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ABSTRACT

Phoenix for Orchestra consists of three movements of Life, Death, and Rebirth each presenting specific thematic and rhythmic elements. A variety of modes and textures are presented to depict mythology of the legendary bird phoenix as a tone poem. The first movement, Life, comprises five sections labeled as Sky, Sun, Beauty, Dignity, and Immortality. Each section features specific motives, structures, and textures. The second movement, Death, consists of three sections labeled as Fire, Destruction, and Grief and is based on the twelve-tone and whole tone collections. The third movement, Rebirth, comprises three sections labeled as Transformation, Renewal, and Immortality. The repetition of Immortality in the third movement and at the end of the work highlights immortality as the most significant characteristic of the mythical bird phoenix.
INSTRUMENTATION

2 Flutes (Flute 2 doubles Piccolo)

2 Oboes

2 Clarinets in Bb Bass

2 Bassoons

4 Horns in F

2 Trumpets in C

2 Tenor Trombones

Bass Trombone and Tuba

Timpani (32”, 29”, 26”, 23”)

Percussion (Triangle, Tam-tam, Vibraphone, Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbal, Bass Drum)

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Double Bass
Passionate \( \text{\textit{J}=100} \)

BEAUTY

(Suspended cymbal)

Passionate \( \text{\textit{J}=100} \)

BEAUTY

arco
II. Death
III. Rebirth

Lyrical \( \frac{\text{j} = 52}{\text{l}} \)

TRANSFORMATION

\( \text{Fl. 1, 2} \)

\( \text{Hn. 1, 3} \)

\( \text{Hn. 2, 4} \)

\( \text{Tbn. 1, 2} \)

\( \text{B. Tbn.} \)

\( \text{Tuba} \)

\( \text{Vln. I} \)

\( \text{Vln. I} \)
VITA

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