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SONG of the PHOENIX

for Wind Ensemble

WHISTLING VINE MUSIC

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SONG OF THE PHOENIX is a symphonic poem approached on two metaphoric fronts. One suggests the story of the phoenix bird itself. In the myth, the bird dies in a bright flash of fire, and is then reborn from the ashes it created. The other metaphor is one of urban renewal. While going to college in Detroit, I would often notice beautiful old buildings being torn down in favor of cheaper, less interesting replacements. Renovation and preservation should have a place when it comes to rebuilding our city skylines. My goal with this work is to illustrate the idea that renewal and renovation can go hand in hand. Buildings can be created from the materials and structures that were there before, adding a historical richness to their modern functionality.

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The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, under music director Leonard Slatkin, read the orchestral version of this work on January 30th, 2010, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Dr. Kevin Sedatole and the Michigan State University Wind Ensemble premiered and recorded this work in September 2011.

This transcription was completed in July 2010.

The approximate duration of this work is twelve minutes.

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I N S T R U M E N T A T I O N

Piccolo

2 Flutes

2 Oboes

English Horn

Clarinet in E $\flat$

3 Clarinets in B $\flat$

Bass Clarinet in B $\flat$

Contrabass Clarinet in B $\flat$

2 Bassoons

Contrabassoon

2 Alto Saxophones in E $\flat$

Tenor Saxophone in B $\flat$

Baritone Saxophone in E $\flat$

3 Trumpets in B $\flat$

4 Horns in F

2 Tenor Trombones

Bass Trombone

Euphonium

Tuba

Double Bass

Piano

2 Harps

Timpani

Percussion (5 players)

Percussion 1: Marimba, Four Large Concert Tom-toms, Glockenspiel*

Percussion 2: Vibraphone (normal and bowed), Brake Drum, Xylophone, Chimes, Glockenspiel*

Percussion 3: Large Concert Bass Drum, Bongos, One Large Conga, Vibraslap, Claves, Bowed Crotales, Whip

Percussion 4: Large Tam-tam, Djembe, Suspended Cymbal*, Sizzle Cymbal, Crash Cymbals

Percussion 5: Suspended Cymbal*, Guiro, Castanets, Hi-Hat, Cabasa

*shared instrument

19 Rhapsodically ♩ = 112

Picc. 3 4 4 2 4

Fl. 1 2 4 4 2 4

Ob. 1 2 4 4 2 4

E.H. *mp* *f* *f*

E♭ Cl. *mp* *f*

1 *mp* *f* *mf* *f*

Cl. 2 *mp* *f* *mf* *f*

3 *mp* *f* *mf* *f*

B. Cl. *mf* *f* *sub. pp*

Cb. Cl. *mf* *f* *sub. pp*

1 *mf* *f* *sub. pp*

2 *mf* *f* *sub. pp*

Alto 1 *mp* *f* *mf* *f*

Alto 2 *mp* *f* *mf* *f*

Saxes Tenor *mp* *f* *mf* *f*

Bari. *mf* *f* *f*

1 *f* *mf* *f* *2* *4*

2 *f* *mf* *f* *2* *4*

3 *f* *mf* *f* *2* *4*

4 *f* *mf* *f* *2* *4*

1 *p* *senza sord.* *f* *con sord. (straight mute)*

2 *p* *senza sord.* *f* *con sord. (straight mute)*

3 *p* *f*

1 *mf* *f*

2 *mf* *f*

3 *mf* *f*

Euph. *mf* *f*

Tuba *mf* *f*

Db. Bs. *mf* *f* *pizz. p*

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soft felt mallets *p* *f*

hard yarn mallets *sub. pp* *pp secco*

1 *sub. pp* *to Bongos and Conga*

2 *sub. pp* *to Djembe*

3 *f* *to Guiro*

4 *f*

5 *f*

1. *ad. lib.*

2. *ad. lib.*

15 16 17 18 19 20 21

Picc.

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

E.H.

E♭ Cl.

1 Cl.

2 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

1 Bsn.

2 Cbsn.

Alto 1

Alto 2

Saxes

Tenor

Bari.

1 Hn.

2 3 4

1 Tpt.

2 3

1 Tbn.

2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

1 (Marimba)

2 (Vibraphone)

Perc. 3 (Bongos & Conga)

4 (Djembe)

5

Harp 1

Harp 2

Piano

40

Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Ob. 1
2

E.H.

E♭ Cl.
solo
mf
sfz

1
Cl.
2
3

B. Cl.
p

Cb. Cl.
p

1
Bsn.
2
p

Cbsn.
p

Alto 1

Alto 2

Saxes

Tenor
mf
soli (ord.)

Bari.
mf
soli

40

1
Hn.
2
pp
a2
sfz

3
4
pp
sfz

1
Tpt.
2
3
sfz

1
Tbn.
2
3
sfz

Euph.
mf
soli

Tuba
mf
soli

Db. Bs.
p
mp

40

Timp.
pp cresc.

1
(Marimba)
p

2
(Vibraphone)
p
mp

Perc. 3
(Bongos & Conga)

4
(Djembe)

5
(Guiro.)

Harp 1
p

Harp 2
p

Piano
p
mp

41

42

43

44

45

Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Ob. 1
2

E.H.

E♭ Cl.

1
Cl.
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

1
Bsn.
2

Cbsn.

Alto 1

Alto 2

Saxes

Tenor

Bari.

1
Hn.
2

3
4

1
Tpt.
2
3

1
Tbn.
2

3

Euph.

Tuba

Db. Bs.

Timp.

1
2

Perc. 3

4

5

Harp 1 & 2

Piano

