In Hot Pursuit

Percussion Ensemble for 12 Players

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Commissioned for the Lingle Middle School Percussion Ensemble Kevin Hume and Jonathan Turner, Directors; Rogers, Arkansas

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Built around changing time signatures, accents, and short bursts of 16ths.

When I started composing this piece, the goal was to create a piece based on melodic material that would be fun to play and also provide the mallet players with a chance to incorporate some fast runs into their playing. I eventually settled on a melody that was dependent upon bouncing between a handful of time signatures, (which is also a useful skill for percussionists) and the dotted quarter - eighth note rhythm, which I tried to utilize throughout the various time signatures.

This piece wasn't written about a specific idea or concept, but perhaps you hear something in the music. If you do, I encourage you to follow your imagination as you listen and see where it takes you.

Instrumentation

Glockenspiel

Vibraphone

Marimba (2)

Timpani (4)

Snare Drum

Concert Toms (4)

Chimes

Temple Blocks

Shaker (Cabasa, Maracas, or Shekere)

Tambourine

Hi-hat

Suspended Cymbal (2 if possible)

Ride Cymbal

Splash Cymbal

China Cymbal

Triangle

Bass Drum

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