Brian Alegant Aural Skills IV in 2019

The last semester of the core curriculum is devoted to modern music

I will highlight some of the Con's best practices and give a sense of how things have changed pedagogically

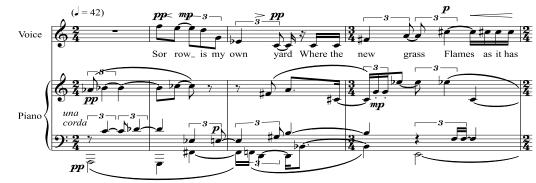
The goal: To teach today's students to perform many different dialects of contemporary music with fluency and confidence.

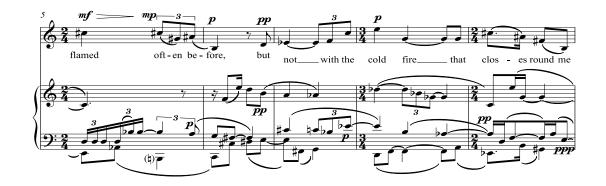
- The approach:
 - The class is repertoire-based and performance-based
 - It is challenging, with individualized pathways for content and skills (*universal design*)
 - It uses a non-traditional assessment scheme (P+/P/F), with revision
 - It's digitized: students create and upload videos of their performances
 - It features a diverse repertoire (classical, pop, jazz, fusion), which resonates with the different experiences of students from different backgrounds (Con majors, Musical studies majors, Generalists)

Babbitt 1952

Milton Babbitt, "The Widow's Lament in Springtime"

(Poem by William Carlos Williams)







Norman 2012

Andrew Norman, Sonnets for cello and piano: IV, "so far from variation" (2011)









Hurel, 2013

