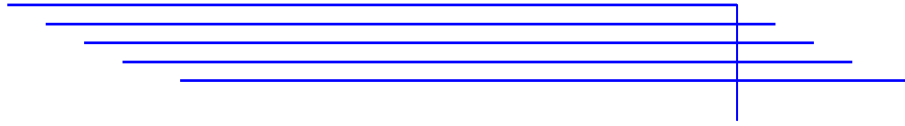


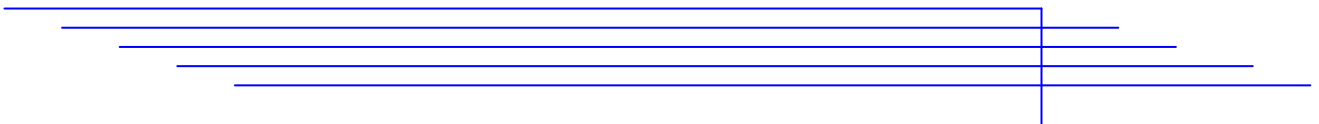
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Transformations

for viola da gamba

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MUSIC BY STAN GRILL

VOCAL MUSIC

The Snow Begins (W.C. Williams)	1975	soprano, piano	3 min
Earth and Sea (Eskimo texts)	1975	soprano, piano	3 min
Preludes (T.S. Eliot)	1978	soprano, violin, cello	10 min
6 Songs (W.B. Yeats)	1983	soprano, piano	15 min
To a Child (W.B. Yeats)	1987	soprano, string quartet	20 min
Crazy Jane Sings (W.B. Yeats)	1999	soprano, fl, vn, va, vc, pn	25 min
Vignettes/Flowers (W.C. Williams)	2002	SATB, cello	18 min
Love Poems (W.C. Williams)	2003	SSAA	10 min
Vignettes/Trees (W.C. Williams)	2004	2 voices, 2 cellos	15 min
Thinking of You (John MacKenzie)	2005	soprano, vc, harp	7 min
Ariettas without words	2005	soprano, vc, harp	9 min
Scetate (Ferdinando Russo)	2005	SSATTBB	6 min
In Their Flight (Mark Doty)	2006	soprano, mezzo soprano, vn, vc	6 min
Rilke Songs	2009	soprano, va d'amore, vc	15 min
4 Songs to Poems by Hart Crane	2010	tenor, piano	12 min
Sonnets to Orpheus (Rilke)	2012	tenor, piano	35 min

MUSIC FOR STRINGS ALONE

6 Contrapuntal Pieces	1986	string quartet	20 min
For Laura	1987	string quartet	25 min
As Easy as 1,2,3	1987	string trio	10 min
The Beckoning Stars	2001	string quartet	13 min
Imaginary Dances	2001	violin solo	18 min
Short Stories	2003	vn, va, vc, db	18 min
Passion (a love duet)	2003	va, vc	9 min
Pavanne (for a world without war)	2005	string orchestra	8 min
Meditations for String Orchestra	2006	string orchestra	8 min
American Landscapes	2007	string quartet	24 min
Motet for String Orchestra	2008	string orchestra	7 min
Ecstasy	2009	viola solo	9 min
Transformations	2009	viola da gamba solo	12 min
Sonatine	2010	3 violins	9 min

CHAMBER MUSIC

Three for Three	1992	vn, vc, pn	16 min
Civil War Songs	1992	va, pn	18 min
Take Five	1993	2 vns, va, vc, pn	25 min
Serenade	1999	fl, vn, va, vc	11 min
Distant Music	2000	cl, vn/va, vc, pn	20 min
Driven by the Wind	2001	fl, vc, pn	25 min
Nonet (for New York)	2002	fl, ob, cl, hn, bn, 2vns, va, vc	35 min
A Little Sweet	2003	fl, vc	10 min
On the edge of sleep & dreaming	2003	hn, vc, harp	31 min
5 Pastoral Scenes	2004	ob, bn, vn, va, vc	30 min
I was dreaming of the sea...	2004	vn (or fl), vc, pn	7 min
Little Tales of Mirth & Woe	2004	vn (or fl), vc, pn	6 min
An Ode to the Possibility of Peace	2005	cl, vn, vc	15 min
Elements	2006	fl, ob, cl, hn, bn	11 min
Motet for Brass Instruments	2006	2 trp, hn, trb, tu	7 min

ORCHESTRAL MUSIC

Appalachian Songs	1988	chamber orchestra	25 min
Morning Music	2001	cl, string orchestra	22 min
Two Sad Songs (W.B. Yeats)	2002	soprano, string orchestra	15 min
Invisible Ballet	2003	strings & diverse instruments	33 min
Pluto	2005	orchestra	15 min
Ophelia Songs (Shakespeare)	2005	soprano, harp, string orchestra	12 min
Love's Little Pleasures	2008	soprano, string orchestra	15 min
The Four Elements	2009	va, string orchestra	22 min
Mystical Songs	2009	soprano, va, string orchestra	18 min

Transformations

Early music has always held a special appeal for me, and at one point, I decided to write new music for early instruments. The viola da gamba is certainly one instrument that should never have fallen from general use – it has a unique and wonderful sound.

Transformations was composed with the transformation woodcuts of M.C. Escher in mind. In this case the music transforms gradually from one thing into another.

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Andantino (♩ = c. 70)

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Viola de gamba

mf

5

f

9

mp

13

mf

17

p

22

pp

pp

mp

25

pp

pp

mp

28

mf p mp

Staff 28-31: Bass clef, 3/4 time. Measures 28-31. Dynamics: *mf*, *p*, *mp*. Features sixteenth-note runs and chords.

32

p

Staff 32-35: Bass clef, 4/4 time. Measures 32-35. Dynamics: *p*. Features eighth-note chords and a triplet.

36

f

Staff 36-38: Bass clef, 4/4 time. Measures 36-38. Dynamics: *f*. Features eighth-note chords and triplets.

39

ff subito p mf

Staff 39-42: Bass clef, 3/4 time. Measures 39-42. Dynamics: *ff*, *subito p*, *mf*. Features a 14-measure slur and a triplet.

43

f p

Staff 43-45: Bass clef, 4/4 time. Measures 43-45. Dynamics: *f*, *p*. Features eighth-note chords and a triplet.

46

f mp

Staff 46-49: Bass clef, 6/8 time. Measures 46-49. Dynamics: *f*, *mp*. Features eighth-note chords and a triplet.

50

mf

Staff 50-53: Bass clef, 6/8 time. Measures 50-53. Dynamics: *mf*. Features eighth-note chords and a triplet.

53 *mp* *pizz.* *mf*

57 *arco* *mf*

61 *f* *mp*

65 *p* *pp* *mp*

69 *mf*

73 *mp* *pizz.* *mf*

77 *arco* *mp* *p*

81 *mp* *mf*

Staff 81-84: Bass clef, 4/4 time. Measures 81-82: eighth-note scale (F2-G2-A2-B2-C3-D3-E3-F3) with a slur. Measure 83: dotted half note (F2) with a slur. Measure 84: eighth-note scale (F2-G2-A2-B2-C3-D3-E3-F3) with a slur. Dynamics: *mp* at 81, *mf* at 84.

85 *f*

Staff 85-88: Bass clef, 4/4 time. Measures 85-86: dotted half note (F2) with a slur. Measure 87: eighth-note scale (F2-G2-A2-B2-C3-D3-E3-F3) with a slur. Measure 88: eighth-note scale (F2-G2-A2-B2-C3-D3-E3-F3) with a slur. Dynamics: *f* at 85.

89 *f*

Staff 89-90: Bass clef, 4/4 time. Measures 89-90: eighth-note scale (F2-G2-A2-B2-C3-D3-E3-F3) with a slur. Dynamics: *f* at 89.

91 *ff* *p*

Staff 91-93: Bass clef, 4/4 time. Measures 91-92: eighth-note scale (F2-G2-A2-B2-C3-D3-E3-F3) with a slur. Measure 93: dotted half note (F2) with a slur. Dynamics: *ff* at 91, *p* at 93.

94 *pp* *mp*

Staff 94-97: Bass clef, 4/4 time. Measures 94-95: dotted half note (F2) with a slur. Measure 96: eighth-note scale (F2-G2-A2-B2-C3-D3-E3-F3) with a slur. Measure 97: eighth-note scale (F2-G2-A2-B2-C3-D3-E3-F3) with a slur. Dynamics: *pp* at 94, *mp* at 96.

98 *p*

Staff 98-101: Bass clef, 4/4 time. Measures 98-99: dotted half note (F2) with a slur. Measure 100: eighth-note scale (F2-G2-A2-B2-C3-D3-E3-F3) with a slur. Measure 101: eighth-note scale (F2-G2-A2-B2-C3-D3-E3-F3) with a slur. Dynamics: *p* at 98.

102 *mf* *f*

Staff 102-103: Bass clef, 4/4 time. Measures 102-103: eighth-note scale (F2-G2-A2-B2-C3-D3-E3-F3) with a slur. Dynamics: *mf* at 102, *f* at 103.

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2

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Viola de gamba

Andante (♩ = c. 45)

1

mp

mf

3

mp

5

mf

mp

7

p

mp

9

p

11

mf

mp

13

mf

15

17

p

20

23

f

p

26

f

mf

28

30

32

This musical score is for a double bass, spanning measures 15 to 32. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The notation includes various musical elements: slurs, ties, accents, and dynamic markings. Measures 15-16 show a melodic line with a slur and a tie. Measures 17-19 continue the melodic line with slurs and ties. Measure 20 introduces a new melodic line with slurs and ties. Measures 21-22 continue the melodic line with slurs and ties. Measures 23-24 show a melodic line with slurs and ties, followed by a measure with a slur and tie. Measures 25-26 show a melodic line with slurs and ties, followed by a measure with a slur and tie. Measures 27-28 show a melodic line with slurs and ties. Measures 29-30 show a melodic line with slurs and ties. Measures 31-32 show a melodic line with slurs and ties. The score includes dynamic markings: *p* (piano) at measure 17, *f* (forte) at measure 23, *p* (piano) at measure 25, *f* (forte) at measure 26, and *mf* (mezzo-forte) at measure 27. There are also articulation markings: *pizz.* (pizzicato) at measures 23, 25, and 31, and *arco* (arco) at measures 24 and 26. The score is written on a single staff with a bass clef.

34 *f* pizz. arco pizz.

37 arco *mp* *mf*

39

41 *f* *mf*

44 *p*

48 *mf*

51 *f* pizz. arco pizz. *p* *f*

55 arco pizz. arco pizz. arco

p *f* *p*

58 *f* *mf* *mp*

61 *mf* *f*

63 *p*

65 *f*

68 *mp* *p* *f* *arco*

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3

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Viola de gamba

mp

Andante (♩ = c. 45)

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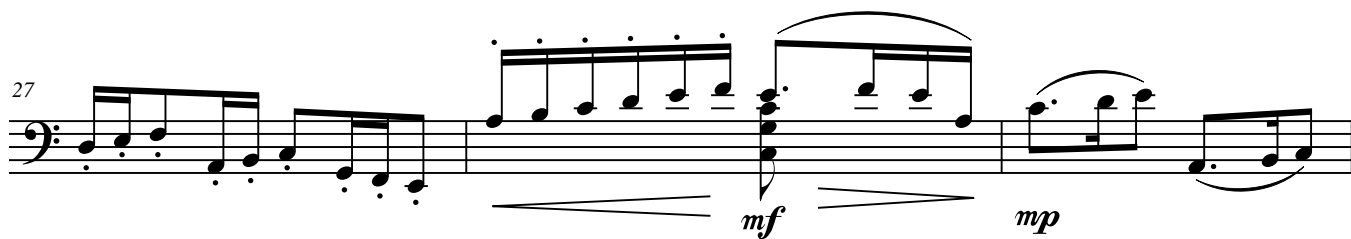
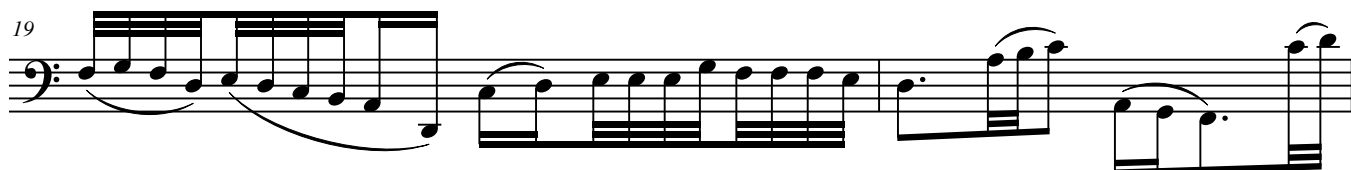
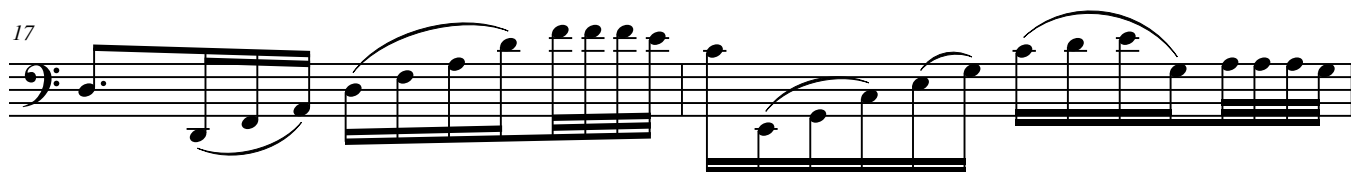
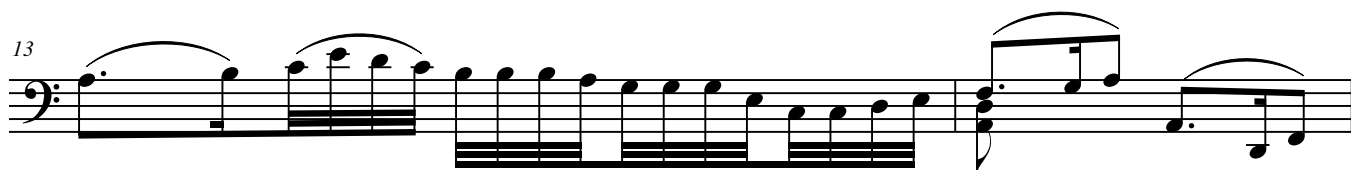
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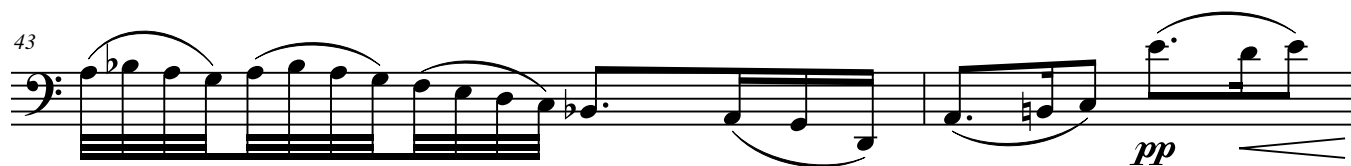
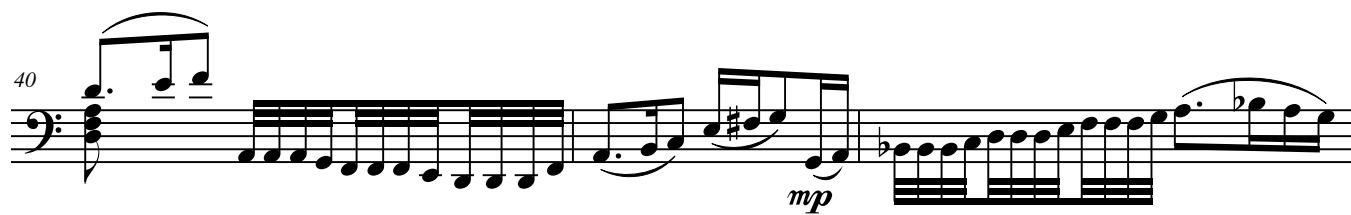
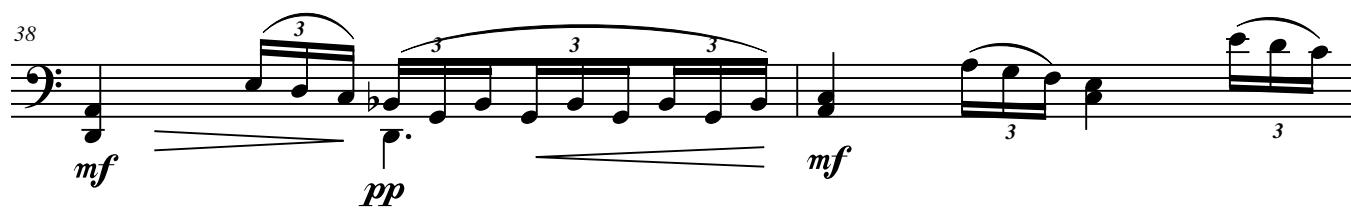
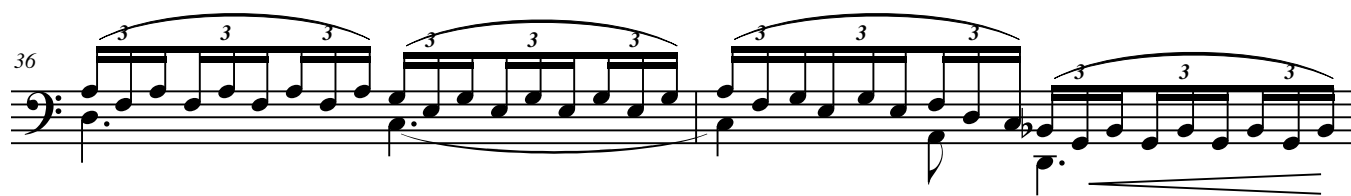
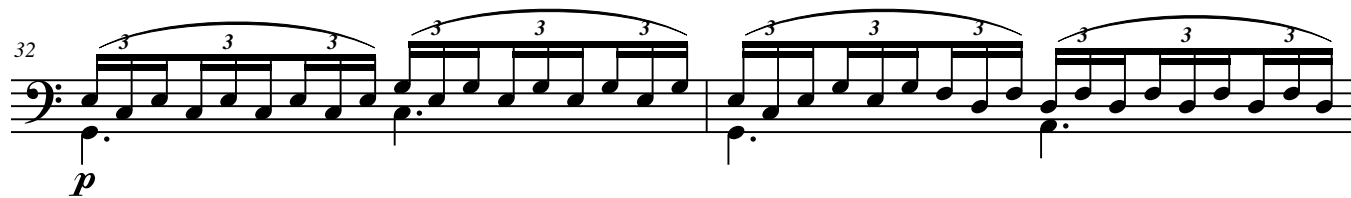
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45 *mp*

Musical staff 45: Bass clef, starting with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The staff contains eighth and sixteenth notes with various articulations like slurs and accents. A crescendo hairpin is at the end.

47 *mf* *mp*

Musical staff 47: Bass clef, starting with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. It features a dense sixteenth-note passage followed by a mezzo-piano (*mp*) section. A crescendo hairpin is present.

49 *mf* *f*

Musical staff 49: Bass clef, starting with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and ending with a forte (*f*) dynamic. It includes a dense sixteenth-note passage. Crescendo and decrescendo hairpins are used.

52 *p* *f* *p*

Musical staff 52: Bass clef, featuring a series of dotted half notes with dynamic markings of piano (*p*), forte (*f*), and piano (*p*). Accents are placed over the notes.

56 *mp* *mf* *mp*

Musical staff 56: Bass clef, starting with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. It includes a decrescendo hairpin followed by a mezzo-forte (*mf*) section and ends with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic.

59 *mf* *p*

Musical staff 59: Bass clef, starting with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and ending with a piano (*p*) dynamic. It features triplet markings over groups of notes. A decrescendo hairpin is present.

62

Musical staff 62: Bass clef, featuring triplet markings over groups of notes. A decrescendo hairpin is at the end.

64

mf mp

This system contains measures 64 and 65. Measure 64 begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) beamed together, followed by another triplet (C5, B4, A4), and then a single eighth note (G4). A dynamic marking of *mf* is placed below the first triplet. Measure 65 continues with a quarter note (F4), followed by a triplet of eighth notes (E4, D4, C4), and then a quarter note (B3). A dynamic marking of *mp* is placed below the second triplet. Both measures include hairpins indicating a crescendo from measure 64 to 65 and a decrescendo from measure 65.

66

mf mp mf

This system contains measures 66, 67, and 68. Measure 66 starts with a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4), followed by another triplet (C5, B4, A4), and then a single eighth note (G4). A dynamic marking of *mf* is placed below the first triplet. Measure 67 continues with a quarter note (F4), followed by a quarter note (E4) with a sharp sign, and then a quarter note (D4) with a sharp sign. A dynamic marking of *mp* is placed below the first measure of this system. Measure 68 features a quarter note (C4) with a sharp sign, followed by a quarter note (B3) with a sharp sign, and then a quarter note (A3) with a sharp sign. A dynamic marking of *mf* is placed below the first measure of this system. Hairpins indicate a crescendo from measure 66 to 67 and a decrescendo from measure 67 to 68.

69

mp f

This system contains measures 69, 70, and 71. Measure 69 begins with a quarter note (G4), followed by a quarter note (A4), and then a quarter note (B4). A dynamic marking of *mp* is placed below the first measure. Measure 70 continues with a quarter note (C5), followed by a quarter note (B4), and then a quarter note (A4). A dynamic marking of *f* is placed below the first measure of this system. Measure 71 features a quarter note (G4), followed by a quarter note (F4), and then a quarter note (E4). Hairpins indicate a crescendo from measure 69 to 70 and a decrescendo from measure 70 to 71.

72

This system contains measures 72, 73, and 74. Measure 72 begins with a quarter note (G4), followed by a quarter note (A4), and then a quarter note (B4). Measure 73 continues with a quarter note (C5), followed by a quarter note (B4), and then a quarter note (A4). Measure 74 features a quarter note (G4), followed by a quarter note (F4), and then a quarter note (E4). The system concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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4

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Adagio ♩ = 40

Viola de gamba

mp

arco

pizz.

3

arco

pizz.

5

arco

7

pizz.

9

arco

pizz.

11

mp

mf

13

mp

mf

15 *pizz.* *arco*

17 *mp* *p* *pizz.* *arco* *mf* *pizz.*

19 *arco*

21 *mp* *pizz.*

24 *pp* *pizz.* *mf* *pp*

27

A few words about (and by) the composer

Stan Grill was raised in the Bronx, studied at the Bronx House School of Music, and later graduated from the Manhattan School of Music with undergrad and graduate degrees in music theory. He studied piano with Robert Helps and Leon Kushner and composition with Ursula Mamlok and Joseph Prostakoff. Major works include music for string orchestra and voice, string orchestra and clarinet, a nonet for winds and strings, and several song cycles for mixed voices and chamber ensemble. Performances have been produced by the composer, as well as presented by the Composers Guild of New Jersey, the St. Paul's Church Festival of the Arts, the Leonia Chamber Players, the New York Composers Circle, the Northern New Jersey Camerata, the Bronx Arts Ensemble and the Duo + Ensemble. During the 2004-06 seasons, he was composer in residence of One World Symphony, a New York City based orchestra. One World Symphony has premiered several major works, including "Invisible Ballet" for orchestra, "Two Sad Songs" setting poems by W.B. Yeats for soprano & string orchestra, and a cycle of songs for two cellos and two mezzo sopranos setting poems by the New Jersey poet William Carlos Williams. In 2006, One World commissioned three works – a setting of the Ophelia songs from Shakespeare's "Hamlet" for soprano, harp and string orchestra, an orchestral work, "Pluto," for a program featuring Holst's "The Planets," and a setting of poetry for a concert honoring those who lost their lives on 9/11. Recent works include "The Four Elements" for viola and string orchestra commissioned by violist Brett Deubner and "Mystical Songs" for soprano, viola and string orchestra commissioned by the Universidad Tecnica Particular de Loja. In 2009, an entire program of music by Stan Grill was performed in Tokyo by the Duo + Ensemble. He currently works in Philadelphia, and lives happily in New Jersey with his wife, cats and piano.

"As I see it, as much as we strive to find reason and purpose in our having been born into this amazing, mysterious and awe-inspiring universe, that attempt is largely futile. It is however, the best part of our nature that obliges us to make the attempt, though the most we can hope for is to gain some small degree of understanding of the world around us, and, more importantly, of ourselves. To achieve this, we each approach the problem in our own way, uniquely shaped by our cultural background, innate talents and abilities, education and so on. For some, science may be the window through which they best perceive and interpret the world, for others, religion. For those to whom the world seems to express itself most clearly and beautifully through sound, music is the voice that speaks to us and through which we, in turn, best express ourselves. Now, I can write notes that will make pretty music because I've been trained to do so – but the best of my music has arrived, rather inexplicably, as part of a personal effort to understand the world and myself. It is, in a way, an act of translation. The world says something, I try to understand it, and then translate it into musical language. The particular musical language which I speak, is, of course, a product of my conservatory training and personal musical tastes, but hopefully, the outcome, imperfect a translation as it may be, will convey to others something of its original intent."

Stan's music is melodic, modal, contrapuntal, characterized by extended, interweaving lines. His musical influences span the centuries, and include Machaut, Josquin, Palestrina, Monteverdi, Lassus, Britten, Ives, Vaughn Williams and Shostakovich. Two main themes permeate many of the pieces - music intended to influence the minds and hearts of those who hear it in such a way as to encourage thoughts about the possibility of world peace - and music composed in an attempt to translate something about the nature of the physical world.

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