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About the Composer



A product of the rich cultural environment of Chicago, composer-conductor Mark Camphouse was born in Oak Park, Illinois in 1954. He received undergraduate and graduate degrees in music from Northwestern University, where he studied composition with Alan Stout, conducting with John P. Paynter, and trumpet with Vincent Cichowicz. A scholarship from the Civic Orchestra of Chicago enabled Camphouse to study trumpet privately for two years with legendary Chicago Symphony Orchestra principal trumpet Adolph Herseth.

Camphouse began composing at an early age, with the Colorado Philharmonic premiering his First Symphony when he was 17. His 36 published works for wind band have received widespread critical acclaim and are performed frequently in the U.S. and abroad, including such prestigious venues as Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center, Orchestra Hall-Chicago, Royal Albert Hall and St. Paul's Cathedral-London, and conferences of the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles, College Band Directors National Association, National Association for Music Education, American Bandmasters Association, and the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic.

Principal commissions include those by the William D. Revelli Foundation, The U.S. Air Force Band, The U.S. Army Band, The U.S. Marine Band, Northshore Concert Band, Tara Winds, and Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. Recent guest conducting engagements include those with the Houston Symphony Brass Ensemble, The U.S. Air Force Band, National Association for Music Education (NAfME) All-National Honors Concert Band, and Banda de Conciertos de San Jose (Costa Rica).

Mr. Camphouse has served as guest conductor, lecturer, and clinician in 44 states, Canada, Europe, and China. He was elected to membership in the American Bandmasters Association in 1999 and served as founding coordinator of the National Band Association Young Composer Mentor Project from 2000–2022. He conceived and edited the unique 4-volume book series Composers on Composing for Band with GIA Publications. His 5th book with GIA (Whatsoever Things ... The Life and Teachings of John P. Paynter) was published in 2014. His 6th book with GIA, *The North American Wind Symphony*, was published in 2024.

The 2021–2022 academic year marked his 44th and final year of full-time teaching in higher education. Camphouse joined the faculty of George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia at the rank of full professor in 2006, where he served as Director of Concert Bands, Conductor of the Wind Symphony, and taught courses in composition and conducting until his retirement in June 2022. Other principal artistic, teaching, and administrative positions include serving as Music Director and Conductor of the New Mexico Music Festival at Taos Symphony Orchestra, Associate Director and Music Division Head of the Virginia Governor's School for the Arts, Acting Dean of Music of New World School for the Arts in Miami, and Interim Director of the George Mason University School of Music. Professor Camphouse attained regional finalist status in the prestigious White House Fellowship Competition in 1993. In 2002, he received an Outstanding Faculty Award by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Commonwealth's highest honor for faculty at Virginia's colleges and universities for demonstrated excellence in teaching, research, and public service. In 2022, Mr. Camphouse received the National Band Association Distinguished Service Award "in recognition of exemplary service to the NBA and tireless efforts on behalf of bands and band music."

Mark Camphouse has been married to Elizabeth Ann Curtis (Executive Director of the Mason Community Arts Academy from 2008–2022) since 1982. They have twin daughters, Beth and Briton, and 3 granddaughters, Esther, Laurel, and Eliza. Mark and Elizabeth live in Millville, Delaware near Bethany Beach and the Atlantic coast.

About the Composition

United States Navy Mess Attendant 2nd Class Doris Miller was the first African American recipient of the Navy Cross for valor for his heroic actions on December 7, 1941 aboard the USSWest Virginia.

Born in Waco, Texas on October 12, 1919, Miller enlisted in the Navy in September 1939 as a mess attendant. In 1941 African Americans were not allowed to man a gun in the Navy. In high school Miller was a fullback, and on the West Virginia he was the ship's heavyweight boxing champion. Miller was collecting laundry on the West Virginia when the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor began. According to US Navy records "He headed for his battle station, the antiaircraft battery magazine amidship, only to discover that torpedo damage had wrecked it, so he went on deck. Because of his physical strength, he was assigned to carry wounded fellow sailors to places of greater safety. Then an officer ordered him to the bridge to aid the mortally wounded captain of the ship. Although never trained to operate a machine gun, Miller manned a .50-caliber Browning anti-aircraft machine gun until he ran out of ammunition and was ordered to abandon ship." Miller later said, "I had watched others with the guns. It wasn't hard. I just pulled the trigger and she worked fine." *WB555*

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, personally presented the Navy Cross to Miller on board the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise in Pearl Harbor on May 27, 1942. Miller's Navy Cross citation reads: "For distinguished devotion to duty, extraordinary courage and disregard for his own personal safety during the attack on the fleet in Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii, by Japanese forces on December 7, 1941. While at the side of his captain on the bridge, Miller, despite enemy strafing and bombing and in the face of a serious fire, assisted in moving his captain, who had been mortally wounded, to a place of greater safety, and later manned and operated a machine gun directed at enemy Japanese attacking aircraft until ordered to leave the bridge."

Miller later served on the heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis and the escort carrier Liscome Bay. Miller was killed on the Liscome Bay when it was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in November 1943 during the invasion of the Gilbert Islands.

A \$13 billion Gerald R. Ford-class aircraft carrier will be named the USS Doris Miller (CVN 81). It will be laid down in January 2026, launched in October 2029, and commissioned in 2032.

Valor and Remembrance completes a trilogy of works by composer Mark Camphouse, honoring great African Americans: Civil Rights Heroine Rosa Parks (A Movement for Rosa), Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Homage to The Dream), and Pearl Harbor hero Doris Miller. It is hoped Valor and Remembrance will help promote greater awareness of and appreciation for the heroic contributions by African Americans while serving in U.S. Armed Forces in the defense of freedom.

-Mark Camphouse

Instrumentation List

I – Piccolo	3 – 1st Trombone
3 – 1st Flute (divisi)	3 – 2nd Trombone
3 – 2nd Flute (divisi)	3 – 3rd Trombone
2 – Ist Oboe	2 – Euphonium (divisi)
2 – 2nd Oboe	2 – Baritone TC (divisi)
4 – Ist B♭ Clarinet (divisi)	4 – Tuba (divisi)
4 – 2nd Bb Clarinet (divisi)	I – Piano (acoustic grand)
4 – 3rd Bb Clarinet (divisi)	I – Timpani
2 – B Bass Clarinet (divisi)	3 – Percussion I (Two Players):
I – B♭ Contrabass Clarinet	Orchestra Bells
I – E Contra-alto Clarinet	Vibraphone
(substitute for Contrabass Clarinet)	Xylophone
2 – Ist Bassoon	Chimes
2 – 2nd Bassoon	3 Tom-Toms
2 – Ist Eb Alto Saxophone	3 – Percussion II (Two Players):
2 – 2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone	Suspended Cymbal
2 – B♭ Tenor Saxophone	Crotales
2 – E Baritone Saxophone	Tam-Tam
3 – Ist Bb Trumpet (divisi)	Crash Cymbals
3 – 2nd Bb Trumpet	Bongos
3 – 3rd B♭ Trumpet	2 – Percussion III (Two Players):
2 – Ist F Horn	Triangle
2 – 2nd F Horn	Snare Drum
2 – 3rd F Horn	Bass Drum
2 – 4th F Horn	I – Full Conductor Score

Approximate performance time—13:00

Additional scores and parts are available.

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Audio of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's December 8, 1941 "Date of Infamy" address to a joint session of Congress can be downloaded from the Kjos Multimedia Library at www.kjos.com.

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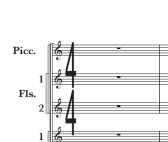


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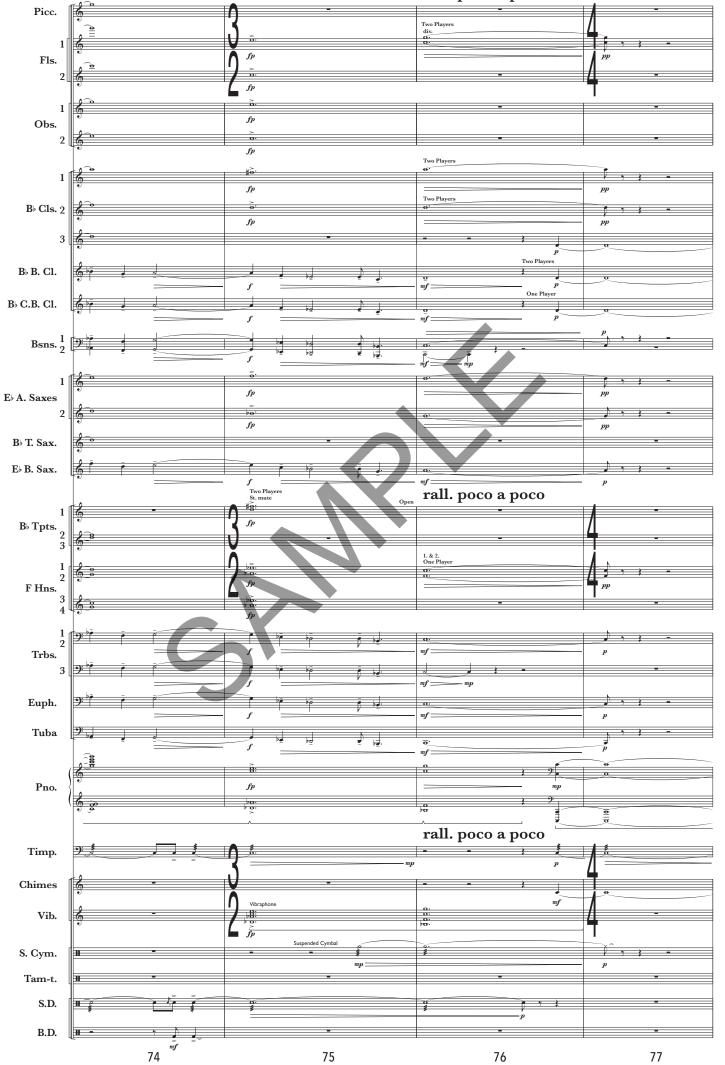
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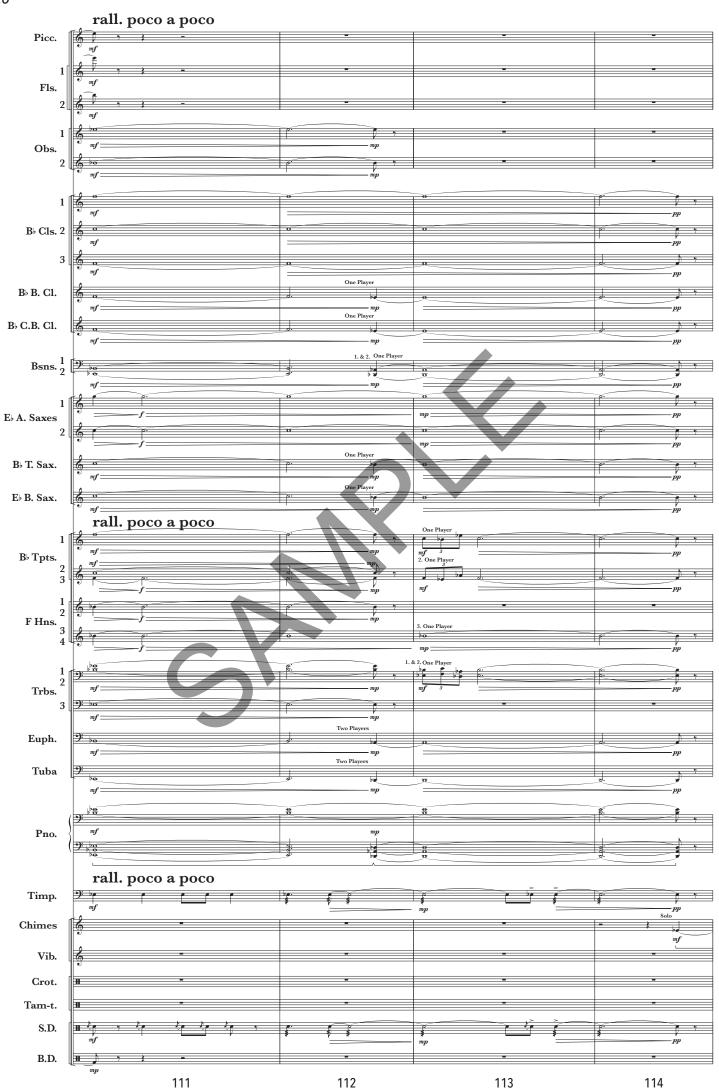








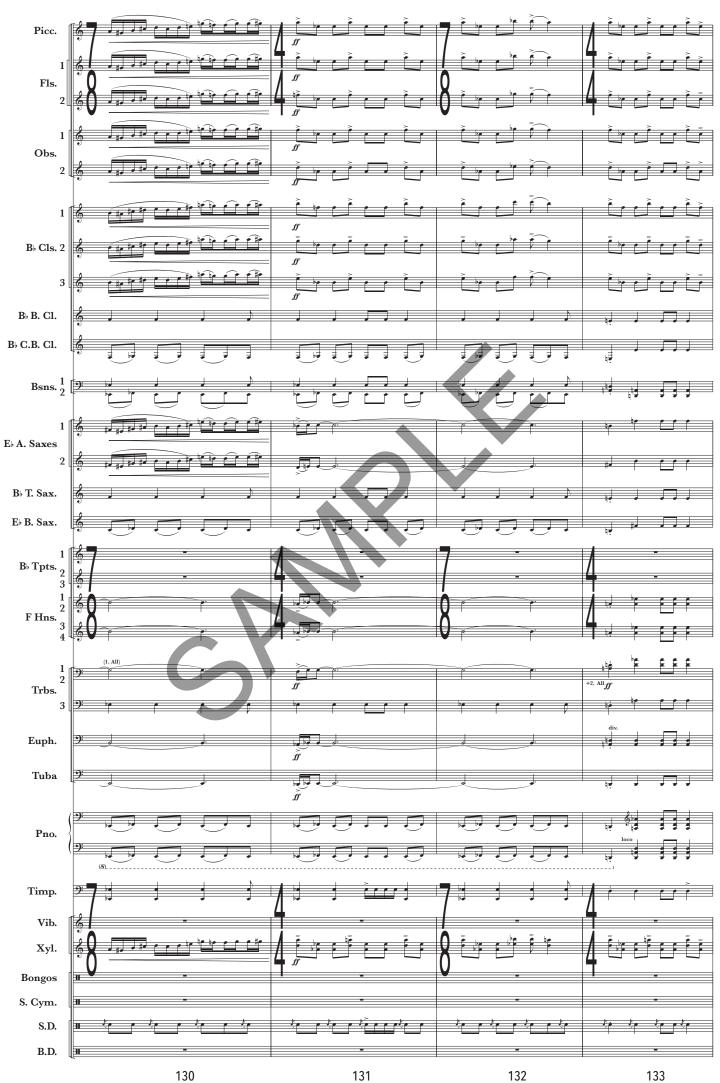












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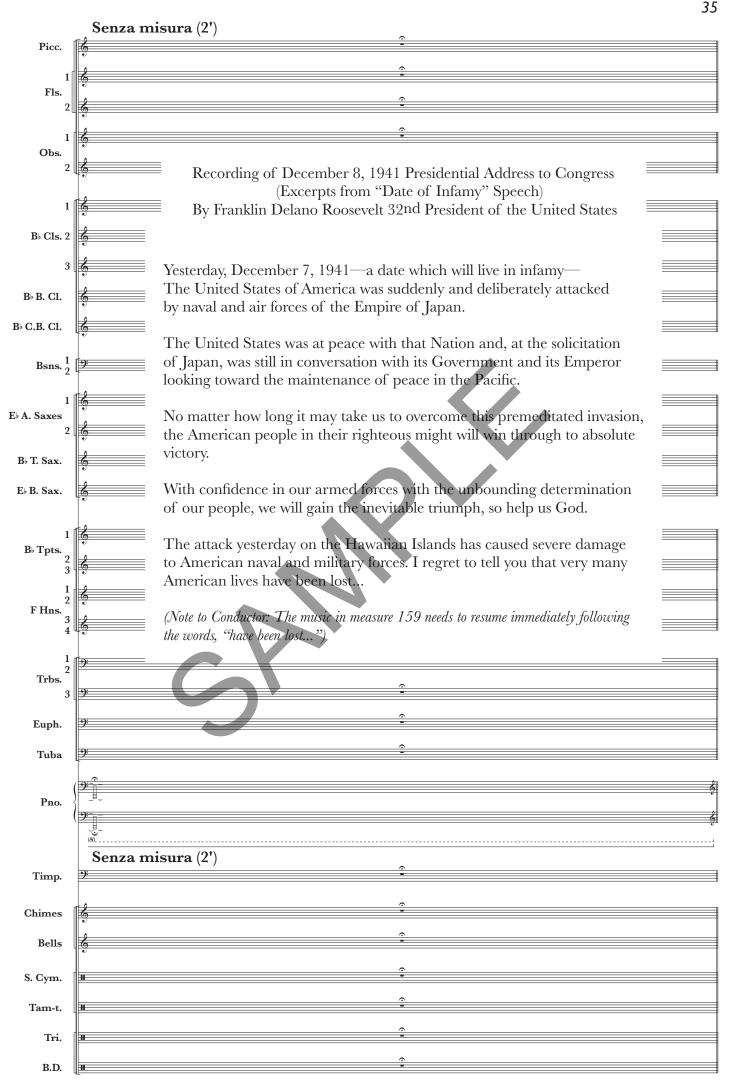
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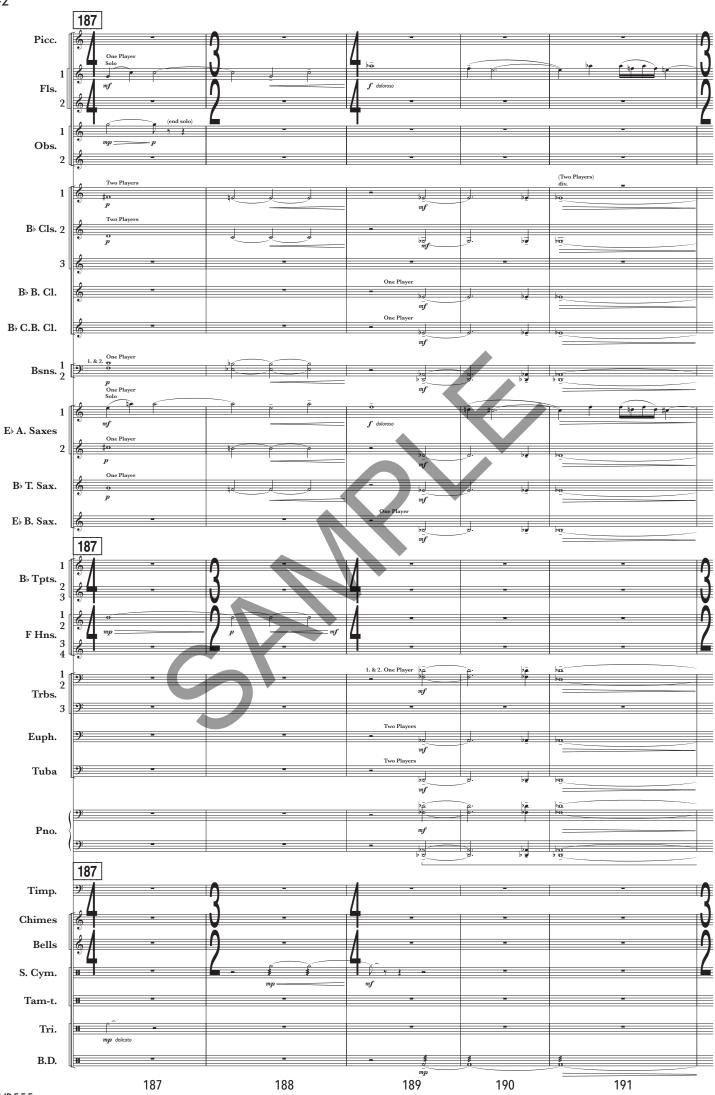


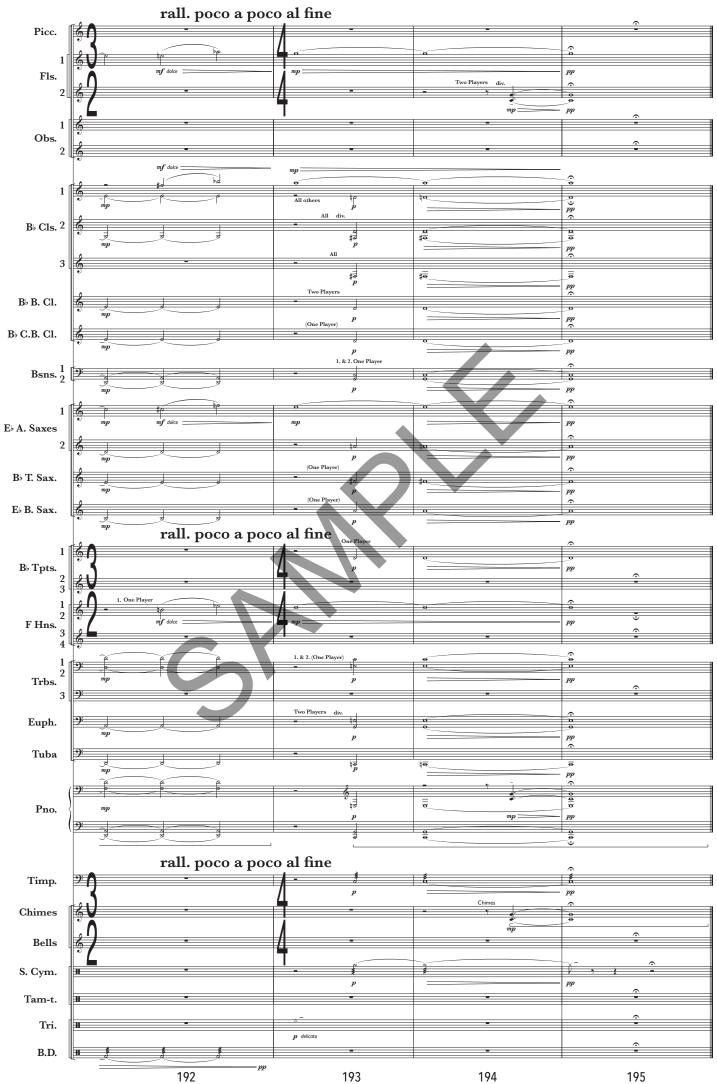












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