

## **Study Suggestions for the Graduate Music Theory Placement Exam:**

For the Music Theory placement exam, study your undergraduate theory texts, especially the second-year material, such as chromatic chords, N6, augmented 6th chords, modulation, secondary dominants and secondary 7th chords. Also, you can check out the Benward theory books (*Music in Theory and Practice*).

Specifics:

- 1) Dictation (melodic and harmonic)
- 2) Sight-singing
- 3) Analysis of musical excerpts, including advanced chromatic chords and modulations
- 4) Part-writing, including chromatic harmony
- 5) Theory exercises (writing cadences, etc.).