

## INSTRUMENTATION

Piccolo

Flute 1

Flute 2

Oboe

English Horn

Bassoon 1

Bassoon 2

Clarinet 1

Clarinet 2

Bass clarinet

Alto saxophone

Tenor saxophone

Baritone saxophone

Trumpet 1 in Bb

Trumpet 2 in Bb

Trumpet 3 in Bb

Horn 1 in F

Horn 2 in F

Tenor trombone 1

Tenor trombone 2

Bass trombone

Euphonium

Bass tuba

Harp

Piano

### PERCUSSION (4 players):

Glockenspiel

Crotales

Vibraphone

Marimba

Small triangle

Large triangle

Finger cymbals

Gong

Glass wind chimes

Bell tree

Suspended cymbals

*Firefall* was premiered by the dedicatee on date of premiere at location of premiere in city of premiere.

Performance duration: 5 minutes

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## PROGRAM NOTES

The original timbral idea for *Firefall* came to me during a concert at the 2019 Midwest Clinic in Chicago: I have no recollection of what group or piece. I do remember thinking of the opening descending thirds figure and wondering how that could be utilized in a band piece, and to what extent for different levels of band experience.

Serendipitously, not long afterwards I was made aware of the annual natural illumination phenomenon of the Horseshoe Waterfall at Yosemite National Park in California, known as the "firefall". Every February, the alignment of the earth's rotation positions so that the sun's rays at sunset hit the waterfall in such a way as to give the appearance that the water is instead flowing lava, or that the water is on fire. This visual impetus immediately made me think of my earlier timbral idea. From such disparities is art born.

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*for concert band*  
op. 39

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**4 Moderately slow, flowing J. = 55**

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Piccini

Flute 1

Flute 2

Clarinet

English Horn

Bassoon 1

Bassoon 2

Hr Clarinet 1

Hr Clarinet 2

Bari Clarinet

Sr Alto Sax

Sr Tenor Sax

Hr Baritone Sax

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Trumpet in Bb 1

Trumpet in Bb 2

Trumpet in Bb 3

Horn in F 1

Horn in F 2

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Euphonium

Tuba

**4 Moderately slow, flowing J. = 55**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Drum

Cymbal

Snare

Tom-tom

Whistle

Cash cymbal whispering

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Fl.  $\text{Bb}$   $\text{C}$   $\text{D}$   $\text{E}$   $\text{F}$   $\text{G}$   $\text{A}$

Pic.  $\text{Bb}$   $\text{C}$   $\text{D}$   $\text{E}$   $\text{F}$   $\text{G}$   $\text{A}$

Alto Sax.  $\text{Bb}$   $\text{C}$   $\text{D}$   $\text{E}$   $\text{F}$   $\text{G}$   $\text{A}$

Tromb.  $\text{Bb}$   $\text{C}$   $\text{D}$   $\text{E}$   $\text{F}$   $\text{G}$   $\text{A}$

Trp. 1  $\text{Bb}$   $\text{C}$   $\text{D}$   $\text{E}$   $\text{F}$   $\text{G}$   $\text{A}$

Trp. 2  $\text{Bb}$   $\text{C}$   $\text{D}$   $\text{E}$   $\text{F}$   $\text{G}$   $\text{A}$

Tromb. 1  $\text{Bb}$   $\text{C}$   $\text{D}$   $\text{E}$   $\text{F}$   $\text{G}$   $\text{A}$

# Firefall

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E. Fla.

Bar. 1

Bar. 2

Fl. C. 1

Fl. C. 2

E. CL

A. Fla. (H)

T. Fla. (H)

B. Fla. (H)

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Hr. Typ. 1

Hr. Typ. 2

Hr. Typ. 3

Flu. 1

Flu. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

E. Vln.

Flap.

Tuba

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Fl. 2

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E. Fla.

Bsn. 1

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Cl. C. 1

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A. Sax. (pt.)

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Dr. 1

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Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Trp. 1

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