Students: Daniel Ridder, Oscar Hidalgo and Joshua Ryan

Faculty Mentor: Allen Menton

Title: Practical Research for the Composition of New Music

Daniel Ridder, Oscar Hidalgo and Joshua Ryan are phenomenal musicians who also participated in the 2015 Summer Research Program with the guidance of Dr. Allen Menton. Their research focuses on the composition of original music through the practical specifics of an instrument or group of instruments, the intended performer or ensemble, the limitations and expectations of the premier performance, as well as the existing repertoire for the particular instrument or ensemble. All of this practical information is used to inform the composition of a new work. These three student composers have undertaken an individual project, carried out the research, and will perform their original musical composition during the opening ceremony.