BASS TROMBONE CONCERTO NO. 1 IN D-MINOR, Op. 11a

"Quest"





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Piano Reduction

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IN D MINOR, OP. 11A

arranged for bass clarinet

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Notes from the Composer

Writing music is like creating abstract stories or movies; the various melodies and motifs are individual characters while the accompaniments are different settings where these characters develop and interact with one another. As a very visual person, I tend to form images in my mind whenever I'm creating music. As my compositions develop and unfold over time, my mind connects the various melodies and different sections in a way that (to me) makes sense as a cohesive narrative. This concert is a dark and magical journey through mystical lands that ends in a virtuosic dance.

Darrin Milling (Bass Trombone Principal at São Paulo State Symphony) requested an adaptation of a quartet that I composed in 2019 for bass trombone and three percussionists into a concerto for bass trombone and symphonic band. The subtitle of this concerto is Quest, named after the original quartet.

About the Composer

lan Deterling is a composer of aesthetically intriguing works for varied instrumentation. Blending tradition with contemporary practice, his music engages audiences by being authentic, relevant, and memorable. Deterling's pieces have been performed both nationally and internationally, most notablyby members of renowned orchestras such as the London Symphony Orchestra, São Paulo State Symphony, National Theatre Orchestra in Brasilia, Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, National Symphony Orchestra of Taiwan, and San Antonio Symphony. In addition, his compositions and arrangements have been performed around the world by professional and amateur chamber ensembles, international festivals, and other types of cultural institutions. Mr. Deterling earned his Bachelor of Science in Music at the University of Wisconsin-Superior in Superior, Wisconsin and his Master of Music in Composition from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. He loves to spend his free time trying out new vegan recipes, going for jogs in the woods, and enjoying classic horror films with family and friends.

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