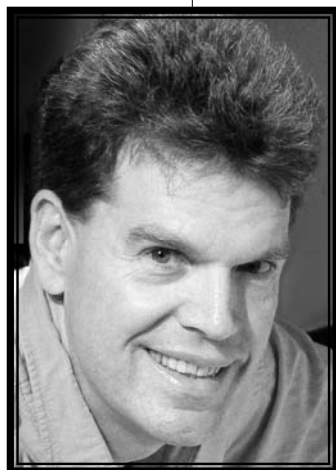

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WARE'S Music for Winds



PETER WARE (May 4, 1951) like Charles Ives and Aaron Copland has fashioned a melodic and harmonic vocabulary both distinctive and attractive. Frequently drawing titles from North American landscapes, Ware seeks to climb inside his sources creating an organic rather than narrative musical style. Expressionistic with driving rhythm and intense dissonance, his music evolves through long-breathed melodies, spun out almost endlessly in a free-flowing contrapuntal texture. Ware's musical structures develop naturally from motivic cells that seem to grow and mutate in an evolutionary sense. Fascinating in its defiance of analysis, the music emerges from a primitive sense and communicates directly with the listener on a purely spiritual level. For this reason, its meaning can be interpreted and understood emotionally, but the message is encoded outside the realm of language.

Ware's early musical training was in the church choir and under the tutelage of Florence Robertson in Beethoven's lineage. He studied composition at Virginia Commonwealth University, the University of Cincinnati and Yale University. His principal teachers include Krzysztof Penderecki, Scott Huston, Jonathan Kramer, Roman Haubenstock-Ramati and Toru Takemitsu.

Ware attracts numerous commissions with grants from the Canada Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Ontario Arts Council and the Ohio Arts Council. He has attracted commissions and performances from ensembles such as the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Saskatoon Symphony-Composer-of-the-Season, Iceland Symphony Orchestra, Regina Symphony, Orchestra London Canada, Virginia Symphony, Hamilton Philharmonic, Missis-sauga Symphony Orchestra and the Canadian Chamber Ensemble/Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, Richmond Symphony, Queen's Chamber Orchestra, National Chamber Orchestra, and Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra. He has received composition prizes from the Minnesota Composers Forum, St. Louis New Music Circle, University of Cincinnati, Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honor Society, Virginia Commonwealth University and Yale University.

"Chama began with a long lustrous flute solo, gradually growing more knotty."

- New York Times

"The work with the clearest impact was Americana Quintet for winds and French horn by Peter Ware. Not coincidentally, it received the sharpest execution by the musicians. Ware's quintet utilizes thematic development and alternation of vigorous and lyric sections in a work of fine craftsmanship."

- The Cincinnati Enquirer

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Named after a river in the Yukon, this demanding addition to the saxophone idiom requires great physical dexterity, speed and agility as it explores the outer limits of the instruments' range. Each player performs on two instruments, with frequent colouristic changes between soprano, alto, tenor and baritone. The tape part is derived from Gregorian chant. While generally filling an accompaniment role, it occasionally proceeds to the forefront of musical interest. Transposed below the human vocal range, it extends downward to the limits of pitch perception. 30 p. Score & Parts AE837 \$46.98

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