for Concert Band

Brian W. Jagger

Instrumentation

Flute I Flute II Oboe Bassoon Clarinet (B Flat) I Clarinet (B Flat) II Bass Clarinet (B Flat) Alto Saxophone I Alto Saxophone II Tenor Saxophone (B Flat) Baritone Saxophone (E Flat) Trumpet (B Flat) I Trumpet (B Flat) II French Horn (F) I French Horn (F) II Trombone I Trombone II Tuba Glockenspiel Timpani Suspended Cymbal



Program Notes

Hope was written during the summer of the Covid 19 pandemic. While not written to directly respond to the crisis, it is meant to be a piece that inspires hope in anyone who needs it.

The opening chord progression introduces the harmonic language of the piece, after which a trumpet solo hints at the main theme. The full ensemble then presents this theme along with a secondary theme before a return to the ethereal opening. This provides a solo opportunity for the flute to develop the main theme which ultimately leads to a climactic return of the opening theme. The piece ends with the brass presenting a thematic fragment over a descending harmonic progression finishing with a full band chord held until it disappears.

About the Composer

Brian W. Jagger is a Canadian composer born and raised in Hamilton, Ontario. Growing up, he was exposed to many styles of music; from "Classical" to "Pop" to "Jazz". As a choir member, he learned to hear the harmonies and relationships of the different voices, and as a tuba player, he learned to appreciate the importance of the lower realms of the music world.

Brian started his musical journey as a pianist, working his way through the Royal Conservatory and into university. While at university, he studied piano performance and composition, earning his Bachelor of Music degree from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. From there, he continued studying composition at the University of British Columbia and the University of Michigan, earning his Master of Music and Doctor of the Musical Arts. Over the years, Brian studied composition with John Burge and Clifford Crawley (Queen's), Keith Hamel (UBC), and George Wilson, Leslie Bassett and William Albright (U of M).

As a composer for many different ensembles, including orchestra, string quartet, concert band, solo piano, and electronics, Brian has won two CBC Young Composer awards and one SOCAN Young Composers award.

Apart from composing, Brian teaches piano and theory lessons, and is the Music Director and Conductor for the Top Hat Marching Orchestra, the Albertones Senior Men's Choir and the Pinetones Senior's Choir. Brian and his wife Leah reside in Burlington, Ontario, where he enjoys playing in the best band in the area, Bliss.

Commissions

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