[EXT] Re: JSS

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Dear Colleagues,

Before we meet, it would be helpful for you to have the Symposium in response to Ewell's SMT presentation? Reading, or at least skimming it, would be an important prerequisite to any discussion of the issues. But I must ask you not to share the issue on line yet since we need to consult the press about when it will be posted on line.

The *JSS* initiative was for the purpose of giving Schenkerians an opportunity to respond to Ewell's comments, more specifically, to his critique of Schenker, Schenkerians, and Schenkerian analysis, since they had no opportunity to do so at SMT. The Symposium responses were to his SMT comments; at that point Ewell's fuller critique in *MTO* had not been published. Ewell was not individually invited to respond to the JSS articles--but he is on the SMT list (I presume), and the invitation was included. He *could* have responded if he had wanted, but there was nothing for him to respond to. That he did not is quite normal. The usual procedure is: (1) an article would be published, (2) someone writes a critique, published in the next issue, and (3) the original author would write a response to the critique, published in the same or still later issue. We treated Ewell's SMT plenary presentation, which was posted on the SMT website, as a publication. JSS issued a public call for responses, without specifying any stand of its own, and received a wide cross-section of replies, some pro- and some contra.

We now are planning a second call for the next issue. It would be appropriate for Levi to send Ewell a complete copy of the symposium as published along with the next call for responses to the symposium and ask him if he would like to respond to the Symposium in the next issue. Personally, I believe that a full airing of the issues will be productive. I would like to suggest that in the call, other scholars can respond to Ewell's article as published in *MTO* as well, since it is an expanded version of his *SMT* talk, especially since this possibility was suggested by the editor of *MTO* to *JSS.*

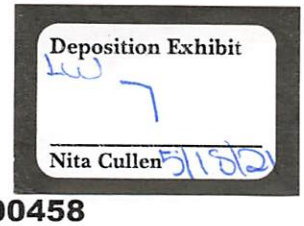
I propose also that the second call be closely modeled on the first, with the same parameters. However, before we issue the call, we need to make sure that the symposium is accessible! How can people respond if they cannot read the Symposium! So, we do need to hear back to Levi's inquiry to the press.

By the way, the one anonymous response in the symposium was *not* from a student but from someone who already has earned their doctorate in music theory, not from a graduate student. But, rightly, in today's highly polarized climate, they were concerned about using their name.

I asked Stephen Hahn if he could collect the Twitter discussion in an email to send to us. That way we can have a full account. I will send everybody what he sent to me.

Best, Tim

On Sun, Jul 26, 2020 at 10:17 AM Brand, Benjamin <Benjamin.Brand@unt.edu> wrote:



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