***
Desirée Dolan, soprano
Jeffrey Wood, piano*

Eli, Eli lama sabachthani Gregory Jackson
Charles Brooks, marimba**

Mood Change Gregory Jackson
Jeffrey Wood, piano*

Song for Horn and Piano Gregory Jackson
Francis Massinon, horn*
Anne Glass, piano*

Nan Madol Clyde Thorpe***
Natasha Jacobs, flute
Scott Niebauer, guitar**

On the Third Day Gregory Jackson
Gregory Jackson, timpani
Jeffrey Wood, piano*

* Faculty performer

** Graduate student performer

*** Student composer

Students in composition can benefit from contemporary music opportunities available to them at Austin Peay: the on-going Dimensions New Music Series provides a superb performance outlet for new music. There are many visiting composers and performers who take part in this prestigious concert series.

Student composers can also take advantage of the Young Composer's Competition, which has been offered annually since 1987.

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