

## In Solitude

By Todd Stalter



- 2 Oboe
- 2 Bassoon
- 6 1st B<sup>1</sup> Clarinet
- 6 2nd B<sub>b</sub> Clarinet
- 2 B<sub>b</sub> Bass Clarinet
- 2 1st E<sup>J</sup> Alto Saxophone
- 2 2nd E<sup>J</sup> Alto Saxophone
- 2 B<sup>b</sup> Tenor Saxophone
- 2 E Baritone Saxophone
- 4 1st B<sup>,</sup> Trumpet
- 4 2nd B<sup>,</sup> Trumpet
- 2 F Horn

- INSTRUMENTATION
- 3 1st Trombone
- 3 2nd Trombone
- 2 Euphonium
- 2 Euphonium T.C.
- 2 Tuba
- Percussion—4 Players:
  - 2 Bells
  - 2 Vibraphone
  - 2 Percussion
  - (Suspended Cymbal)
  - 2 Timpani



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E Alto Clarinet E Contra Alto Clarinet B Contra Bass Clarinet E Horn

1st Trombone in B<sup>5</sup> T.C. 2nd Trombone in B<sup>5</sup> T.C. 1st Trombone in B<sup>5</sup> B.C. 2nd Trombone in B<sup>5</sup> B.C. 2nd Trombone in B<sup>5</sup> B.C. Euphonium in B<sup>5</sup> B.C. Tuba in B<sup>5</sup> T.C. Tuba in E<sup>5</sup> T.C. Tuba in E<sup>5</sup> B.C. String Bass

## PROGRAM NOTES

Sometimes we seek solitude on purpose and sometimes we are left in it. Solitude can often be a calming and relaxing experience, but also an anxious and fearful one. *In Solitude,* by Todd Stalter, is expressive, intimate music that seeks to connect with the different emotions we experience while being alone. Featuring cinematic techniques, like lydian scale movement and appoggiaturas, the atmospheric sound of *In Solitude* is sure to resonate both musically and personally with performers and audiences.

## NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

I am a composer, and both by choice and necessity, I welcome the solitude that accompanies my time spent writing music because it is the fertile ground of creativity and nourishment for the soul. I am also a teacher, and teaching through the Covid-19 pandemic clearly revealed that solitude has a much darker side when unwelcome or forced upon us. While composing this music, I thought about the video chats I had with my students, who were under quarantine, and it is those students to whom *In Solitude* is dedicated.

The music has an overall tinge of darkness, for sure, but it also has moments of hope and respite from the anxious sounds present in the harmonic and melodic structures, along with an affirming conclusion. Despite the title's suggestion, there are only two brief moments where there is a single, solitary sound, and both are in the timpani: the heartbeat.





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