

# Flute Concerto

*for flute and wind ensemble*

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(2018)

- I. Prologue & Dance
- II. Canticle
- III. Postlude

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Los Angeles, CA*

***Commissioned in celebration of Dr. Pamela Youngblood's 25th anniversary teaching at Texas Woman's University by the Texas Woman's University Wind Symphony, Carter Biggers, director and a consortium of ensembles:***

Kansas Wesleyan University Wind Ensemble - Carl Rowles, director  
Liberty University Wind Symphony - Stephen Kerr, director  
Henderson State University Wind Ensemble - Steven Knight, director  
Brigham Young University-Idaho Symphony Band - Diane Soelberg, director  
University of Central Oklahoma Wind Symphony - Brian Lamb, director  
Hope College Wind Ensemble - Gabe Southard, director  
Texas Flute Society  
St. David's of Wales Episcopal Church, Denton, Texas

Premiere performance:

Texas Woman's University Wind Symphony  
Carter Biggers, conductor  
Pamela Youngblood, flute  
Thursday, April 12, 2018  
Margo Jones Performance Hall  
Denton, TX

## Instrumentation

Piccolo  
2 Flutes  
2 Oboes  
2 Bassoons  
3 B♭ Clarinets  
B♭ Bass Clarinet  
2 Alto Saxophones  
Tenor Saxophone  
Baritone Saxophone

Solo Flute

3 B♭ Trumpets  
4 Horns in F  
2 Trombones  
Bass Trombone  
Euphonium  
Tuba

Double Bass

Timpani (+ triangle)

Percussion 1:  
*Vibraphone, Xylophone, Whip, Claves*

Percussion 2:

*Bass Drum, Snare Drum, Triangle, Suspended Cymbal (shared with Perc. 3),  
Chimes, Cabasa*

Percussion 3:

*Suspended Cymbal (shared with Perc. 2), Splash Cymbal, Ride Cymbal,  
Glockenspiel, Hit-hat*

### **Program Note:**

The **Flute Concerto** (*for flute and wind ensemble*) was commissioned as a gift for Pam Youngblood to honor her twenty-five years of teaching at Texas Woman's University. Carter Biggers, the director of the Texas Woman's University Wind Symphony, approached me about the project at the 2017 National Flute Association Convention in Minneapolis. As we discussed this special piece we knew we wanted to make it personal to Pam. To salute her leadership of the TWU Flute choir, the second movement incorporates alto, bass and contrabass flute - in essence a flute choir. It also quotes the Welsh hymn "*Cwm Rhondda*" to pay tribute to her time as the organist at St. David of Wales Episcopal Church. Having collaborated with Pam before on a number of compositions, both solo works, ("*Sonata for Flute and Piano*" and "*Portraits of Richka*") and also chamber works, for her flute choirs ("*Cajun Sketches*" and "*Beyond the Night Sky*"), I knew Pam's playing and her tastes very well. I tried to incorporate the jazz and modal inspired harmonies, rhythmic syncopation and playful elements that she enjoys about my work.

The concerto is in a standard three-movement form, with the first and third movements acting as fast, virtuosic book ends to the much more gentle and lyrical second movement. The first movement "*Prelude & Dance*", opens with a cadenza for the solo flute that is punctuated with interjections by the ensemble that build in dynamic and harmonic intensity. It then transitions into an up-tempo energetic dance, featuring long melodic runs in the solo flute with a rhythmic accompaniment in the ensemble. "*Canticle*" the second movement features the addition of the low flutes. At the heart of this movement is a lyrical melody in the solo flute accompanied by block chords (reminiscent of an organ) in the flute choir first, and then in the band as the movement evolves, punctuated with a repeated motive in the chimes and bells. The final movement "*Postlude*", is a virtuosic close to the concerto that features a 10/8 time signature that is grouped 3+3+2+2.

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### **Performance Note:**

For balance reasons I recommend one player on a part, with the exception of flutes, oboes, clarinets (including bass clarinet), and double bass, all of which may be doubled. If more than the recommended number of players are used, great care must be taken not to overpower the soloist.

If the entire flute choir is not available, only then should the oboes and clarinets play the cued notes.

Accidentals remain in effect through the measure, only in the octave in which they occur.

In the third movement, the subdivision of the 10/8 is 3+3+2+2 throughout, except measure 109, which is 2+2+3+3.

Duration: c. 20 minutes

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## I. Prologue & Dance

Freely (c.  $\omega = 72$ )

(quasi cadenza)

### 3 Building energy ( $\beta=66$ )

*pushing ahead*

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9 (quasi cadenza)

Picc.

Fl. 1-2

Ob. 1-2

Bsn. 1-2

B♭ Cl. 1-2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1-2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Solo Fl.

B♭ Tpt. 1-2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tbn. 1-2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Timp.

Vib.

B. Dr.

Susp. Cym.

10 In tempo ( $\text{♩} = 80$ )

The score includes parts for Picc., Fl. 1-2, Ob. 1-2, Bsn. 1-2, B♭ Cl. 1-2, B♭ Cl. 3, B. Cl., A. Sx. 1-2, T. Sx., B. Sx., Solo Fl., B♭ Tpt. 1-2, B♭ Tpt. 3, Hn. 1-2, Hn. 3-4, Tbn. 1-2, B. Tbn., Euph., Tuba, D.B., Timp., Vib., B. Dr., and Susp. Cym.

12 (quasi cadenza)

Picc.

Fl. 1-2

Ob. 1-2

Bsn. 1-2

B♭ Cl. 1-2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1-2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Solo Fl.

B♭ Tpt. 1-2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tbn. 1-2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Timp.

Vib.

B. Dr.

Susp. Cym.

**14** In tempo ( $\text{♩} = 80$ )

(quasi cadenza)

Picc.

Fl. 1-2 *mf*

Ob. 1-2 *mf*

Bsn. 1-2 *mf*

B♭ Cl. 1-2 *mf*

B♭ Cl. 3 *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

A. Sx. 1-2 *mf*

T. Sx. *mf*

B. Sx. *mf*

Solo Fl. *mf*

B♭ Tpt. 1-2 *mf*

B♭ Tpt. 3 *mf*

Hn. 1-2 *mf*

Hn. 3-4 *mf*

Tbn. 1-2 *mf*

B. Tbn. *mf*

Euph. *mf*

Tuba *pizz.*  
*mf*

D.B. *mf*

Timp. *mf*

Vib. *mf*

B. Dr. *mf*

Susp. Cym.

**16** In tempo ( $\text{♩} = 80$ )*mf*  
*mp* — *mf*  
*mp* — *mf*  
*mp* — *mf*  
*mp* — *mf*  
*mp* — *mf**mf*  
*mp* — *mf*  
*mp* — *mf*

17 (*quasi cadenza*)

Picc.

Fl. 1-2

Ob. 1-2

Bsn. 1-2

B♭ Cl. 1-2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1-2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Solo Fl. *tr.* (.) *mp* *f*

B♭ Tpt. 1-2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tbn. 1-2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Timp.

Vib.

B. Dr.

Susp. Cym. *pp*

The musical score page shows a system of 22 staves for various instruments. The instruments listed on the left are Piccolo, Flute 1-2, Oboe 1-2, Bassoon 1-2, B♭ Clarinet 1-2, B♭ Clarinet 3, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone 1-2, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, Solo Flute, B♭ Trumpet 1-2, B♭ Trumpet 3, Horn 1-2, Horn 3-4, Bassoon 1-2, Bass Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Double Bass, Timpani, Vibraphone, Bass Drum, and Suspended Cymbal. The time signature is 3/4 throughout. Measure 17 begins with a dynamic of *pp* for the suspended cymbal. The solo flute has a melodic line starting with a grace note followed by a series of eighth-note patterns. The bassoon and tuba provide harmonic support with sustained notes. The other instruments remain silent or play short, isolated notes. The page is marked with a large, faint watermark reading "SOONER OR LATER".

18 Gaining intensely ( $\text{♩} = 72$ )

Picc. *a2*

Fl. 1-2 *mf*

Ob. 1-2 *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *sfz* (short)

Bsn. 1-2 *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *sfz* (short)

B♭ Cl. 1-2 *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *sfz* (short)

B♭ Cl. 3 *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *sfz* (short)

B. Cl. *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *sfz* (short)

A. Sx. 1-2 *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *sfz* (short)

T. Sx. *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *sfz* (short)

B. Sx. *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *sfz* (short)

Solo Fl. *pp*

B♭ Tpt. 1-2 *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *sfz* (short)

B♭ Tpt. 3 *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *sfz* (short)

Hn. 1-2 *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *sfz* (short)

Hn. 3-4 *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *sfz* (short)

Tbn. 1-2 *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *sfz* (short)

B. Tbn. *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *sfz* (short)

Euph. *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *sfz* (short)

Tuba *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *sfz* (short) *pizz.*

D.B. *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *sfz* (short) *mp*

Timp. *mp* *mf* *fp* *sfz* (short) *mp*

Vib. *mf* *fp* *mp* *sfz* (short) *mp*

B. Dr. *mf* *p* *f* *p* *sfz* (short)

Susp. Cym. *lv.* *mf* *mp* *sfz*