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## Quick Facts

- The Charlotte Composers Forum was initiated by Alan Yamamoto, bringing together two established contemporary groups in the metro area, the Bechtler Ensemble and the Out of Bounds Ensemble.
- The October concerts will feature works by Charlotte area composers Ronald Keith Parks (Simple Things) of Winthrop, Craig Bove (Broken Being), and John Allemeier (Solstice). Additionally, Alan Yamamoto's arrangement of Gustav Mahler's Rückert Lieder will be premiered.



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ROCK HILL, S.C. - The newly formed **Charlotte Composers Forum** will present concerts on Oct. 20 at [Winthrop University](#), with a repeat performance on Oct. 27 at the [Bechtler Museum of Modern Art](#) in Charlotte, N.C.

The **Charlotte Composers Forum** was initiated by **Alan Yamamoto**, bringing together two established contemporary groups in the metro area, the **Bechtler Ensemble** and the Out of Bounds Ensemble.

The **Charlotte Composers Forum's mission** is to bring Charlotte area composers' music to a wider audience in the Charlotte region and provide opportunities for community outreach and engagement.

The concerts will feature works by Charlotte area composers **Ronald Keith Parks** (Simple Things), **Craig Bove** (Broken Being), and **John Allemeier** (Solstice). Additionally, **Alan Yamamoto's** arrangement of **Gustav Mahler's Rückert Lieder** will be premiered.

All works will be performed by the combined forces of the **Bechtler Ensemble** and the **Out of Bounds Ensemble**. This will be the first time that the ensembles have joined forces for a performance.

Both concerts will be multi-media events and will feature local vocal soloists **Rebecca Cook-Carter** and **Virginia Gutierrez**, joined by numerous other Charlotte area musicians.

The **Charlotte Composers Forum** is sponsored by the [Arts Council of York County](#), [Winthrop University Department of Music](#), [Bechtler Museum of Modern Art](#), [Central Piedmont Community College](#), and [Wells Fargo](#), with a special thank you to Executive Vice President, the late **Anne Doss**.

"**Simple Things**," written by Winthrop music faculty member **Ron Parks**, was created as part of the **Charlotte Symphony Orchestra's Composer in the Schools Project**. It is a setting of text adapted from a letter his father wrote to his mother on Parks' second birthday and will be sung by **Virginia Gutierrez**.

Here are the details on the two concerts:

- **Oct. 20** - [Barnes Recital Hall](#), Winthrop University, 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and open to the

public. For more information, contact **Ron Parks** at [parksr@winthrop.edu](mailto:parksr@winthrop.edu) or 803/323-4608.

• **Oct. 27** - **Bechtler Museum of Modern Art**, 420 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, N.C., 4 p.m. For more information, directions, and parking options see <http://www.bechtler.org/Visit/Getting-here>.

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