

# Catalog of Music

## publishers

Mechem's compositions since 1980 have been published exclusively by **G. Schirmer, New York**. Before 1980 his principal publishers were:

(GS) G. Schirmer, New York  
(ECS) E. C. Schirmer, St. Louis, MO  
(B&H) Boosey & Hawkes  
(CF) Carl Fischer  
(CFP) C. F. Peters  
(Pre) Theodore Presser  
(Bock) Fred Bock Music Company

**NOTE: G. Schirmer now publishes many Mechem works originally issued by other publishers.  
This catalog represents the publishers as of June, 2023.**

## operas

**Befana** (GS) 1 act, 40'. 2022  
**John Brown** (GS) 3 acts, 127'. 1980-1990  
**King's Contest, The** (GS) 1 act, 26'. 1961-62; rev. 1972  
(See under Chorus and Orchestra)  
**Pride and Prejudice**, (GS) 2 acts, 125'. 2019  
**Rivals, The** (GS) 2 acts, 110'. 1998-2002  
**Tartuffe** (GS) 3 acts, 130'. 1977-1980

## orchestral music

**Haydn's Return** (Pre) (follows the Farewell Symphony), 12'. 1960  
**Jayhawk, The: Magic Bird Overture** (GS) 8'. 1974  
**Symphony No. 1** (B&H) 3 movements, 24'. 1958-59  
**Symphony No. 2** (B&H) 4 movements, 32'. 1966; rev. 1968

## chamber music

**Brass Buttons** (GS) brass quintet, 20'. 1969  
**Divertimento for Fl., Vln., Vla. and Vc.** (ECS) 4 mvm., 12'. 1958  
**String Quartet No. 1** (CF) 3 movements, 20'. 1962-63  
**Suite for 2 Violins** (ECS) 5 movements, 9'. 1952-53  
**Ten Easy Violin Duets** (ECS) studies in meter and rhythm. 16'. 1959  
1. Elegy 2. Song 3. Chant 4. Motet 5. Divertimento 6. Canon  
7. Folk Song 8. Folk Dance 9. Mirror 10. Five Legged Waltz  
**Trio for Oboe, Clarinet and Bassoon** (ECS) 3 movements, 9'. 1955  
**Trio for Piano, Violin and Cello** (CF) 4 movements, 25'. 1956-57  
**Wedding Madrigal** (GS) flute and piano, 5'. 1992

## piano solo

**Sonata for Piano** (ECS), 3 movements, 15'. 1964-65

**Suite for Piano** (ECS), 5 movements, 12'. 1954

**Whims: Fifteen Easy Vignettes** (ECS), 25'. 1967

1. Country Dance 2. Lullaby 3. Fanfare 4. Impertinence 5. Song 6. May Dance
7. Study on E (Johnny One-Note) 8. Rondo 9. Mirror 10. Dialogue 11. The Happy Drunken Organ Grinder 12. Prelude (Bells) 13. Classical Dance 14. Adagietto 15. March

**Country Fair, A: Same as Whims with NARRATOR** (ECS), 44'. 2011

## songs (with piano)

**Four Songs for Baritone** (ECS) 12'. 1957

1. The Green-blooded Fish 2. July Rain 3. Inferiority Complex 4. A Farewell

**From The Heartland** (GS) Baritone, 18' orchestra or piano 2010

1. Dust 2. Shadows of The Moon 3. I Could Hear The Least Bird Sing 4. Declaration

**Goodbye, Farewell and Adieu: 3 Songs of Parting** (GS), Mezzo, 11' 1969

1. Since There's No Help 2. Parting, Without a Sequel 3. Let It Be Forgotten

**Lydia's Romance** (GS), duet for sopr. & mezzo (from *The Rivals*)

(May also be sung as soprano solo) 4'. 1999

**To An Absent Love** (GS), Four songs for soprano, 13'. 1993

(Also available with accomp. of clar., hn. & piano; or vln., cello & piano)

1. Dear Husband 2. A Farewell 3. Fair Robin 4. Epilogue (Debts)

## chorus and orchestra

(SATB unless otherwise noted. Only bold-faced titles are available separately;  
for timings of these pieces, see *mixed chorus, shorter works*)

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**40' BEFANA: A Christmas Fable** (GS), soli: sop. or mz, ten., bar., bass.

SATB & SA (children) choruses. Keyboard or chamber orchestra.

(May be staged as one-act opera.) 2022

**26 KING'S CONTEST, THE: Dramatic Cantata** (GS), soli: sop., ten., bar., bass.

Chamber ensemble (11 players), or large orch.

(May be staged as one-act opera.) 1961-62; rev. 1972

**9½ ONCE TO EVERY MAN AND NATION: Variations on an old Welsh melody**

(GS) Bar. solo. String orchestra or piano or organ 2010

**14 SEVEN JOYS OF CHRISTMAS: A Sequence of Carols** (ECS), SSA or SATB.

Keyboard or solo harp or a cappella or chamb. orch. 1964;

1. This Is The Truth 2. Din Don, Merrily on High 3. Joseph Dearest 4. Patapan

5. New Year's Song 6. Fum, Fum, Fum 7. God Bless The Master of This House

(Quodlibet)

**25 SINGING IS SO GOOD A THING: An Elizabethan Recreation** (CFP) 1970-71

Solo ten. or sopr. Cham. orch. (min. 13 players) Text: Wm. Byrd.

(Includes dances of the period.)

1. Praeludium 2. Corranto 3. Canzonet 4. Gigg 5. Pastoral and Catch

6. Variations on a Popular Tune 7. Villanella and Ballet 8. Lament 9. Ayre (Pavane)

10. Dialogue (Galliard) 11. Verse Anthem (Ground) 12. Postludium

**34 SONGS OF THE SLAVE** (GS) Soli: bass-bar., sopr. From opera John Brown.

Large or reduced orchestration. 1993; rev. 1996

1. Blow Ye The Trumpet 2. The Songs of The Slave 3. Dan-u-el

4. Dear Husband 5. A Speech by Frederick Douglass / Declaration

**15 SPEECH TO A CROWD** (Bock) Bar. solo. Large orch. 1974

Text: Archibald MacLeish. Reduction for 2 pianos (rental)

## **mixed chorus, extended works**

(SATB unless otherwise noted. Only bold-faced titles are available separately;  
for timings of these pieces, see *mixed chorus, shorter works*)

**16' AMERICAN MADRIGALS** (CF) fl, cl, bsn, vn, vla, vc, cb or pno. 1975  
1. Kind Miss 2. He's Gone Away 3. Kansas Boys 4. Adam's Bride 5. New York Girls

**7 AMERICAN TRIO** (GS) a cappella. 2003  
1. Fire & Ice 2. Richard Cory 3. "Sweet Spring Is Your"

**40 BEFANA: A Christmas Fable** (GS), soli: sop. or mz, ten., bar., bass.  
SATB & SA (children) choruses. Keyboard or chamber orchestra.  
(May be staged as one-act opera.) 2022

**10 BIRTHDAYS: ROUND NUMBERS** (GS) pno. 2004  
1. Bridget at Ten 2. Turning Twenty 3. Is Thirty Young? 4. Forty Notes for Forty  
Years 5. Fiftieth Birthday Card 6. Advice on Turning Sixty 7. Is Seventy Old?

**17 CANONS, QUOTES & MUSICAL JOKES** (in preparation) piano or a cappella.  
15 Catches, Canons, & Quotations from famous people,  
2-4 parts for chorus of equal or mixed voices. 2022

**28 CHILDREN OF DAVID, THE: Five Modern Psalms** (B&H) org or pno, mz solo. 1971  
1. Psalm 2. Joy 3. The Song of David 4. Man of My Own People 5. Pied Beauty

**14 CHORAL VARIATIONS ON AMERICAN FOLK SONGS** (GS) pno. 1995  
1. Skip to My Lou 2. Let Us Break Bread Together 3. Love and Pizen

**7 CHRISTMAS PAST AND CHRISTMAS PRESENT** (GS) pno. 1987  
1. Christmas Past 2. Christmas Present

**18 EARTH MY SONG** (GS) pno. 1996  
1. I Could Hear The Least Bird Sing 2. Isle of The Dead 3. Rebirth

**12 FIVE CENTURIES OF SPRING** (Pre) a cappella. 1964  
1. Spring (Nash) 2. From You Have I Been Absent 3. Laughing Song  
4. Loveliest of Trees 5. Spring (Millay)

**7 GIFT OF SINGING, THE** (GS) pno. Various texts 2014

**10 IN THE LAND OF MORGENSTERN** (GS) pno. Text: Engl. & Ger. 1962-63  
1. The Questionnaire (*Die Behörde*) 2. The Odor Organ (*Die Geruchsorgel*)  
3. The Lattice Fence (*Der Lattenzaun*)

**9 MISSA BREVIS ("Trinity")** (GS) a cappella. 2000  
1. Kyrie/Sanctus 2. Hosanna/Benedictus 3. Agnus Dei

**10 PEACE MOTETS** (GS) a cappella. 2002-2005  
1. By The Rivers of Babylon 2. Agnus Dei (*Dona Nobis Pacem*)

**14 SEVEN JOYS OF CHRISTMAS: A Sequence of Carols** (ECS)  
Keyboard or solo harp or a cappella or chamb. orch. 1964;  
1. This Is The Truth 2. Din Don, Merrily on High 3. Joseph Dearest 4. Patapan  
5. New Year's Song 6. Fum, Fum, Fum 7. God Bless The Master (Quodlibet)

**8 SHEPHERD & HIS LOVE, THE** (GS) SSATBB, pno., picc., vla. 1967

**33 SONGS OF WISDOM:** Sacred Cantata (GS), a cappella. Soli: sop., alt.,  
ten., bass. 5 motets preceded by plainsong recitatives. 1958-59  
1. The Song of Moses 2. A Love Song 3. The Protest of Job  
4. A Song of Comfort 5. A Song of Praise

**15 SUITE FOR CHORUS** (GS) a cappella. 2004  
1. Kum Ba Ya (Spiritual) 2. Too Young to Marry (Folk-song madrigal)  
3. They That Mourn (Requiem) 4. Papageno and the Prince (Fairy tale)

**8 TO MUSIC** (GS) organ (or pno). Various texts. 1997

**9 THREE MADRIGALS** (GS) a cappella. 1953  
1. Impromptu 2. Deny It As She Will 3. Moral Precept

**14 THREE MOTETS** (GS) a cappella. 1993-94  
1. Gloria 2. Alleluia, Amen 3. Cantate Domino

**8 THREE SHORT ANTHEMS** (GS) 1974  
1. I Will Sing Alleluia 2. It Is Good to Give Thanks (unis.) 3. Psalm 23

**9 TOURIST TIME: Five Satirical Choruses** (ECS) pno. 1957  
1. Tourist Time 2. Boston 3. Cologne 4. Texas 5. Rome

**9 TWO CHRISTMAS BALLADS (GS) pno. or ampl. gtr. 1969, rev. 2000**

1. Christmas Carol (Teasdale) 2. The Ballad of Befana (McGinley)

**10 WINDS OF MAY, THE (GS) a cappella. 1949-1960**

1. The Tune 2. Let It Be Forgotten 3. Over The Roofs

4. I Shall Not Care (SSAA) 5. Song (Love Me With Your Whole Heart)

**17 WINGING WILDLY (GS) a cappella. 1996**

1. Birds at Dusk 2. The Caged Bird 3. Everyone Sang

## **mixed chorus, shorter works**

*(SATB unless otherwise noted. Works not published separately are listed only under the titles of the sets to which they belong. See Extended Works)*

**5' Adam's Bride (CF) instr. ens. or pno. (See AMERICAN MADRIGALS)**

**5 Agnus Dei (GS) a cappella (from PEACE MOTETS)**

**3+ Alleluia, Amen (GS) a cappella (from THREE MOTETS)**

**5½ Blessed Are They (GS) organ, or pno. 1998**

**5½ Blow Ye The Trumpet (GS) pno., org. or orch. (from SONGS OF THE SLAVE)**

**2 Brothers and Sisters, *Introit* (GS) a cappella. 2014**

**5 By The Rivers of Babylon (GS) a cappella (from PEACE MOTETS)**

**4 Cantate Domino (GS) a cappella (from THREE MOTETS)**

**7 Choral Tribute, A (To All Choral Conductors) (GS) pno. 1983**

**5 Christmas The Morn (GS) a cappella. 1996**

**5 Dan-u-el (GS) bar. solo, pno. or orch. (from SONGS OF THE SLAVE)**

**4 Daybreak in Alabama (GS) sopr. or ten. solo, a cappella. 2012**

**5- Deny It As She Will (GS) a cappella (from THREE MADRIGALS)**

**8 Forsake Me Not, O Lord (ECS) a cappella. Memorial motet. 1964**

**3½ From You Have I Been Absent (Pre) a capp. (from 5 CENTURIES OF SPRING)**

**4- Give Thanks Unto The Lord (CFP) a cappella. 1953; rev. 1959**

**3+ Gloria (GS) a cappella (from THREE MOTETS)**

**4 Glory: With Joyful Song and Tender Mirth (GS) pno. 2015; rev. 2016**

**4 Great Is The Truth (GS) a cappella. 2017**

**3+ He's Gone Away (CF) instr. ens. or pno. (from AMERICAN MADRIGALS)**

**1½ Impromptu (GS) a cappella. (from THREE MADRIGALS)**

**7 Island in Space (GS) a cappella. Text by astronaut & A. MacLeish. 1989**

**4+ Joy (B&H) Mz. solo, org or pno. (from CHILDREN OF DAVID, THE)**

**3 Kansas Boys (CF) instr. ens. or pno. (see AMERICAN MADRIGALS)**

**2+ Kind Miss (CF) instr. ens. or pno. (see AMERICAN MADRIGALS)**

**2+ Kum Ba Ya (Spiritual) (GS) a cappella (from SUITE FOR CHORUS)**

**6 Las Americas Unidas (GS) SATB & SA (children),**

Sopr. solo, 2 tpts., glock., org., cb. Text: Engl. & Span., 1986

Alternate version: sopr. solo, SATB, pno. (SA & glock. optional)

**3 Lattice Fence, The (Der Latzenzaun) (GS) pno. (from IN THE LAND OF MORGENSTERN)**

**5 Laudate: Memorial Motet (GS) a cappella. 1979**

**4 Laugh till the Music Stops (GS) pno. 2014**

**2 Laughing Song (Pre) a cappella (from FIVE CENTURIES OF SPRING)**

**4+ Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence: Choral Variations (ECS) a cappella. 1951**

**5½ Let Us Break Bread Together (GS) pno. (from CHOR. VAR. on AMER. FOLK SONGS)**

**4 Lighthearted Lovers, The (GS) pno. (from TARTUFFE)**

**4 Love and Pizen (GS) pno. (from CHOR. VAR. on AMER. FOLK SONGS)**

**4 Love Song, A (GS) SSATBB a cappella (from SONGS OF WISDOM)**

**2+ Loveliest of Trees (Pre) a cappella (from FIVE CENTURIES OF SPRING)**

**4 Lydia's Romance (GS) pno. (from THE RIVALS)**

**3 Make a Joyful Noise Unto The Lord (ECS) a cappella. 1951**

**6½ Man of My Own People (B&H) Mz. solo, org or pno. (from CHILDREN OF DAVID, THE)**

**2+ Moral Precept (GS) a cappella (from THREE MADRIGALS)**

**2+ New York Girls (CF) instr. ens. or pno. (see AMERICAN MADRIGALS)**

**4 Odor Organ, The (Die Geruchsorgel) (GS) pno. (from IN THE LAND OF MORGENSTERN)**

4 **Papageno and the Prince** (Fairy tale) (GS) a cappella (from SUITE FOR CHORUS)

5 **Pied Beauty** (B&H) org. or pno. (from CHILDREN OF DAVID, THE)

4 **Praise Him, Sun & Moon** (Bock) SSATBB, a cappella. 1951, rev. 1971

5 **Professor Nontropo's Music Dictionary** (Pre) a cappella. 1973  
Optional pno. accomp. available separately. Text: Ital. music terms.

7 **Protest of Job, The** (GS) a cappella (from SONGS OF WISDOM)

8½ **Psalm** (B&H) org or pno. (from CHILDREN OF DAVID, THE)

3½ **Questionnaire, The (Die Behörde)** (GS) pno. (from IN THE LAND OF MORGENSTERN)

5 **Rejoice: An Easter Psalm** (GS) a cappella. 1997

4 **Rules for Behaviour, 1787** (GS) pno. 1954. Republished 2017

4 **Satan Hates Music** (GS) SATB (optional children's chor.), pno. 2014

6 **Shadows of The Moon** (CF) pno. 1976

6 **Skip to My Lou** (GS) pno. (from CHOR. VAR. on AMER. FOLK SONGS)

5½ **Song of Comfort, A** (GS) a cappella (from SONGS OF WISDOM)

4½ **Sing All Ye Joyful** (GS) pno. 1966; rev. 1991

3 **Sing unto the Lord a New Song** (GS) dbl. choir: ST/SAB, Tpt. 1964; rev. '98

5 **Song of David, The** (B&H) org. or pno. (from CHILDREN OF DAVID, THE)

5 **Song of Moses, The** (GS) a cappella (from SONGS OF WISDOM)

7 **Song of Praise, A** (GS) with SATB soli, a cappella (from SONGS OF WISDOM)

3 **Spring (Millay)** (Pre) a cappella (from FIVE CENTURIES OF SPRING)

2 **Spring (Nash)** (Pre) a cappella (from FIVE CENTURIES OF SPRING)

6 **They That Mourn** (Requiem) (GS) a cappella (from SUITE FOR CHORUS)

5½ **Time: Lines Found on An Old Bell at Chester** (GS) a cappella, bar. solo 1996

3 **Too Young to Marry** (Folk-song madrigal) (GS) a cappella (from SUITE FOR CHORUS)

4 **We Can Sing That!** (GS) a cappella 2012

3 **Wedding Gift, A** (GS) pno. and vln. (or fl.) 1979

4 **Why Art Thou Cast Down?** (GS) SAB, pno. or org. 1973

7 **World Is Too Much With Us, The** (GS) a cappella. 2006

4 **Ye Shall Have A Song: Requiem for a Musician** (GS) a cappella. 2018

### treble chorus

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16' **AMERICAN MADRIGALS** (CF) fl, cl, bsn, vn, vla, vc, cb or pno. 1975  
1. Kind Miss 2. He's Gone Away 3. Kansas Boys  
4. Adam's Bride 5. New York Girls

8 **Barter** (GS) SA, pno. 4-hands, tpt. or oboe. 1994

5½ **Blow Ye The Trumpet** (GS) SSAA, pno., org. or orch. (from SONGS OF THE SLAVE)

4 **Lydia's Romance** (GS) SA, pno. (from The Rivals) 1999

7 **CHRISTMAS PAST AND CHRISTMAS PRESENT** (GS) SA, pno. 1987  
1. Christmas Past 2. Christmas Present

5 **Christmas The Morn** (GS) SSAA, a cappella. 1996

4 **Daybreak in Alabama** (GS) sopr. solo, a cappella. 2012

4½ **Green Music** (GS) SSAA, a cappella 2014

14 **SEVEN JOYS OF CHRISTMAS: A Sequence of Carols** SSA (ECS)  
Keyboard or solo harp or a cappella or chamb. orch. 1964;  
1. This Is The Truth 2. Din Don, Merrily on High 3. Joseph Dearest 4. Patapan  
5. New Year's Song 6. Fum, Fum, Fum 7. God Bless The Master (Quodlibet)

2 **Sigh No More, Ladies** (ECS) SSA, pno. 1957

4½ **Sing All Ye Joyful** (GS) SSAA, pno. 1966; rev. 1991

9 **TWO CHRISTMAS BALLADS** (GS) pno. or ampl. gtr. 1969, rev. 2000  
1. Christmas Carol (Teasdale) 2. The Ballad of Befana (McGinley)

4 **We Can Sing That!** (GS) a cappella 2012

16 **WINGED JOY, THE: A Love Story by Women Poets** (GS) pno. 1963-64  
1. Love Is a Terrible Thing (SSAA) 2. The Message (SSA & Mz. solo)  
3. The Cynic (SA) 4. A Farewell (unison) 5. Love Came Back at Fall o'Dew (SA)  
6. Red May (SSA & Mz. solo) 7. You Say There Is No Love (SSAA)

## men's chorus

**5½ Blow Ye The Trumpet** (GS) TTBB, pno., org. or orch. (from SONGS OF THE SLAVE)

**8 ENGLISH GIRLS** (B&H) TBB, pno. 1971  
1. Jenny Kissed Me 2. Julia's Voice 3. To Celia

**6 Shadows of The Moon** (GS) TBB, pno. 1976

**3 Sing!** (GS) TTBB a cappella 2016

**3 Spirit of '76, The** (GS) TBB, picc. & parade drum optional. 1976

**9 THREE AMERICAN FOLK SONGS FOR MEN** (GS), TTBB, pno. 1954  
1. Aunt Rhody 2. The Wayfaring Stranger 3. The Blue-tail Fly: Bar. solo

## unison chorus

**3 It Is Good to Give Thanks** (GS) (from THREE SHORT ANTHEMS), pno.

**3 Farewell, A** (GS) (from THE WINGED JOY), pno.

## rounds, catches and canons

**10 BIRTHDAYS: ROUND NUMBERS** (GS) pno. 2004  
1. Bridget at Ten 2. Turning Twenty 3. Is Thirty Young? 4. Forty Notes for Forty Years 5. Fiftieth Birthday Card 6. Advice on Turning Sixty 7. Is Seventy Old?

**9 CANON LAW FOR NEWLYWEDS** (ECS) a cappella. A Sequence of 3-6 part rounds and canons, from Proverbs. 1965  
1. Hear Ye, Children 2. Whoso Findeth a Wife 3. A Merry Heart Doeth Good 4. Who Can Find a Virtuous Woman? 5. Who Hath Woe? 6. Love Covereth All Sins

**17 CANONS, QUOTES & MUSICAL JOKES** (in preparation) piano or a cappella.  
15 Catches, Canons, & Quotations from famous people,  
2-4 parts for chorus of equal or mixed voices. 2022

**30+ CATCH 22 (and 21 Other Catches & Canons)** (GS) 2-9 parts,  
equal voices. Optional piano, 1966-1983  
1. The Question 2. Birthday Card 3. Housewarming 4. Housecooling  
5. Catch as Cats Can 6. Blessed Be Thou 7. Hirtengesang 8. Old Age  
9. Old Jokes 10. Two Friendship Canons 11. Music Is an Elegant Art  
12. Good and Evil 13. Ode to a Choir Director 14. Humpty Dumpty  
15. Lament (Little Willy) 16. Five Parts Wine 17. The Donkey  
18. Goodbye, Dolly! 19. Handy Pandy 20. The Woodchuck  
21. Forty Notes for Forty Years 22. Catch 22

**28+ EPIGRAMS AND EPITAPHS** (ECS) 2-8-parts, equal voices, a cappella. 1951-63  
1. The Fiddler's Wife 2. Why Not? 3. Hannah Bantry 4. Puddin' Tame  
5. Advice to Young Ladies 6. Agnus Dei 7. Since It Is Raining 8. Benedictus  
9. Epitaph 10. Always Be Sincere 11. Introduction to Vienna 12. Who Comes Here? 13. An Old Lady of Tring 14. Leg over Leg 15. Epitaph  
16. How to Write a Catch 17. Says I to Myself 18. Deedle Deedle Dumpling  
19. A Tutor Who Tooted a Flute 20. Kyrie 21. A Farmer Went Riding.

**3 Lament for a Choral Director** (Bock) Double catch for 3 equal men's & 3 equal women's voices, tpt, vc and/or other instr. 1951-63