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Adding to Blake Set to Music

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1 In 1990, the University of California Press published Blake Set to Music: A Bibliography of Musical Settings of the Poems and Prose of William Blake, compiled by Donald Fitch. This bibliography lists 1412 pieces up to 1988. “Blake Set to Music: Supplement 2001” by Fitch appeared in Blake 35.2 (fall 2001): 40-61. The following list contains pieces of music written after Fitch’s bibliographies were published or, in a few cases, compositions written before their publication that were not mentioned therein.1

2 The entries below are organized by the last name of the composer, using Fitch’s work as a model. They list the nationality of the composer, though in a few instances this position has been left blank because the information was


The works below are primarily set to or based on Blake’s poems; songs that mention Blake, such as “You Don’t Pull No Punches, but You Don’t Push the River” from Van Morrison’s Veedon Fleece (1974) (see Amazon, Allmusic, and YouTube), are generally not included.
not readily available at the time the project was conducted. Each entry provides either the name of a single composition or an album in which compositions have been collectively published. The duration refers to the complete length in minutes and seconds of the individual composition or album. Where possible, entries contain details of instrumentation, copyright dates, composition dates, publisher names, and genres. Finally, entries that begin with an album title end with a list of the works on that album that are based on works by Blake, numbered as they are on the album. The source list contains at least one link to a full score of the piece, or a YouTube video, or a sound recording via Spotify, or another web site.

ASHCROFT, Richard UK
Contents: 2. Love Is Noise (based on Blake’s “And did those feet in ancient time”).
Sources: Amazon, Allmusic, YouTube, Spotify.

AYTON, Will USA
Sources: Amazon, Allmusic, Spotify.

Beglarian, Eve USA
Sources: EVBVD Music, full score, Spotify.

Berends, Bill USA
Contents: 1. Tiger! Tiger!
Sources: Allmusic, Mastermind, YouTube.

Bolcom, William USA
Sources: Amazon, Allmusic, Naxos, YouTube, Spotify.

Carr, Daniel USA
Movements: 1. Nurse’s Song. 2. A Poison Tree. 3. The Blossom.
Sources: Daniel Carr: Composer, YouScribe, Box.

Clack, Jo, and Paul Howard UK
Sources: Howard and Clack, YouTube, Facebook.

COATES, Stephen  UK
From *The London Book of the Dead*; performed by the band the Real Tuesday Weld; songs featuring bass, guitar, voice, clarinet, violin, spoken word, percussion. Duration: 48:49. Six Degrees, © 2007. Indie pop.
Sources: Amazon, Allmusic, Pitchfork, Spotify.

COREN, Finn  Norway
Contents: 1. The Echoing Green. 2. The Wild Flower’s Song. 3. A Poison Tree.
Sources: Amazon, Allmusic, Spotify.

DAVENPORT, Bob  UK
Sources: Allmusic, Mainly Norfolk, Spotify.

DYSON, Peter  Russia/UK
Sources: International Music Score Library Project, Allmusic, full score.

ELLINGSEN, Sivert  USA
Source: International Music Score Library Project.

EMMANUEL, Michael  USA
Sources: Amazon, Michael Emmanuel, YouTube.

FERRERI, Ernesto  UK
Source: International Music Score Library Project.

GILLET, Jeff  UK
Sources: William Blake’s Songs of Innocence and of Experience, Amazon, Wild Goose Studios, So Glos, Zoamorphosis, YouTube.

GILTRAP, Gordon  UK
Sources: Amazon, Allmusic, YouTube.

GRANT, James  UK (Scotland)
Contents: 2. Long John Brown & Little Mary Bell.
Sources: Amazon, Allmusic, YouTube.

GRIFFIN, Michael  UK
Source: YouTube.


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cappella.
Sources: Amazon, Living Composers Project, Spotify.

(POSMAN)
Movements: 1. Introduction. 2. Earth's Answer. 3. The Fly. 4. Nurse's Song. 5. Ah! Sun-Flower.
Sources: Amazon, Living Composers Project, RussianDVD.

(POSMAN)
Contents: 1. Welcome Stranger to This Place. 6. To Spring. 7. To Summer. 8. To Autumn. 9. To Winter. 11. The Tyger.
Sources: Amazon, Living Composers Project, MDT, Phaedra.

REDBONE, Martha, John McEuen, and Aaron Whitby
Sources: Amazon, Martha Redbone, AllMusic, Martha Redbone Roots Project, NPR, YouTube, Spotify.

SPALDING, Esperanza
Contents: 1. Little Fly.
Sources: Amazon, Allmusic, YouTube.

ST. CLAIR, Richard
Sources: International Music Score Library Project, full score.

ULVER, and Vegard Sverre Tveitan (Ihsahn)
Sources: Amazon, Allmusic, YouTube.

UNGER, David
Sources: International Music Score Library Project, full score.

VELDHUIS, Jacob Ter
Netherlands
Sources: Allmusic, Jacobtv, YouTube.

VERTUNNI, Victor
Italy/UK
Sources: Amazon, Allmusic, YouTube, Spotify.

YOST, Daniel
Sources: International Music Score Library Project, YouTube.

5. Editors' note: See also the review by Steve Newman, *Blake* 49.1 (summer 2015): 9 pars.