## Firescape

## **David Marlatt**

Firescape is the third piece in a series of "elements" inspired works. Through music it demonstrates the various characteristics of fire described by the titles of each section - Hephaestus - God of Fire, By the Glow of a Candle and Wildfire!. Hephaestus was the Greek god of fire and of forges and was blacksmith for the gods. The sound of his anvil can be clearly heard in this section. The smooth reflective middle section features solos for flugel horn, trumpet and trombone before the percussion section takes over in the fast, energetic and driving rhythms that bring this exciting work to a close.

Wildfire! can get quite exciting for enthusiastic percussionists. Be sure their volume does not drown out the melodic material. Each layer is important and needs to be heard.

Also available in this set of pieces is *Windscape*, a multi sectioned work featuring colorful percussion writing and the erie sound of wine glasses and *Earthscape*, a peaceful depiction of the view of our blue planet from black emptiness of space.

## PREVIEW ONLY

David Marlatt has composed pieces for concert band, string orchestra, brass quintet, trumpet ensemble, piano, tuba and trumpet. His writing style is diverse and he has written for a wide range of difficulty levels from very young concert band to professional brass quintet. His jazz based trumpet ensemble pieces Groovy Vamp and A Coconut Named Alex have been well received by audiences everywhere and his concert band compositions are found on many festival lists. He has also arranged over 800 pieces of repertoire from the Baroque to the Romantic eras such as Monteverdi madrigals, a large suite of music from Handel's Messiah, Largo from New World Symphony and even Mahler's First Symphony.

Mr. Marlatt is a trumpet player who obtained a music education degree from the University of Western Ontario, Canada. He was Principal Cornet in the Whitby Brass Band for 6 years and founder of the trumpet ensemble Trumpets in Style. As a performer, he has played in jazz bands, brass quintets, orchestras, concert bands, brass bands and period instrument ensembles.

Please contact the composer if you require any further information about this piece or his availability for commissioning new works and appearances.

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