

Composer Website Homework Assignment

*Print out both pages of this pdf file – this assignment is due Monday Nov. 9th by 2:50 pm

*Go to each composer's website and answer the following questions:

Brian Balmages website: <http://www.brianbalmages.com/biography.htm>

Robert W. Smith website: <http://www.robertwsmith.com/RobertWSmith.com/Biography.html>

Elliot Del Borgo website: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elliot_del_Borgo

Brian Balmages – “Reverberations” composer

- 1) Where did Brian Balmages receive his bachelor's and master's degrees?

- 2) Name two venues in which Mr. Balmages has guest conducted.

- 3) Brian Balmages is currently Director of Instrumental Publications for what company?

- 4) Mr. Balmages studied what instrument and with whom?

- 5) What groups has Mr. Balmages performed in? (HINT: There are three)

Robert W. Smith – “Eternal Peaks” composer

- 1) What company is Mr. Smith published exclusively by?

- 2) Which of his pieces have become standards for developing bands world-wide?

- 3) He is the principal conductor for what two professional groups?

- 4) Where is Mr. Smith currently a professor? What academic area does he teach?

- 5) For what audio production company is Mr. Smith a managing partner?

Elliot Del Borgo – “Ivanhoe” composer

- 1) What instrument section is apparent in his works and why?

- 2) Del Borgo’s style of writing is considered...

- 3) He has composed for the closing ceremonies of which Olympic games?

- 4) Del Borgo holds degrees from which three Universities?

- 5) Where was Del Borgo the former Professor of Music?