“Occam’s Razor” – CD information

Gene Fambrough, Associate Professor of Percussion at UAB, has released a new CD featuring six of his latest compositions. Featuring diverse instrumentation, a variety of moods are captured with works for soloist and soloist with percussion quartet. The Birmingham based “Iron Giant Percussion” provides percussion quartet accompaniment on two of the tracks. Of special note is that all of the tracks were recorded “live”, without the assistance of overdubs, punch-ins, or multi-tracking, producing a highly organic result.

Also included on the disc are several bonus features, including digital versions of the CD booklet and videos of the recording sessions with Iron Giant.

Track listing:

* “Occam’s Razor” (solo marimba with percussion quartet) – Through many different sections, both the soloist and percussion quartet are featured in the 9-plus minute title track.
* “Torch” (solo marimba) – A marimba solo based more on non-functional harmony and texture than of melody and permutations.
* “Mario Can’t Dance in the Kitchen” (solo percussion) – What started as a piece inspired by children became an exploration of polyrhythms and odd-times for small percussion setup.
* “Where Thou Art – That – is Home –” (solo marimba) – Written in a chorale style, this piece also provides ample opportunity to work on independent rolls as the melody.
* “Le Batteur” (solo percussion) – Finally, a solo based on the drumming of Neil Peart. This work utilizes fills and patterns from his career in the band *Rush* to create a lengthy workout for large multiple-percussion setup.
* “Shadowfax” (rudimental snare drum with percussion quartet) – This piece was written to feature modern rudimental drumming in the recital hall. Allows the snare drummer to utilize both contemporary Kevlar drumheads as well as traditional mylar heads if available.

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Occam’s Razor (score and parts) $25

Shadowfax (score and parts) $25

Torch $10

Where Thou Art – That – is Home – $10

Mario Can’t Dance in the Kitchen $10

Le Batteur $15