

Chamber America

Ensemble: Quintessence

Bandleader: Michele Rosewoman

Ensemble members:

NAME	INSTRUMENT
Michele Rosewoman	Piano
Jacob Yoffee	Tenor saxophone
Loren Stillman	Alto and soprano saxophone
Brad Jones	Acoustic bass
Tysahwn Sorey	Drums
Vincent Gardner	Trombone
Richard Padron	Guitar

Title of Work: Unsee/ Power in Numbers
Composer: Michele Rosewoman
Date completed: May 2009
Work Length: 40 minutes

Work Description (Include information about your premiere concerts):

A work composed of two pieces. "Unsee," scored for alto, tenor, trombone, guitar, acoustic and electric piano, electric bass and drums, features sections interspersed with 4 solo sections with different feels. Writing for the 3 horns on this piece enabled me to achieve harmonic textures that I like. The addition of guitar offered melodic, color, groove and texture options. I used it at times as a fourth voice with the 3 horns for written lines, as a unison voice with piano for textural effect and at times to help establish groove.

"Power in Numbers," for alto, tenor, trombone, acoustic piano, acoustic bass and drums, explores various time configurations including variants of duplets against triplets and the pockets created by constant related variations—a slow 5/4 groove with a bass triplet figure that explores the downs and the ups of the beats, against double time melodic figures in the piano and horns that create a feel of 15 against the 5/4. The trombone is used to create 3-part harmony throughout but often moves in and out of the bass line as well. As I wrote this, I observed the effect of rhythmic variation on content which is why I named the piece, "Power In Numbers."

This work premiered on June 14, 2009 at the Vision Festival and had a second concert presented by the Hartford Jazz Society at Bushell Park Bandshell in July 2009.

Recording (CD title/label and other related info):

Not recorded

Technical Requirements/Specs:

A tuned grand piano; microphones and monitors as needed.

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