

Ripples in the Sand

Inspirations of a Japanese Zen Garden (Karesansui)

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A *karesansui* is a Japanese rock garden which is an enclosed shallow sandbox containing sand, gravel, rocks, and occasionally grass or other natural elements. The main elements of *karesansui* are rocks and sand, with the sea symbolized not by water but by sand raked in patterns that suggest rippling water. The most famous Zen garden is at the Ryoan-ji Temple in Kyoto, Japan.

This short work is peaceful and reflective and accessible to young musicians. The major pentatonic scale is used as the basis for this composition which creates an interesting texture and evokes the sound of an ancient Japanese folk song. The use of cup mutes and flugel horn further explore the colours available in a brass ensemble. The percussion parts would add to the overall sound but are not necessary.

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David Marlatt has composed pieces for concert band, string orchestra, brass quintet, trumpet ensemble, piano, tuba and trumpet. His writing style is diverse and he has written for a wide range of difficulty levels from very young concert band to professional brass quintet. His jazz based trumpet ensemble pieces *Groovy Vamp* and *A Coconut Named Alex* have been well received by audiences everywhere and his concert band compositions are found on many festival lists. He has also arranged over 800 pieces of repertoire from the Baroque to the Romantic eras such as Monteverdi madrigals, a large suite of music from Handel's *Messiah*, *Largo* from *New World Symphony* and even Mahler's *First Symphony*.

Mr. Marlatt is a trumpet player who obtained a music education degree from the University of Western Ontario, Canada. He was Principal Cornet in the Whitby Brass Band for 6 years and founder of the trumpet ensemble *Trumpets in Style*. As a performer, he has played in jazz bands, brass quintets, orchestras, concert bands, brass bands and period instrument ensembles.

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or his availability for commissioning new works and appearances.*

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Flowingly ♩ = 60

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B♭ Trumpet 1

B♭ Trumpet 2

B♭ Trumpet 3

B♭ Flugel horn

F Horn 1

F Horn 2

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Trombone 3

Baritone

Tuba

Vibraphone

Bells

Timpani

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p

p

p

p

7 8 9 10 11 12

cup mute
p

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Tpt 3

Flug

Hn 1

Hn 2

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Trbn 3

Bari

Tuba

Vibes
Bells

Timp

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Score for Tpt 1, Tpt 2, Tpt 3, Flug, Hn 1, Hn 2, Trbn 1, Trbn 2, Trbn 3, Bari, Tuba, Vibes Bells, and Timp.

Measures 25 to 30 are shown. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamics (e.g., *mf*).

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Tpt 1
 Tpt 2
 Tpt 3
 Flug
 Hn 1
 Hn 2
 Trbn 1
 Trbn 2
 Trbn 3
 Bari
 Tuba
 Vibes
 Bells
 Timp

