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ABSTRACT

It was my privilege to have been invited as a performer/presenter with composer and trombonist, Dr. Don Bowyer at the Biennial International Conference of The College Music Society (CMS) in Sydney, Australia this past July. As dean of the former A-State College of Fine Arts, Dr. Bowyer proved himself to be a fine colleague, composer and collaborator. His piece, 'The Road Not Taken' for soprano and trombone, was submitted for one of several New Music Concerts which conclude each day of the international CMS conferences. Our rendition of the analytical aspects of the setting were very well received by an audience of about 300. Though it was not intended to comically "entertain", my discussion of the text painting alongside Don's feedback (mostly nonverbal) proved to be quite amusing. In fact, some audience members thought our commentary a portion of the composition itself, which is often the case with mini dramatic musical scenas. Aside from the presentation, as a music administrator, the CMS conferences are a wealth of knowledge for innovative teaching, curriculum, and programs in keeping up with rapid technological growth. Please see the notes from the conference in section G. Supporting Information.