

From: Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]>
To: "jeffrey E." <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: quick question -- AGI-16 snacks and reception sponsorship?
Date: Mon, 11 Jul 2016 13:31:11 +0000

All good, thanks so much for the help!

On Mon, Jul 11, 2016 at 8:42 PM, jeffrey E. <[REDACTED]> wrote:
> no jeffrey epstein . is enough

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> On Mon, Jul 11, 2016 at 12:36 AM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:
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>> About the sponsorship -- should I list one of your organizations on
>> the conference materials as a sponsor? If so which one? Enhanced
>> Education again?

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>> thx...

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>> On Mon, Jul 11, 2016 at 10:36 AM, jeffrey E. <[REDACTED]>
>> wrote:

>>> first paper is silly, it does not include rythm, only notes.
>>> points
>>> but no temporal shape. sorry

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>>> On Sun, Jul 10, 2016 at 10:25 PM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:
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>>>> Hmm...

>>>> I have been thinking a lot about music too, but from a different
>>>> perspective...

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>>>> Do you know this paper on Combinatorial Music Theory?

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>>>> paper:
>>>> <http://andrewduncan.net/cmt/>

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>>>> video:

>>>> [REDACTED]
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>>>> It's extremely good, it clarifies some basics of music theory in a
>>>> mathematical way without the confusing archaic terminology of standard
>>>> music theory... and suggests various interesting new directions...

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>>>> This paper is also related and somewhat worthwhile

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>>>> https://www.math.washington.edu/~morrow/336_09/papers/Ada.pdf

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>>>> though neither as easy-to-read nor as interesting...

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>>>> What these papers are getting at are the hidden abstract-algebraic and
>>>> information-theoretic structures underlying melody and harmony...

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>>>> What you're talking about regarding symphonies is sort of like
>>>> "narrative structure" in stories it seems like -- or "discourse
>>>> planning" in dialogue -- i.e. it's higher-level

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>>>> That level is important, for sure. But what the papers I've linked
>>>> above are getting at is a bit lower-level --- more analogous to the
>>>> syntax and phrase/sentence level semantics of language, I would say.
>>>> The algebra and information theory of melody and harmony have to work
>>>> out at the level of individual chords and melodic passages, for the
>>>> higher-level development of a symphony or other complex work to make
>>>> sense...

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>>>> About

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>>>>> I mashed all of the four symphonies together ,
>>>>> playing recordings of the 3rd 5th 6th 7th all overlaid on each
>>>>> other,

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>>>> I have done stuff like that before, but not with classical music...
>>>> with my own recordings ;) Do you have a sound file of your
>>>> experiment? I'd be curious to hear...

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>>>> Interestingly, the "plumbing" work we've been doing to connect OpenCog
>>>> to the Hanson robots would also enable us to use OpenCog for music
>>>> composition / improvisation experimentation ... (i.e. we've been
>>>> dealing with real-time input and output, which we hadn't been doing
>>>> before)

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>>>> But at the moment (this opinion is of course subject to revision) I
>>>> somewhat feel that the basic problem of "what makes a melody /harmony
>>>> / rhythm pattern sound emotionally and cognitively appealing" has to
>>>> be solved before one moves on to issues of symphonic structure....
>>>> I.e., we probably gotta solve folk music before we can solve Beethoven
>>>> or Bartok ...

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>>>> Meyer's old theory of "surprising fulfillment of expectations"

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Music.pdf

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>>>> is basically correct IMO (if you don't know that book check it out,
>>>> you'll love his classical music examples) ... but the subtle point is
>>>> that the expectations and the surprise we experience are a subtle mix
>>>> of

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>>>> -- basic mathematical music-structure factors, as in the vein of the
>>>> two papers I linked above

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>>>> -- human psychology factors as modeled e.g. in Joscha's work and in
>>>> the Component Process Model (

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>>>> http://boccignone.di.unimi.it/CompAff2015_files/Phil.%20Trans.%20R.%20Soc.%20B-2009-Scherer-3459-74.pdf
>>>> which we have introduced into the OpenCog / Hanson Robot codebase to
>>>> fill in certain gaps in Psi
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>>>> -- human body-rhythm patterns, to do with the way the rhythms of
>>>> different subsystems of our physical bodies overlay on each other,
>>>> which we perceive all the time sub and semi consciously and which
>>>> influence our perception of music; obviously even classical music
>>>> without a drumbeat is highly rhythmic...
>>>>
>>>> -- more abstract cognitive pattern recognition
>>>>
>>>> So a good melody packs up "surprising fulfillment of expectations"
>>>> where the expectation and fulfillment are assessed according to a
>>>> combination of the above 4 factors ... and if you leave any of the
>>>> above 4 factors out you're going to get lots of "false positives" ...
>>>>
>>>> All of the above factors are there in Chinese, African etc. music as
>>>> well as Western music, but manifested in different ways...
>>>>
>>>> I can pretty clearly see how to seriously investigate the above but I
>>>> can't at the moment see a "quick and dirty" way to make huge progress
>>>> quickly ... while seemingly simple, the question of "what makes a
>>>> melody appealing" actually wraps up a lot of issues ... BODY,
>>>> EMOTION, COGNITION ... plus MATH-OF-MUSIC ...
>>>>
>>>> Fascinating stuff though ;)
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>>>> If you want to design a research programme in this direction I'd be
>>>> game to participate; I don't want to drop my other OpenCog R&D
>>>> obviously but music just fascinates me at a heart as well as head
>>>> level, so I'd be willing to put some time into this in parallel with
>>>> making the Hanson robots work... I do have a feeling that to really
>>>> crack the problem of what makes a melody sound good, one has to crack
>>>> the problem of how feeling and body and cognition work together, which
>>>> is a key problem for AGI generally speaking...
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>>>> -- Ben
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>>>> P. S.
>>>> Of course, complex development of themes and counter and sub themes
>>>> and so forth is not exclusive to Western classical music.... For
>>>> instance this 30 minute instrumental-rock song composed by Buckethead
>>>> in memoriam for his mother has incredible subtlety of development
>>>>
>>>> [REDACTED]
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>>>> ... so many themes introduced in the first half and then complexly,
>>>> genetically crossed over and synergized in the second half.. It is my
>>>> firm conviction that Buckethead will be remembered as the Beethoven of
>>>> the early 21st century ;) ...
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>>> For me the ultimate is Prometheus, by Scriabin, though...

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>>> do you know it? Wow.... This is cognitive and emotional development
>>> beyond the ordinary human level, such as only a true genius madman
>>> could produce. I had an amazing mental experience in San Francisco
>>> in 2012 listening to Prometheus 10 times in succession ... try it
>>> sometime...

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>>> On Mon, Jul 11, 2016 at 9:39 AM, jeffrey E. <[REDACTED]>
>>> wrote:

>>>> looking for AI and music. . a melody is a strange object, it is

>>>> an

>>>> inter

>>>> as well as intra relation with notes and time. . there are

>>>> inherent

>>>> harmonies. and dissonance. . what i wrote to chonsky this morning

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>>>> today I conducted an experiment encouraged by Noam's wholly
>>>> justified

>>>> aggressive and detailed directives to joscha. . joscha focused on

>>>> layers

>>>> being developed in the brain . the timing for the development of

>>>> each

>>>> layer

>>>> being different per species .

>>>> I postulate that music might be a frosted window into that

>>>> structure.

>>>> symphonies begin with their first " layer " a theme. in fact ,

>>>> there

>>>> might be more than one theme in the first layer , , the second part

>>>> of

>>>> symphonic form is the complex development stage. where those

>>>> themes

>>>> are inverted, deconstructed , reconstructed etc ,and the

>>>> development

>>>> stage

>>>> takes the most time . in the conclusion of the symphonic form

>>>> the

>>>> recapitulation of all that has come before it forms a " phenenoma

>>>> of

>>>> the

>>>> piece " a whole ,made up of its smaller concepts . As opposed to

>>>> listening to music to record which neuron is firing, as most

>>>> musciologists

>>>> attempt . I propose that the music may be the audible result of

>>>> those

>>>> neurons firing, made possible by a select few who would attempt to

>>>> notate

>>>> those neuronal firings. Beethoven for example.

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>>>> The experiment . I mashed all of the four symphonies together ,
>>>> playing recordings of the 3rd 5th 6th 7th all overlaid on each
>>>> other,
>>>> playing at the same time. - the way a brain might develop. I
>>>> expected
>>>> an
>>>> ordered noise but to the surprising contrary , IT WAS AMAZING.
>>>> .
>>>> you can hear new "concepts " forming,
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>>>> il wonder whether in the mind of a blind child , the " music" would
>>>> be
>>>> created even without the visual referencial. but created none the
>>>> less.
>>>> later when the visual can be tied to concepts , the anatomy may be
>>>> hijacked
>>>> to produce sounds . that somehow relate to the concepts. .
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>>>> I tried to mix music from different cultures- it didn't work.
>>>> African
>>>> does not work with western europe,- chinese works with neither of
>>>> the
>>>> other
>>>> two. but within the same cultural music (the brain of the local
>>>> species
>>>>) the mash ups are beautiful.
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>>>> I would note that computers engage in "parallel processing" only in
>>>> order
>>>> to take a hard problem and break it into its component parts ,
>>>> working
>>>> on
>>>> each component separately, , here each problem Interacts and the
>>>> their
>>>> resolutions interact in remarkable ways.
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>>>> On Sun, Jul 10, 2016 at 9:37 PM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]>
>>>> wrote:
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>>>>>> (i.e. being a "fiscal sponsor" for the HLAI/AGI conference is within
>>>>>> Humanity+'s mandate as a 501(c)3, so there's no problem here...)
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>>>>>> On Mon, Jul 11, 2016 at 9:36 AM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]>
>>>>>> wrote:
>>>>>>> We can route the donation through Humanity+, which is a 501(c)3
>>>>>>> ...
>>>>>>> as
>>>>>>> we have done with some of your previous donations for my
>>>>>>> research...
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>>>>>>> On Mon, Jul 11, 2016 at 9:33 AM, jeffrey E.
>>>>>>> <[REDACTED]>
>>>>>>> wrote:

>>>>>> is it a 501 c 3

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>>>>>> On Sun, Jul 10, 2016 at 9:30 PM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]>

>>>>>> wrote:

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>>>>>> Hey there,

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>>>>>> Hope you're well...

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>>>>>> I'll send you another email about connecting this summer while

>>>>>> I'm

>>>>>> in

>>>>>> the US if you'll be around...

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>>>>>> This email pertains to the AGI-16 / Human-Level AI conference

>>>>>> which

>>>>>> occurs upcoming week in New York (July 16-19)... at the New

>>>>>> School.

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>>>>>> We are doing the last-minute nitty-gritty conference planning

>>>>>> and

>>>>>> find

>>>>>> ourselves short on cash for snacks and for drinks at the

>>>>>> conference

>>>>>> reception / poster-session ... (the New School venue proved more

>>>>>> costly than planned... we chose New School as an old college

>>>>>> friend

>>>>>> of

>>>>>> mine is a prof and administrator there...)

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>>>>>> So I'm wondering if you might be willing to do a US\$3000

>>>>>> sponsorship

>>>>>> (we have two other sponsors at the US\$3000 level: Vicarious

>>>>>> Systems,

>>>>>> and Demiurge Technologies)... (We don't actually need the \$\$

>>>>>> wired

>>>>>> immediately, a commitment is enough)...

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>>>>>> We can then serve everyone "drinks and snacks courtesy of

>>>>>> Jeffrey

>>>>>> Epstein Foundation", or whatever foundation name you prefer (or

>>>>>> just

>>>>>> keep it quiet if you prefer)

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>>>>>> This is not insanely critical, but it would be a help... I

>>>>>> believe

>>>>>> these conferences are still quite valuable in terms of keeping

>>>>>> free

>>>>>> and open dialogue about AGI going in the research community, as

>>>>>> opposed to having AGI work entirely sucked into the proprietary

>>>>>> halls

>>>>>> of big companies...

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>>>>>> thanks

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