



“Embracing diversity and Expanding our Programming Options: Latin American Music for Young Wind Band”
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Context

- Programming concerts is the conductor’s most important task
- “Programming our concerts is the conductor’s most difficult task and it is the only one they can make alone.” Frederick Fennell.

Considerations to program our concerts.

- Program good music ALWAYS
- Program music that is appealing to your players, your audience, and YOU
- Program music that balances challenges and accessibility (the 80/20 rule of programming)
- Program music that fulfills your academic goals
- Program music that reflects your ensemble’s demographics (?) Yes? No? Why?

Points of reflection

- The need of expanding our programming options
- Programming music that reflects our demographic
- Diversifying our musical choices.
- My findings on music programing in regards of Latin American Composers: very low presence of Latin American composers
- Current situation of Latin American Music for Wind Band: Still a long way to go.
- What do U.S. band directors think about wind band music by Latin American composers?

Things to Avoid

- Cancellation: Good composers, organizations, and institutions that has made significant contributions, needs to keep doing their job.
- Tokenism: Selecting by identity only
- “Checking” the box.

Why Programming Music by Latin American composers?

- There is good music that needs to be featured.
- High Hispanic population in the U.S. (18.9%)
- An excellent addition to our concerts (New voices, new colors, new rhythms)

Things to do (composers)

- More advertisement
- More and better production: what we have is good but it’s not enough.

Suggested pieces, Grades 1.5 – 4 (Not comprehensive by any means...)

COMPOSER and NATIONALITY	TITLE	GRADE	PUBLISHER INFORMATION	CONTACT INFO	AUDIO REFERENCE
Victoriano Valencia (Colombian)	Danzón	2	http://www.victorianovalencia.com/index.php/tienda/banda/item/65-danzon	valencia_victoriano@javeriana.edu.co	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1VBykulnSs
	Tango	3	http://www.victorianovalencia.com/index.php/tienda/banda/item/72-tango		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZCUYbLSKA8&t=81s
	Los Magnificos	2	http://www.victorianovalencia.com/index.php/tienda/banda/item/96-los-magnificos		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovNK0YVkcN8
	Huayno	2.5	http://www.victorianovalencia.com/index.php/tienda/banda/item/66-huayno		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vIJOcprsgWw
	Pajarillo	3	http://www.victorianovalencia.com/index.php/tienda/banda/item/67-pajarillo		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lxCtxAfD9o0
Giovanni Santos	Joy is a Bird	3.5	https://murphymusicpress.com/products/w-646		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_Yu1YIFwaM



Rubén Darío Gómez

Conductor / Composer

(Cuban/Dominican/ Puerto Rican)					
Rubén Darío Gómez (Colombian)	Tu Llegada	3	https://www.iwpepper.com/Tu-Llegada/10190000.item#.Y9yEtC-B3g0	www.rubendariogomez.net	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Lot7-zhgFU
	A Bailar la Cumbia	3	https://www.rubendariogomez.net/online-store/A-Bailar-la-Cumbia-SCORE-and-PARTS-p410238049		https://soundcloud.com/user-935995696/a-bailar-la-cumbia
	Nueve Lunas	3.5	https://www.rubendariogomez.net/online-store/Nueve-Lunas-SCORE-and-PARTS-p515985317		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72d2mDM5Fv8
	Adios Azul	2	https://www.rubendariogomez.net/online-store/Adiós-Azul-Cumbia-SCORE-and-PARTS-p411491807		https://soundcloud.com/user-935995696/adios-azul-cumbia-grade-25
	Concertino for Trumpet and Band	3.5/4	https://www.rubendariogomez.net/online-store/Concertino-para-Trompeta-y-Banda-SCORE-and-PARTS-p286422230		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cl6q9yfn-vM
	Montaña Mágica	3.5	https://www.rubendariogomez.net/online-store/Montaña-Mágica-SCORE-and-PARTS-p271371037		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHeyjieZCXY
Hudson Nogueira (Brazilian)	Miniaturas Brazileiras Set #1	3	https://musicainfo.net/detail%2Ephp?kat=2&artnr=4013708		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKaXmrnkzdQ
	Miniaturas Brazileiras Set #2	3	https://musicainfo.net/detail%2Ephp?kat=2&artnr=4013708		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HWFnsyj2Nwo
Victor Lopez (Cuban)	Sambeando	2	https://www.alfred.com/sambeando/p/00-45791/		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XBs4s5MF8BY&t=2s
	Yorkton	3.5	https://www.alfred.com/yorkton/p/00-30806/		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPa7Exhmong
	Fiesta Fantastique	1.5	https://www.alfred.com/fiesta-fantastique/p/00-48159/		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1zg9JZl4ec&t=1s
Tania Leon (Cuban)	Alegre	2	https://composersforum.org/bandquest/alegre/		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YxxT66ZSPI
Nubia Jaime Donjuan (Mexican)	Magical Forest	2		cellonubia@gmail.com	

	Little Mexican Suite	4			https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JT3Hu0C6tq0&t=166s
	Monarch Migration	3.5			
Renato Goulart (Brazilian)	Suite de Vale	3	https://murphymusicpress.com/products/x-100		https://soundcloud.com/user-30469599/suite-de-vale-renato-goulart
Ricardo Silva (Brazilian)	Dance Brasileira #1	3	https://murphymusicpress.com/products/x-112		https://soundcloud.com/user-353618625/dance-brasileira-n1
	Dance Brasileira #2	3	https://murphymusicpress.com/products/x-113		https://soundcloud.com/user-353618625/danca-brasileira-n2
Alexandre Travasos (Brazilian)	Rapsodia Sefardi	4	https://www.cayambismusicpress.com/travassos-rapsodia-sefaradi-p/cmp-1359.htm		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwVX-Pgk7d4&t=4s
Oscar Fernando Trujillo (Colombian)	Suite Pa' Juan	4		coscotrompeta@hotmail.com	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhPAqo_Psdk

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