

Gil Weinberg – Curriculum Vitae

Education

- 09/99 – 08/03 **Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA**
PhD. in Media Arts and Sciences
- PhD Thesis: “Interconnected Musical Networks – Bringing Expression and Thoughtfulness to Collaborative Music Making.”
- 09/97 – 08/99 **Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA**
M.S. in Media Arts and Sciences
- Masters Thesis: “Expressive Digital Musical Instruments for Children.”
- 10/90 – 06/94 **Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel**
Bachelor of Arts Magna Cum Laude
- The Interdisciplinary Program for Fostering Excellence majoring in music and computer science.
 - Received the Israeli Parliament (Kneset) award for Academic Excellence.

Professional Experience

- 08/03 - Present **Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA**
Director of Music Technology
Assistant Professor of Music, Adjunct Professor of Computer Science
- **Founder** of Georgia Tech **Music Technology Research Group** – <http://music.gatech.edu/mtg>. Established the group’s mission and vision, raised funds to support projects, hired research assistants and faculty.
 - **Developed** the curriculum for the **M.S program in Music Technology** – <http://music.gatech.edu/mtg/academics>. Developed multiple new undergraduate and graduate courses, hired faculty and recruited students.
 - **Developed** “**Haile**” (2005-2007) – a perceptual robotic percussionist which listens to live human players, analyzes rhythm, pitch, and timbre elements, and plays back in an acoustically rich and collaborative manner. Haile performed in more than a dozen concerts in Asia, Europe and North America.
 - **Produced** the “**Listening Machines**” concert series. The series features original interactive works by Georgia Tech students and faculty (2005-2007).
 - **Developed** “**iltur**” (2004) – a system for collaborative algorithmic composition based on the Beatbug controller. The compositions iltur 1, 2 and 3 were performed in a number of national and international concerts and festivals in cities such as Miami, San Diego, Vancouver, Atlanta, and Jerusalem.

- **Developed “BrainWaves”** (2004) and **“BrainLoop”** (2007). The projects utilized pattern recognition techniques, audio and graphics to represent neuronal activity in the brain. The projects were presented as part of the Listening Machine Concert Series.
- **Reviewer** for the National Science Foundation, Computer Music Journal, ACM Computing Survey Journal, the International Computer Music Conference, the International Conference on New Interfaces for Musical Expression, Society for Electro-Acoustic Music in the United States, ACM Computer Human Interface Conference (2003-2007).
- **Awarded “Outstanding Researcher and Professor”** by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

09/97 – 07/03

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Research Assistant

- **Developed and Composed “Nerve”** (2002-2003) – a music performance and education system using a network of musical controllers called **Beatbugs**. The project was presented at the **Smithsonian Museum** and in the **Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum**. Concerts and workshops with the Beatbugs were held with the **Boston Modern Orchestra Project, Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin, the National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland, and the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra.**
- **Developed the “Squeezables”** – a multiplayer musical instrument. Cover featured in **Computer Music Journal 2001**. Featured at the **Ars Electronica Festival Linz Austria 2000**.
- **Developed the “Musical Playpen”** – an educational musical installation for toddlers. Installed at the **Boston Children’s Museum** 1999.
- **Invited as a Keynote Speaker** to the Australian Computer Music Conference (**ACMC 2003**).

05/94 – 06/97

Music Notes, Tel Aviv, Israel

Director of Product Design

- **Founded MusicNotes’ Multimedia Division.** Supervised a team of software engineers, musicians and graphic designers.
- **Concept and design for “Play-a-Piece”** – an educational music application. Distributed in the United States by **Passport Designs**.
- **Designed “Master Piece”** – a digital music score library. Distributed in Europe by **Schott Press**.

10/94 – 06/95

Tel Aviv University, Israel

Lecturer

- **Founded** the Musicology Department’s **Electronic Music Laboratory**.
- Developed and taught the electronic music course.

07/91 – 04/94

Sense Multimedia, Tel Aviv, Israel

Co-Founder and Director

Selected Products:

- **“KaraokeNet”** – an on-line karaoke application.
- **“Atlas Carta”** – Israel maps on CD-Rom (Hebrew).
- **“3rd-Ear” Web site** – an Internet magazine on cinema (Hebrew).

Book Chapters

- 2008 (in press) Weinberg. G (2008) "The Music Box", in Turkle S. (Ed.) **Objects in Mind: Falling for Science, Technology and Design**, Cambridge MA: MIT Press.
- Weinberg. G (2008) "Extending the Musical Experience – From the Digital to the Physical and Back", in Seifert W., Hyun Kim J. and Moore A. (Eds.) **Paradoxes of Interactivity – Perspectives for Media Theory, Human-Computer Interaction, and Artistic Investigations**, Bielefeld, Germany: Transcript Verlag Press.
- 2007 Weinberg, G. (2007) "Musical Interactions Between Humans and Machines" in Lazinica, A. (Ed.) **Human-Robot Interaction**, Vienna, Austria: Ars Press.
- Weinberg, G. (2007) "The Robotic Percussionist - Bringing Interactive Computer Music into the Physical World", in Sick. A. and Lishca C. (Eds.) **Machines as Agency – Artistic perspectives**, Bielefeld, Germany: Transcript Verlag Press, pp. 66-82.

Journal Papers

- 2008 (in press) Weinberg G. (2008) "The Beatbug – Evolution of a Musical Controller", **Digital Creativity**, Taylor and Francis Press.
- 2007 (in press) Weinberg G., Godfrey M., Rea, A., Rhodes, J. (2007) "A Real-Time Genetic Algorithm in Human-Robot Musical Improvisation", **Lecture Notes in Computer Science**, Springer Press.
- 2006 Weinberg G., Driscoll, S. (2006) "Towards Robotic Musicianship", **Computer Music Journal**, MIT Press. Vol. 30:4, pp. 28-45,
- Weinberg G., Thatcher T. (2006) "Interactive Sonification: Aesthetics, Functionality and Performance", **Leonardo Music Journal**, MIT Press: Vol.16, pp. 9-12,
- 2005 Weinberg G. (2005) "Local Performance Networks – Musical Interdependency through Gestures and Controllers" **Organized Sound**, Cambridge University Press 10:3, pp. 255-267.
- Weinberg G. (2005) "Voice Networks – Exploring the Human Voice as a Creative Medium for Musical Collaboration" **Leonardo Music Journal**, MIT Press: Vol. 15. pp .23-26.
- Weinberg G. (2005) "Interconnected Musical Networks – Towards a Theoretical Framework" **Computer Music Journal**, MIT Press. 29:2, pp. 23-39.
- 2003 Weinberg G. (2003) "Playpens, Fireflies, and Squeezables – New Musical Instruments for Bridging the Thoughtful and the Joyful" **Leonardo Music Journal**, MIT Press: Vol. 12, pp. 43-51.
- 2001 Weinberg G., and Gan S. (2001) "The Squeezables: Toward an Expressive and Interdependent Multi-player Musical Instrument" **Computer Music Journal**, MIT Press: Vol. 25:2, pp.37-45.
- 1999 Weinberg G. (1999) "The Musical Playpen: An Immersive Digital Musical Instrument" **Personal Technologies Journal**, London: Springer-Verlag Publication: Vol.3:3 pp.132-136.

Conference Proceedings

- 2007
- Weinberg, G., Godfrey, M., Rae, A., and Rhoads, J. (2007) "Real Time Genetic Algorithm In Human-Robot Musical Improvisation", **Proceedings of International Computer Music Conference (ICMC 2007)**, Copenhagen, Denmark, pp. 192-195.
- Weinberg, G. (2007) "The Design of a Perceptual and Improvisational Robotic Marimba Player", **Proceedings of IEEE International Workshop on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (RO-MAN 2007)**, Jeju, Korea, pp. 132-137.
- Weinberg, G. (2007) "Introducing Pitch, Melody and Harmony into Robotic Musicianship", **Proceedings of the International Conference on New Interfaces for Musical Expression (NIME 2007)**, New York City, NY, pp. 228-233.
- Weinberg G., Driscoll, S. (2007) "The Interactive Robotic Percussionist: New Developments In Form, Mechanics, Perception And Interaction Design", **Proceeding of the ACM/IEEE international conference on Human-robot interaction (HRI 2007)**, Arlington, VA. pp. 97-104.
- 2006
- Weinberg G., Driscoll S. Thatcher T. (2006) "Jam'aa - A Middle Eastern Percussion Ensemble for Human and Robotic Players", **Proceedings of International Computer Music Conference (ICMC 2006)**, New Orleans, LA, pp. 464-467,
- Weinberg G., Freeman, J., Chordia, P., Clark, F., Moore, C., Driscoll S. Thatcher T. (2006) "The Music Technology Group at Georgia Tech – Studio Report", **Proceedings of International Computer Music Conference (ICMC 2006)**, New Orleans, LA, pp. 413-416,
- Thatcher T., Jimison D., Goetzinger J., Freeman J., Weinberg G. (2006) "Mobile Networked Music Demonstration: Sequencer404", **Proceedings of International Computer Music Conference (ICMC 2006)**, New Orleans, LA, p. 544.
- Weinberg G., Thatcher, T. (2006) "Interactive Sonification of Neural Activity", **Proceedings of the International Conference on New Instruments for Musical Expression (NIME 2006)**, Paris, France, pp. 246-249.
- Weinberg G., Driscoll S. (2006) "Robot-Human Interaction with an Anthropomorphic Percussionist", **Proceedings of International ACM Computer Human Interaction Conference (CHI 2006)**, Montréal, Canada, pp. 1229-1232.
- 2005
- Weinberg G., Driscoll S., Parry M. (2005) "Haile – An Interactive Robotic Percussionist", **Proceedings of International Computer Music Conference (ICMC 2005)**, Barcelona, Spain, pp. 622-625.
- Weinberg G., Driscoll S., Parry M. (2005) "Musical Interactions with a Perceptual Robotic Percussionist", **Proceedings of IEEE International Workshop on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (RO-MAN 2005)**, Nashville, TN, pp. 456-461.
- Weinberg G., Driscoll S. (2005) "iltur – Connecting Novices and Experts Through Collaborative Improvisation", **Proceedings of Conference on New Interfaces for Musical Expression (NIME 2005)**, Vancouver, Canada, pp. 17-22.

- 2004 Weinberg G., Clark F. (2004) "Georgia Tech Music Department – Studio Report", **Proceedings of International Computer Music Conference (ICMC 2004)**, Miami, Florida, pp. 119-122.
- Weinberg G. (2004) "Voice Networks – Exploring the Human Voice as a Creative Medium for Musical Collaboration", **Proceedings of International Computer Music Conference (ICMC 2004)**, Miami, Florida, pp. 623-626.
- 2002 Weinberg G. (2002) "The Aesthetics, History, and Future Challenges of Interconnected Music Networks", **Proceedings of International Computer Music Conference (ICMC 2002)**, Göteborg, Sweden, pp. 349-356.
- Weinberg G., Aimi R., and Jennings, K. (2002) "The Beatbug Network – A Rhythmic System for Interdependent Group Collaboration", **Proceedings of New Instruments for Musical Expression Conference (NIME 2002)**, Dublin, Ireland, pp.107-111.
- 2000 Weinberg G., Lackner T., and Jay J. (2000) "The Musical Fireflies - Learning About Mathematical Patterns in Music Through Expression and Play", **Proceedings of XII Colloquium on Musical Informatics (CMI 2000)**, A'quila, Italy, pp. 146-149.
- Weinberg G., Orth M., and Russo P. (2000) "The Embroidered Musical Ball: A Squeezable Instrument for Expressive Performance", **Proceedings of the International Computer Human Interface Conference (CHI 2000)**, The Hague, Netherlands, pp. 283 – 284.
- 1998 Weinberg G., Fletcher R., and Gan S. (1998) "The BabySense Environment - Enriching and Monitoring Infants' Experiences and Communication", **Proceedings of the International Computer Human Interface Conference (CHI 1998)**, Los Angeles, CA, pp. 325-326.

Theses

- 2003 Weinberg G. (2003) "Interconnected Musical Networks – Bringing Expression and Thoughtfulness to Collaborative Music Making", **PhD Thesis**, MIT Media Laboratory, Cambridge, MA.
- 1999 Weinberg G. (1999) "Expressive Digital Musical Instruments for Children", **M.S Thesis**, MIT Media Laboratory, Cambridge, MA.

Patent Applications

- 2007 Weinberg, G., Lausch, B. (2007) "**Bluemotion**", a provisional patent for a new mobile technology, (GTRC invention disclosure # 3960).
- 2006 Weinberg, G., Driscoll, S., Thatcher, T. (2006) "**Soundfly**", a provisional patent for a novel musical controller, (GTRC invention disclosure # 4254).

Grants

- 2007 *Title: **Gesture Blue**, Role: Principal Investigator and sole author, Amount: **\$50,000**, Project Sponsor: **Georgia Research Alliance**, Purpose: Research and development of musical applications for mobile devices.*

Title: The Robotic Musician, Role: Principal Investigator and sole author, Amount Funded: \$449,090, Project Sponsor: National Science Foundation, Purpose: Research and development of a perceptual robotic musician based on music analysis and improvisation models.

Title: The Center for Musical Instruments Composition and Applications (MICAP) Role: Principal Investigator and co-author, Amount Funded: \$150,000 Project Sponsor: Colleges of Architecture, Computing, Engineering and the Vice Provost of Research Office at Georgia Tech Purpose: The establishment of a cross-campus research center.

2006 *Title: The Master of Science in Music Technology, Role: Principal Investigator and co-author Amount Funded: \$100,000 Project Sponsor: Georgia Tech Foundation Purpose: The establishment of the MSMT program and the Music Technology Research Lab.*

2004 *Title: Robotic Musicianship Role: Principal Investigator, Amount Funded: \$35,400, Project Sponsor: The GVU Center at Georgia Tech, Purpose: Graduate student's tuition and stipend for 9 month.*

Title: Interactive Musical Systems, Role: Principal Investigator and sole author, Amount Funded: \$9,140 Project Sponsor: Georgia Tech Foundation, Purpose: The development of an interactive music system for Jazz improvisation.

Invited Presentations

2007 "Perceptual Musical Robots", Center of Automation and Autonomous Systems, **Technical University of Munich, Munich, Germany**, November 20, 2007 (invited).

"Extending the Musical Experience - from the Physical to the Digital and back", **College of Music Society and the Association for Technology in Music Instruction Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT**, November 16, 2007 (invited) **Keynote Address.**

"New Instruments for Musical Expression" **Music Technology Mesh-up Symposium, Shfayim, Israel**, June 29, 2007.

"Extending the Musical Experience - from the Acoustic to the Electronic and back", **The University of Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain**, June 14, 2007.

"Expanding Music Performance" College of Architecture Dean Symposium, **Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA**, March 3, 2007.

"Enhancing Musical Expression through technology" **Digital Life Design Conference, Munich, Germany**, January 22, 2007.

2006 "Interactive Musical Robots" **Robots at Play Festival, Odense, Denmark**, September 14-16, 2006.

"Jam'aa – an Interactive Drum Circle with a Robotic Percussionist" **ACM SIGGRAPH 2006, Boston, MA**, August 2, 2006.

"Listening Machines" **MIT Media Lab, Cambridge, MA**, August 1, 2006.

- “Towards Robotic Musicianship”, the **International Symposium for Music, Art, and Robotics (SMART), Bremen, Germany**, June 14, 2006.
- “Music Technology – the Art and the Science” **Hamaabada New Art Center, Jerusalem, Israel**, March 18, 2006.
- 2004-2005 “The Music Technology Program at Georgia Tech” **The Institute for Interdisciplinary Applications of Computer Science, University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel**, June 26, 2005.
- “Interconnected Musical Networks” **Computer Science Department Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel**, July 12, 2004.
- 2003 “Interconnected Musical Networks” **Australian Computer Music Conference, Perth, Australia**, July 6, 2003. *Keynote Address.*
- “Collaborative Creation Tools – the Case of Interconnected Musical Networks” **IBM Research Laboratory, Haifa, Israel**, June 22, 2003.
- “Musical Networks” **Mitsubishi Electric Research Lab, Cambridge, MA**, March 14, 2003.
- “Interconnected Musical Networks – Bringing Expression and Thoughtfulness to Collaborative Music Making” **Music Department, McGill University, Montréal, Canada**, January 12, 2003.
- “The Toy Symphony” **The annual conference of the Public Broadcast Service (PBS), Miami, Florida**, January 8, 2003.
- “Hyperinstruments – New Approaches for Music Technology” **Canadian Undergraduate Technology Conference, Toronto, Canada**, January 17, 2003.

Compositions and Performances

- 2007 “**Svobod**” – for saxophone, piano and a robotic xylophone player.
- Juried performance at International Conference of Computer Music (**ICMC 2007**), **Copenhagen, Denmark**, August 31, 2007.
 - Performed at Georgia Tech **Guest Artist Concert Series, Atlanta GA**, March 8, 2007.
- “**iltur for Haile**” – for a Jazz Quartet and a robotic xylophone player.
- Performed at the **Listening Machines Concert, Atlanta, GA**, April 6, 2007.
- “**Brain Loop**” – for piano, guitar and interactive video.
- Performed at the **Listening Machines Concert, Atlanta, GA**, April 6, 2007.
- 2006 “**Jam’aa**” – for two Darbuka drums and a robotic drum player
- Performed at the “**Robots at Play festival**”, **Odense, Denmark**, September 14-16, 2006. (4 concerts).
 - Performed at the **Sonic Generator Concert, Atlanta, GA**, November 14, 2006.
 - Juried performance at the International Conference and Exhibition on Computer Graphics and Interactive Techniques (**ACM SIGGRAPH 2006**), **Boston, MA**, August 1-3, 2006 – two performances.

- Juried performance at the International Conference on New Interfaces for Musical Controllers (**NIME 2006**), **Paris, France**, June 4, 2006.
 - Performed at the International **SMART Symposium, Bremen, Germany**, June 8, 2006.
 - Commissioned by and performed at **Hamaabada New Art Center, Jerusalem, Israel**, March 25, 2006.
- 2005
- “Pow”** – for a perceptual robotic percussionist and a human player.
- Performed at the **Listening Machine Concert, Atlanta, GA**, January 22, 2005.
 - Juried interactive installation at the International Conference of Computer Music (**ICMC 2005**), **Barcelona, Spain**, September 2005.
 - Demonstrated at the IEEE International Workshop on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (**Ro-Man 2005**) **Nashville, TN**, August 14, 2005.
- “Brain Waves”** – an interactive performance based on the sonification of neural activity.
- Performed at the **Listening Machine Concert, Atlanta, GA**, January 22, 2005.
- 2004-2005
- “iltur”** – three compositions for a jazz ensemble and Beatbug controllers.
- Performed at the Mega Beat festival **Hamaabada New Art Center, Jerusalem, Israel**, March 25, 2006.
 - Demonstration at the International Conference on New Interfaces for Musical Expression (**NIME 2005**) **Vancouver, Canada**, May 27, 2005.
 - Performed at and the **Listening Machine Concert Atlanta, GA**, January 22, 2005.
 - Juried Performance at the International Conference of Computer Music (**ICMC 2004**) **Miami, FL**, November 3, 2004.
 - Performed at the **NWEAMO Festival San Diego, CA**, October 27, 2004.
- 2002-2006
- “Nerve”** – A composition for an interconnected musical network using the Beatbug controllers.
- Performed at **Casa da Musica Porto, Portugal**, March 18, 2006.
 - Performed with the **Boston Modern Orchestra Project, New York, NY**, May 17, 2003.
 - Performed with the **Boston Modern Orchestra Project, Boston, MA**, April 26, 2003.
 - Performed with the **BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra Glasgow, Scotland**, June 2, 2002.
 - Performed with the **National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland Dublin, Ireland**, April 9, 2002.
 - Premiered with the **Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin, Germany**, February 24, 2002.
- 2001
- “Fish and Chips”** – Interactive electro acoustic composition.
- Commissioned by Ars Electronica, 2001. With the SymbioticA group. **Linz Austria**, September 7-12, 2001.
- 2000
- “Digital Concrete”** – Electronic composition.
- Featured in the TC&A project - Ars Electronica, 2000. **Linz Austria**, September 2-7, 2000.

“Squeezable Music” – Electronic composition.

- Featured in the TC&A project - Ars Electronica, 2000. Linz Austria, September 2-7, 2000.

“Embroidered Musical Ball” – Interactive electronic composition.

- Tokyo Toy Fair, Japan, May 2000.

- 1997 **“Landscape Chamber”** – World/electronic music project and album. With Boaz Bareket, Guy Michael and Oded Shechter, Tel Aviv, Israel.
- 1996 **Musical Clips** – Music for Israeli television, Channel 2. Tel Aviv, Israel.
- 1995 **“Shalom Columbus”** – Music for a theatre play. Bet Zvi Theatre Company. Tel Aviv, Israel.
- 1994 **“Yo 42”** – A symphonic composition for the Jerusalem Broadcast Service Symphonic Orchestra. Jerusalem, Israel.

Museum Exhibition

- 2006 Consultant to “Soundscapes”, a computer-controlled musical instruments exhibition at the **King David Tower Museum, Jerusalem, Israel**, September-December 2006.
- 2004 The Beatbugs – Exhibited as part of the “National Design Triennial: Inside Design Now.” **Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum, New York, NY**. April 22, 2003 through January 25, 2004.
- 2002 The Beatbugs – Exhibited as part of “Invention at Play”– a traveling exhibit originated by the **Smithsonian National Museum of American History and the Science Museum of Minnesota**, July 15, 2002.
- 1999 The Musical Playpen – An interactive musical environment for children. **Boston Children’s Museum**, April 1999.

Concert Curatorship

- 2007 Listening Machines 2007 – An artistic-musical collaboration between the Music Technology and the Digital Media Programs at Georgia Tech. The **Eyedrum Gallery, Atlanta, GA**, April 6, 2007.
- 2006 Listening Machines 2006 – A concert featuring interactive compositions from Georgia Tech students and faculty that explore the manners in which machines can improvise and collaborate with humans. **Hamaabada New Art Center, Jerusalem, Israel**, March 18, 2006.
- 2005 Listening Machines 2005 – A concert featuring interactive compositions from Georgia Tech Music Technology Group that investigate how machines can be responsive, surprising, and sensitive musicians. **The Eyedrum Gallery, Atlanta, GA**, January 22, 2005.

Awards

- 2006 The Scott Logan Fund for Music Award. **College of Architecture at Georgia Tech**.
- 2004 Outstanding Researcher and Professor Award. **The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services**.
- 1994 Academic Excellence Award. **Israeli Parliament – Kneset**.

Selected Reviews

2007

“(The Robotic Percussionist) sounded just great and the drummer droid went down a storm at the 2006 Computer Human Interaction Conference in Montreal, Canada. Gil Weinberg and his team have done it again.”

Paul Marks, “Drummer Droid” **The New Scientist** May 08 2007.

“Gil Weinberg has been jamming at concerts all over the world with his invention, Haile the drum-playing robot. The robot has done so well he has taken up a new instrument — the xylophone.

Kirsten Tagami, “Georgia Tech Robot Grabs Attention of Federal Agency”, **Atlanta Journal-Constitution**, August 23 2007.

2006

“It was great fun to watch and hear the two-armed robotic drummer, Haile, jam with two humans, each had a drum, each listened, reacted, improvised. Here the electronics were inside Haile's brain and her drumming was made in acoustic space... the future is now.”

Pierre Ruhe, "Sonic Generator Concert", **Atlanta Journal Constitution**, November 11, 15, 2006.

“Gil Weinberg and Scott Driscoll of the Georgia Institute of Technology recently unveiled Haile, an anthropomorphic percussionist that can listen to beats, analyze them, and jam along. Haile is already a revolution in interactivity and continued proof that man and machine really can make beautiful music together.”

Daniel Levin Becker, “FFW ETC” **Resonance Magazine**, April 2006.

“The implementation and motivation of (iltur) is consistent with Mr. Weinberg’s fine reputation. As an artist and scholar, he seems fittingly concerned with issues of accessibility and the transmission of ideas.”

Jamie Allen, Margaret Schedel, and John P. Young “NIME Concert Review” **Computer Music Journal** Vol. 30 Issue 2, MIT press January 2006.

“Haile is cool. It doesn't have a face but it has listening skills and it will happily join and improvise with live players. For demonstration, one of Weinberg's students played the darbuka. The robot pulled out its arms and gave its own version to the sound of the drum. Real improvisation.”
(Translated from Hebrew)

Yossi Haronsky “Music Critic” **Maariv Newspaper**, March 22 2006.

“One of the more well-known musical controllers is the Beatbug, a hand-held gadget with piezo sensors that respond to tapping. The Beatbugs work best in packs, as Israeli-born Gil Weinberg, who is an MIT graduate and now director of a new music-technology program at Georgia Tech, demonstrated in a new system called 'iltur'.”

Paul Lehrman “Tomorrow’s Musicians and What They Will be playing”
Sound On Sound Magazine January 2006.

- 2005
- “(Created by) Gil Weinberg Assistant Professor and Director of Music Technology at the Georgia Institute of Technology (Haile’s) real magic happens in the improvisatory algorithm through which the robot responds to your playing.”
- Peter Kim “Robot Drummer Responds to Human Playing; How They Did It” **Creating Digital Music** December 14, 2005.
- “Gil Weinberg’s iltur 1 consisted of a jazz trio and two “beatbug” players who smacked hand-held plastic objects to capture and transform the music being played by a pianist. This was fundamentally a demonstration of an interesting collaborative technique....”
- Dan Hosken “ICMC Concert Review” **Computer Music Journal** Vol. 29 Issue 2, MIT press July 2005.
- 2004
- “(The Beatbug workshop is an) overwhelmingly positive experience either from the musical, social and personal standpoint... the experience provided a good foundation on which to build one’s musicianship, social skills, self-confidence, and general learning dispositions focusing, listening, and practicing.”
- Svetlana Nikitina, “Toy Symphony Report” **Harvard University, School of Education** January 2004.
- 2003
- “Perhaps, if children’s hands are speaking to their brains during violin practice, they are shouting: “Help! Get me out of here!” I don’t know what they’re saying when they play with Beatbugs and Music Shapers, but I’ll bet they’re laughing with pleasure.”
- James Gorman “Playing Music as a Toy, and a Toy as Music” in the **New York Times** June 3, 2003.
- “*Nerve*, by Gil Weinberg, in which six older children tossed rhythms back and forth among networked Beatbugs, was engaging and interactive.”
- Heidi Waleson “With Gadgets and Fun, Toy Symphony Lures Kids” the **Wall Street Journal** May 21, 2003.
- “Gil Weinberg’s *Nerve*, created for rhythm computers called “beatbugs,” had verve and propulsive energy.”
- Keith Powers “Toy Symphony Review” the **Boston Herald**, April 28, 2003.
- “Gil Weinberg’s *Nerve* for six children, two adult percussionists, and eight networked beatbugs brought down the house with sheer rhythmic exhilaration.”
- Richard Dyer “Toy Brings Joy Of Music To Life” in the **Boston Globe**, April 28, 2003.