Numerous concertos have been written for the marimba since 1940, the year that the first marimba concerto was written by Paul Creston. Some of these concertos are available with multiple accompaniments. The most frequently performed marimba concerto, Ney Rosauro’s Concerto for Marimba, has been documented as having more than half of the performances with piano and percussion ensemble over that of the original string orchestra accompaniment. One may infer that the increased availability of various accompaniments encourages more performances of marimba concertos.

Performers may have more opportunities to perform with smaller ensembles rather than orchestras, the traditional venue for concerto performance. Although piano reductions are often an accepted alternative, such a venue may yield a loss of the original intent of the composition. Accompaniments including wind ensemble, reduced strings, and chamber settings may provide options that convey the original intent of the composer more closely than a piano reduction.

American composer Eric Ewazen has a vast output of concertos for a number of different instruments and instrument combinations. Most of Ewazen’s concertos are available with multiple accompaniments. Ewazen composed the Concerto for Marimba and String Orchestra in 1999 for marimbist She-e Wu. The concerto has several published accompaniments scored by Ewazen and others. A variety of orchestrations of Ewazen’s marimba concerto may create additional performance opportunities outside of those with orchestral accompaniment.
The result of this study is a chamber ensemble orchestration of Eric Ewazen’s Concerto for Marimba and String Orchestra scored for nine wind players and one contrabass. The study offers detailed information regarding the procedures used for arranging the concerto. Conclusions include suggestions for additional orchestration projects and suggestions for further research.
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CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

A Brief Overview of Marimba Concertos

The first published marimba concerto was Paul Creston’s Concertino for Marimba and Orchestra, Op. 21, written in 1940. The Concertino was commissioned by Frederique Petrides, conductor of the all-women Orchestrette Classique of New York City, and for Ruth Stuber (Jeanne), the timpanist of the orchestra. The April 29, 1940 premiere of Creston’s Concertino marked the first performance of the marimba as a classical instrument in Carnegie Hall.¹

Numerous concertos have been written for marimba since Creston's Concertino. Two historically significant concertos are Darius Milhaud’s Concerto for Marimba, Vibraphone, and Orchestra, written in 1947, and Robert Kurka’s Concerto for Marimba and Orchestra, written in 1956. In his dissertation, “Marimba Concerto Performances in United States Orchestras: 1940 through 2002,” Nathan Daughtrey cited a list of 89 marimba concertos.² Fourteen were commissioned by or dedicated to influential Japanese marimbist Keiko Abe between 1964 and 1986. Few works, however, have received


performances by marimbists other than Abe.³ Between 1988 and 1992, three concertos were commissioned by New Music Marimba, a not-for-profit organization created to “encourage and support the creation of exceptional new marimba repertoire.”⁴ Commissioned works by New Music Marimba include Richard Rodney Bennett’s Concerto for Marimba and Chamber Orchestra, Andrew Thomas’ Loving Mad Tom: Concerto for Marimba and Orchestra, and Libby Larsen’s Marimba Concerto: After Hampton.⁵ Larsen’s marimba concerto is among Daughtrey’s “Five Most Frequently Performed Marimba Concertos in United States Orchestras, 1940 through 2002.”⁶ According to Daughtrey, at least thirteen of the seventeen total performances were due to the consortium of orchestras that guaranteed performances of the work.⁷

According to Daughtrey, Ney Rosauro’s Concerto for Marimba and Orchestra surpassed Creston’s Concertino as the most often performed marimba concerto.⁸ Rosauro’s Concerto was written and premiered in 1986 for marimba and string orchestra. During the same year, Rosauro wrote a piano reduction. Three years later, in 1989, he orchestrated three of the movements for percussion ensemble and solo marimba. The


⁵ Daughtrey: 9-10.

⁶ Ibid.: 43.

⁷ Ibid.: 10.

⁸ Ibid.: 43.
1989 version omitted the third movement. The orchestration for percussion ensemble and solo marimba was completed in 1995. In 1999, the Concerto was orchestrated with wind ensemble accompaniment by Thomas McCutchen for a performance at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention (PASIC). Since its publication, Rosauro’s Concerto has been performed by over one hundred orchestras.

Over two hundred marimba concertos are in print today. Although many marimba concertos are available, few have multiple accompaniments. Two of the most frequently performed concertos, Creston’s Concertino and Rosauro’s Concerto, have multiple accompaniments available. The Creston Concertino is available with orchestra, wind ensemble, and piano. The Rosauro has accompaniments for orchestra, percussion ensemble, wind ensemble, and piano. There are more documented performances of Rosauro’s Concerto with piano or percussion ensemble accompaniment than the orchestral accompaniment. One may infer that the increased availability of multiple accompaniments encourages more performances of marimba concertos, particularly Creston’s and Rosauro’s. Multiple performance venues through the availability of multiple accompaniments may allow performers the opportunity to perform concertos more often.

Other notable concertos are available with multiple accompaniments as well as piano reductions. Rosauro’s more recent marimba concerto, Concerto No. 2 for Marimba and Orchestra (2002), is available for performances with percussion ensemble, orchestra,

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10 Ibid.

**Purpose**

Concertos with multiple accompaniments may increase the probability of performance. Performers, either professional or student, may have more opportunities to perform with a smaller ensemble rather than an orchestra, the traditional venue for concerto performance. However, the concerto is an important genre that nearly all instrumentalists study. Although piano reductions are often an accepted alternative, such a venue may yield a loss of the original intent of the composition. Other accompaniments, more readily accessible to students and professionals, may increase the total performances of a concerto. Other accompaniments including wind ensemble, reduced strings, and other chamber settings may provide options that convey the original intent of the composer more closely than a piano reduction.

Since the premiere in 1999, Eric Ewazen’s Concerto for Marimba and String Orchestra has been made available for performance with string orchestra, wind ensemble, string quartet, piano, and percussion ensemble. Since 1999, professional musicians, graduate and undergraduate college percussion students, and high school students have performed Ewazen’s Concerto for Marimba.
The purpose of this document is to provide a performance edition of an additional accompaniment of Eric Ewazen’s Concerto for Marimba. The edition is scored for a ten-member chamber ensemble including two flutes, two clarinets, oboe, English horn, two bassoons, horn, and contrabass.
CHAPTER II

ERIC EWAZEN’S CONCERTO FOR MARIMBA

Eric Ewazen


Ewazen’s music has been commissioned, performed, and recorded by professional musicians, including the Ahn Trio, Summit Brass Ensemble, American Brass Quintet, San Francisco Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, Chicago Symphony, Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, Boston Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, and the New York Philharmonic.

Premieres of his orchestral and wind ensemble works have been given by the Charleston (SC) Symphony, West Virginia Symphony, Orquesta Sinfonica de Tenerife
(Spain), Orquesta Sinfonica Carlos Chavez (Mexico City), Orchestre de la Garde Republicaine (Paris), the Jeju Music Festival Wind Ensemble (Korea) and the Moment Musicale Orchestra (Taiwan).  

Ewazen’s wind ensemble pieces include a bassoon concerto commissioned by the University of Florida, a euphonium concerto for Robert Grechesky and the Butler University Wind Ensemble, *Visions of Light*: Concerto for Tenor Trombone and Wind Ensemble for Joseph Alessi and the Indiana University Wind Ensemble, and a trumpet concerto, *Danzante*, for Allen Vizzutti and commissioned by the College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA).  

Approximately 100 colleges and universities throughout the world have invited him to serve as a guest lecturer, conductor, and/or composer.

The instrumental music of Ewazen has been embraced by performers, conductors, and audiences alike. In a review of the recording of Ewazen’s horn concerto performed by Gregory Hustis and the Dallas Philharmonia, Calvin Smith writes, “his works are always melodic and he writes music that spans the emotional spectrum. I like his music on first and on all subsequent hearings.”

In a review of the same recording, music reviewer for *Fanfare* magazine Phillip Scott notes, “His [Ewazen’s] teachers included

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13 Ewazen.

Babbitt and Schwantner, although his music doesn’t resemble theirs at all.”\textsuperscript{15} The descriptions that Scott uses concerning the horn concerto apply to much of Ewazen’s compositional output: epic moods, a touch of the movies, and momentum that could be associated with John Williams’ scoring.\textsuperscript{16}

In award-winning broadcaster Bruce Duffie’s interview with Ewazen, he described the composer’s music as:

\ldots Unabashedly tonal, yet sprinkled with touches and glimpses of many other styles. But whatever his output, the music gets played and recorded, which is part of the test of a prolific composer. It is also respected by his peers and by the musical establishment in general, as well as by forward-looking performers and seekers.\textsuperscript{17}

During Michael Ethen’s 2004 interview, Ewazen identified one of his primary personal goals in composition as communicating with both audiences and performers, to take listeners on a “journey through sound - telling the audience a good story.”\textsuperscript{18} Ewazen makes every attempt to refrain from writing to specific audiences, but rather attempts to communicate universally. He also has the desire to be able to communicate the emotions of his music on first hearings.\textsuperscript{19} Ewazen stated that he designs his music carefully to


\textsuperscript{16} Ibid.

\textsuperscript{17} Bruce Duffie, \textit{Composer Eric Ewazen: A Conversation with Bruce Duffie}, http://www.bruceduffie.com/ewazen2.html [accessed 2-17-07].

\textsuperscript{18} Ethen.

\textsuperscript{19} Duffie.
know the emotional content and the psychological progression of music so that he can manipulate audiences. In reference to performers, Ewazen stated that “I get a real kick out of the idea that performers will say to me that they’ve had fun playing my music.”\(^{20}\)

Michael Ethen, musicologist at the University of Minnesota, interviewed Ewazen in 2004 for the internet website “ComposersOnline.” In the interview, Ewazen credited his teachers for many of the qualities inherent in his own compositions:

From Schwantner, I learned to explore and become thrilled with new colors and sonorities. From Adler, I got his wonderfully infectious joy at the simple act of creating new music, plus his great, rigorous approach to form and structure. From Benson, I really learned to write for wind instruments. He always insisted, when writing for a particular instrument, that I flatter the sound of that instrument completely - in other words, to be as idiomatic as possible. I had the pleasure to study with Gunther Schuller when I was working on an orchestral piece, and his vast experience with orchestration influenced by own approach to orchestration which lasts to this very day . . . Babbitt, who was fantastic - from him I learned not to “coast,” not to take any notes for granted.\(^{21}\)

Ewazen later spoke in reference to how he would describe his own music in terms of influences throughout his life, including:

. . . The Americana sound of Copland and Barber, the spice of some of the more atonal music of Babbitt and Adler, the rhythms and beats of my foray into the world of rock music, the structure of the traditional composers whose music I teach and revere, and the modes and scales of the folk music of my ancestry.\(^{22}\)

\(^{20}\) Duffie.

\(^{21}\) Ethen.

\(^{22}\) Ibid.
In an interview with Jeffrey Snedeker published in *The Horn Call*, Ewazen mentioned other composers that have influenced him, including Schuman, Bernstein, Gershwin, Prokofiev, Stravinsky, Bartok, Debussy, Ravel, and Crumb. Notably, his compositions exemplify an attraction to the harmonic and rhythmic drives of American composers.\(^{23}\) Ewazen is a self-proclaimed cross between a neo-Romantic and neo-Impressionistic composer and is very proud of writing music that incorporates definite forms, musical structures, and singable melodic lines.\(^{24}\)

Duffie questioned Ewazen about the predominance of tonality in his music. Ewazen’s reply quotes that it was not strange for current composers to write in tonal styles because it has always been happening, but that the twentieth and twenty-first centuries are times of many different compositional styles. He also quotes that he tries to keep a very open mind and that his style is definitely tonal, but can have moments that delve into other styles.\(^{25}\)

Ewazen typically writes his music at the piano. He has an improvisational process that allows him to develop the sounds and combinations of sounds that he desires.\(^{26}\) To him, melody is of particular importance. Even if the initial idea of a work begins with a


\(^{24}\) Duffie.

\(^{25}\) Ibid.

\(^{26}\) Ibid.
chord progression, he always finds a complimentary melody; Ewazen stated, “... inevitably there is going to be some sense of a really genuine singing line there.”

In addition to works in other genres, Ewazen has a vast output of concertos for a number of different instruments and instrument combinations. As of 2007, Ewazen had written concertos for brass quintet, wind quintet, flute, oboe, tenor saxophone, two for trumpet, horn, two for tenor trombone, bass trombone, euphonium, violin, bassoon, clarinet and harp, trumpet and tenor trombone, and marimba. Most of Ewazen’s concertos are available with multiple accompaniments.

Ewazen is an enthusiastic composer whom holds his audiences and performers in high regard. As a living composer, he has found acceptance among performers and audiences and is enjoying many performances across the United States and abroad. He is in high demand as a composer and has a commissioning schedule that consistently has an approximate three year waiting period. Eric Ewazen has become an important and influential composer of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. 28

Overview of the Concerto

Ewazen’s Concerto for Marimba and String Orchestra was commissioned by marimbist She-e Wu and composed in 1999. The piece is dedicated to the “Taipei firefighters of Taiwan for their bravery during the tragic earthquake of September 20, 1999.”27

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27 Ibid.

28 Ewazen.
The premiere occurred on November 13, 1999 in Taipei, Taiwan by She-e Wu and the Moment Musical Orchestra, Paul Chiang, conductor.

The original version of Ewazen’s Concerto is scored for string orchestra, with all parts divisi. The piece is cast in the traditional three-movement concerto form. The form of the first movement of the concerto is Sonata-Allegro and includes a marimba cadenza. The second movement can best be described as modified arch form, and the third movement is a rondo. The Concerto is approximately 30 minutes in duration.

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CHAPTER III
PROCEDURES FOR THIS PERFORMANCE EDITION

The performance edition of Eric Ewazen’s Concerto for Marimba, appearing in Chapter IV, is based on the original scoring for string orchestra. The instrumentation includes two flutes, oboe, English horn, two B-flat clarinets, two bassoons, horn, and contrabass. The instrumentation was chosen due to the instrument ranges utilized in the Concerto and the general accessibility of these instrumentalists in a variety of settings.

Using Finale 2008 music notation software, a score was created for the Concerto. After editing the score, parts were extracted for each instrument. Parts were edited and formatted to accommodate page turns. Several alterations from the original score were necessary including: octave transpositions, articulations, rhythms, slurs, and dynamics. Specific examples of all major changes from the original version for string orchestra appear in the critical notes section below.

Critical Notes

Global Changes

During the preparation of the performance edition, global alterations were applied to all three movements of the Concerto. Those changes are summarized.

1. *Tenuto-staccato* (•) markings were used to replace *pizzicato* markings to emulate the short, yet not choppy, sound of the original, unless otherwise noted.

2. Rehearsal numbers were added to all movements.
3. Tempo markings were true to the original.

4. The transfer of string to wind parts was primarily based on the range limitations of the wind instruments. The note-for-note transfer from strings to wind instruments was not included in the critical notes.

5. Octave transpositions and doublings occurred at several points.

6. The contrabass part remained the same as in the original orchestration with the exception of divisi. At all points when notated as *arco*, the contrabass part only included the lower note. One of the bassoon parts received any deleted notes from the contrabass part. Double stops were retained when marked *pizzicato*.

7. Some cautionary accidentals were added for convenience.

8. Enharmonic spellings of notes occurred occasionally for convenience.

9. Minor typographical errors were corrected.

The following is a list of changes made to each movement of the Concerto. The marimba solo remained true to the original score with the exception of roll notation or minor typographical errors in the original. As an aesthetic alteration, eighth-note rolls were marked with two slashes through the beam rather than three.

**Movement 1**

1. Measure numbers were changed by one to eliminate the numbering of the initial pick-up measure of only two beats.

2. Rhythm altered
   
   Repeated sixteenth notes changed to reflect the duration that they represented
   
   mm. 20-25
   mm. 36-39
   mm. 200-203
   mm. 205
   mm. 276-277
   mm. 279

   Repeated sixteenth notes changed to eighth notes.
mm. 137-140: Flutes, Clarinets, Oboe, and Bassoons; only through Beat 2 for Flutes, Clarinets, and Oboe

mm. 214-215

mm. 218-219

mm. 225-228: Flutes, Clarinets, Oboe, and Bassoons; only through Beat 2 for Flutes, Clarinets, and Oboe

Repeated sixteenth notes changed to quarter notes

mm. 137-140: English Horn and Horn

3. Dynamic(s) added (not present in original)
   mm. 36: mezzo forte (mf); all instruments playing
   mm. 113: mezzo piano (mp); Flutes, Clarinets, and Oboe

4. Dynamic(s) changed in winds to accommodate balance between ensemble and soloist
   mm. 62: mf changed to mp

5. Tenuto dash added
   mm. 42: Beat 1 (only to instruments beginning measure with a quarter note)
   mm. 109: Beat 1
   mm. 113-116: Beat 1 of each measure, Bassoons only
   mm. 141: Beat 1
   mm. 172: Beat 1
   mm. 229: Beat 1
   mm. 286: Beat 1
   mm. 287: Beat 1

6. Contrabass plays cello part
   mm. 69-70: Only to beat 3 of mm. 70
   mm. 81-82

7. Slurs added
   mm. 70: Bassoon 1 and Horn; beat 3 to 4
   mm. 75: Clarinet 1 and 2, Bassoon 1, and Horn; beat 3 to 4
   mm. 76: Clarinet 1 and 2, Bassoon 1, and Horn; beat 1 to 2, beat 3 to 4
   mm. 77: Clarinet 1 and 2, Bassoon 1, Horn; beat 1 to 3
Movement 2

1. Contrabass plays cello part
   mm. 37

2. Dynamic(s) added (not present in original)
   mm. 39: *mf*
   mm. 41: *mf*
   mm. 81: *piano (p)*
   mm. 85: *mp*
   mm. 101: *mf; Contrabass*
   mm. 187: *pianissimo (pp)*, Winds; *p*, Contrabass
   mm. 196: *pp*, Bassoons; *p*, Contrabass
   mm. 200: *mp*, Flute 2 and Clarinet 1

3. Dynamic(s) changed
   mm. 97: Contrabass *mp* to *mf*
   mm. 99: Contrabass *mp* to *mf*
   mm. 181: *pianississimo (ppp)* to *pp*

4. Slurs removed
   mm. 108-115
   mm. 159-164

5. *Pizzicato* changed to *staccato*
   mm. 136-149: Bassoon 1

6. Accent changed to tenuto accent
   mm. 150: Beat 1

7. Roll notation added to marimba solo
   mm. 168

8. Removed tremolos from winds
   mm. 181-195

9. Changed duration and articulation
   mm. 186: Contrabass *pizzicato* quarter note to *arco* half note with tenuto
Movement 3

1. Changed Duration
   mm. 54-62: Quarter note *pizzicato* to eighth note *tenuto-staccato*  
   (only in winds)  
   mm. 76-80: Quarter note *pizzicato* to eighth note *tenuto-staccato*  
   (only in winds)

2. *Tenuto-accents* added
   mm. 154-155: Quarter notes and eighth notes

3. *Tenuto* dash added
   mm. 156: Beat 1, Flutes, Clarinets, Oboe, English Horn, Horn
   mm. 229: Beat 1
   mm. 231: Beat 1
   mm. 243: Beat 1
   mm. 269: Beat 1, dotted quarter notes only
   mm. 271: Beat 1, dotted quarter notes only
   mm. 340: Beat 1, Clarinets
   mm. 342: Beat 1, Clarinets
   mm. 346: Beat 1
   mm. 348: Beat 1
   mm. 350: Beat 1
   mm. 352: Beat 1

4. *Pizzicato* changed to *staccato* (only in winds)
   mm. 161
   mm. 163
   mm. 232
   mm. 236
   mm. 269-270, Beginning on beat 2
   mm. 271-274, Beginning on beat 2
   mm. 277-278
   mm. 341
   mm. 345

5. *Pizzicato* changed to *arco*
   mm. 213

6. Added slurs
   mm. 217

7. Accent changed to *tenuto-accent*
   mm. 361
CHAPTER IV

THE PERFORMANCE EDITION: CONCERTO FOR MARIMBA
AND CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
Concerto for Marimba & Chamber Ensemble

Eric Ewazen

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Allegro Vivace
Fl. 1

Fl. 2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

Ob.

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

Cb.
Andante cantabile

II
Allegro con Fuoco

III
Mba.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

Ob.

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

Cb.
l'istesso tempo
CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

When compared to other genres such as piano and flute concertos, marimba concerto repertoire is relatively young. 1940 marked the first marimba concerto with the completion of Paul Creston’s Concertino for Marimba. Since 1940, many marimba concertos have been composed. Several of these concertos are available with a variety of accompaniments. The availability of additional accompaniments provides performers with more options for performances beyond piano reductions.

Soon after Eric Ewazen’s Concerto for Marimba and String Orchestra appeared in 1999, it gained popularity and was included on many concerto competition repertoire lists. The concerto is available in several formats including a piano reduction, a string quartet reduction, and a version with wind ensemble accompaniment. The intent of the current edition is to provide a small chamber ensemble accompaniment that may allow for an additional option for performance of the concerto.

Suggestions for Further Research

Since the marimba concerto is new to concert audiences, more study is necessary to determine what type of performance venue may generate the greatest number of performances and what type of venue may facilitate larger audiences. Nathan Daughtrey’s study, “Marimba Concerto Performances in United States Orchestras: 1940 through 2002,” begins the process of collecting data regarding performances of marimba
concertos, but only considers performances of marimba concertos by professional orchestras. Studies collecting information from university performances of marimba concertos with various types of accompaniments, including concert band/wind ensemble, percussion ensemble, piano reduction, string/full orchestra, and others could benefit the profession. The information from these studies could provide facts that indicate trends regarding past performances of specific concertos as well as the venue and type of accompanying ensemble. These facts could prove useful for marimbists in making decisions concerning literature and potential performance venues.

This performance edition of Eric Ewazen’s Concerto for Marimba and Chamber Ensemble was successfully performed on January 20, 2007 at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The current study should be replicated with other marimba concertos and for different accompanying ensembles. The study should also be replicated for the concertos of other instruments, percussion and otherwise. Replication of this study may provide more performance options for instrumentalists playing concertos.
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(chronological)

1987  Ballade for Clarinet, Harp, and String Orchestra
1989  Concerto for Flute and Chamber Orchestra
1990  Concerto for Trumpet and String Orchestra (based on the Sonata for Trumpet, orchestrated by Phil Norris)
1992  Classical Concerto for Tenor Saxophone and Orchestra
1996  Shadowcatcher: Concerto for Brass Quintet and Orchestra (also with Wind Ensemble accompaniment)
1997  Concerto for Bass Trombone or Tuba and Orchestra
1997  Concertino for Bass Trombone and Trombone Choir
1997  Concerto for Violin and String Orchestra
1998  Rhapsody for Bass Trombone and String Orchestra (also with String Quintet)
1998  Concerto for Trumpet and String Orchestra (also with String Quintet or String Quartet)
1999  Down a River of Time for Oboe and Orchestra
1999  Concerto for Marimba and String Orchestra (also with String Quintet)
2000  Concerto for Bass Trombone or Tuba and Wind Ensemble (orchestrated by Virginia Allen)
2000  Concerto for Tenor Trombone and Orchestra (based on the Sonata for Trombone and Piano written in 1977)
2001  Double Concerto for Trumpet, Trombone, and Orchestra
2001  Concerto for Tenor Trombone and Wind Ensemble (orchestrated by Virginia Allen)
2002  Concerto for Horn and String Orchestra
2002  Concerto for Bassoon and Wind Ensemble
2003  Concerto for Marimba and Wind Ensemble (orchestrated by Virginia Allen)
2003  Cascadian Concerto for Wind Quintet and Orchestra
2003  Concerto for Euphonium and Wind Ensemble
2003  Visions of Light: Concerto for Tenor Trombone and Wind Ensemble
2004  Danzante: Concerto for Trumpet and Wind Ensemble
2005  Song Cycle for Soprano and Orchestra
2006  Emerald Rhapsody for Three Trumpets (or Three Trombones) and Orchestra