

Society for Music Theory

2009 Call for Proposals

The Thirty-second Annual Meeting of the Society for Music Theory will be held in Montréal, Quebec, Canada from October 28 to November 2, 2009. Proposals on any topic related to music theory are welcome. Guidelines for proposing papers, poster sessions, and special sessions appear below. Papers, poster sessions, and special sessions must conform to the appropriate guidelines. **NEW! Proposals not meeting these guidelines will not be read.**

Papers

Submissions for papers must include:

1. A proposal of no more than three double-spaced pages of text—including any footnotes or endnotes—with one-inch margins, all (including notes) printed in a 12-point font. Proposals will be read for originality, clarity, and appropriateness for oral presentation. Although there is no single correct format, the proposal should clearly state the intended contribution to scholarship in relation to previous research and provide specific evidence of theoretical and/or analytical results. Authors should not hesitate to cite their own prior research in order to situate their proposal within an appropriate research context.

A maximum of four pages of supplementary materials (such as musical examples, diagrams, and bibliography) should be included if appropriate; they will not be counted within the three-page text limit. **NEW! They must be appended and not integrated into the body of the proposal.**

Seven copies of the proposal must be submitted, by mail only. Double-sided duplication is preferred. No faxed or electronic submissions will be accepted. The proposal must include the title of the paper but exclude the author's name and any other identifying information.

2. An abstract of approximately 200 words, suitable for publication in the conference program. The program committee reserves the right to edit abstracts.
3. A cover letter listing the title of the paper and the name, postal address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the author, as well as the author's rank and institutional affiliation, if any. Since cover letters will not be seen by the committee, do not confine to the cover letter any information essential to the committee's deliberations. **NEW! Rejected proposals will remain anonymous; only the SMT executive director, in mailing out acceptance and rejection letters, will know the identity of those authors.**
4. A listing, on a separate page, of all required equipment (such as piano, overhead projector, CD player, etc.) other than the public-address system that will be provided to all presenters. The Society cannot provide computers or internet access for presentations, but LCD screens and cables can be made available if requested in advance. Presenters who need computers should plan to bring their own laptops.

Poster Sessions

Proposals for poster sessions should follow the guidelines for submission of papers.

Special Sessions

Proposals for special sessions and events of unusual format (such as analysis symposia or panel discussions) are welcome. Please note: Individual proposals within a special session proposal should follow, where possible, the guidelines for paper proposals (however, see below), including the preservation of author's anonymity, with names and identifying information revealed only in the cover letter, which should follow the guidelines stated for papers in (3) above.

In addition, an introductory page to the proposal should explain why the papers are being submitted as a special session. Proposals should spell out clearly the desired format for the special session, and should specify as closely as possible the space, time, and equipment needed. Proposals for sessions requiring special equipment or invited speakers must itemize these requirements, the acceptance of which will depend on the cost being judged reasonable. Invited speakers or panelists will be expected to pay a conference registration fee unless the organizers request a waiver to that fee.

Note that special sessions must be “special” in that they could not be put together by the program committee. A group of individual papers or presentations on a given topic does not necessarily constitute a special session. Instead, proposals to give such papers should be submitted individually, with the recommendation that, if all accepted, they be placed together in an individual session. The program committee reserves the right to consider separately each paper in a special session proposal and program accordingly, with or without the other papers from that proposed session.

Proposals for special sessions of unusual format may be exempted from certain of these guidelines. To discuss the possibility of such exemption, those wishing to propose special sessions must contact the program committee chair (peter.schubert@mcgill.ca) no later than two weeks before the postmark deadline for submissions.

Additional Guidelines

NEW! SMT welcomes submissions as long as they do not represent work that has already been published in peer-reviewed publications (print or electronic); papers previously published or presented at other national or international conferences will be considered. All presenters at SMT sessions must be members in good standing of the Society and must register for the conference. Exceptions to this policy must be requested in advance of the conference. Most papers will be placed in 45-minute time slots, with about 30 minutes for reading and 15 minutes for response or discussion. The committee may request that favorably received submissions for papers be presented as poster sessions.

An individual may have his or her name on the program only once as sole author of a titled presentation (on any kind of session). **NEW! An individual may appear a second time on the program as a co-author, chair, moderator, or respondent, or as some other participant in connection with an untitled presentation (e.g., a member of a panel discussion).**

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