

Jimmy Greene Quartet

Ensemble members: Jimmy Greene--saxophone (composer)
Xavier Davis--piano
Reuben Rogers--bass
Eric Harland--drums

Title of the commissioned work: Overcomers

Instrumentation:
saxophone; piano; bass; drums.

Composer's Statement:

"Overcomers is a suite of compositions in 4 movements. Each movement depicts a person, who in God's care, overcame a daunting task, trial, or situation. The first movement is written for my wife, and is called Nelba's Victory. The second movement is Song for Isaiah, written for my firstborn son. The third movement, Gethsemane, inspired by New Testament scripture, depicts Jesus' prayer in the garden by that name. The last movement, David Undaunted, inspired by Old Testament scripture, depicts young David's epic battle with Goliath. Each movement has moments of lyrical melody, interesting harmony, as well as intense group interplay. Everything is tied together by groove. Each movement has a core rhythmic foundation that provides a basis for interaction. Nelba's Victory is based on a 5/4 triplet feel. Song for Isaiah is a bright, straight 8th note groove in 4/4 time. Gethsemane is a lyrical, slow 3/4 that intensifies into 9/8 time. David, Undaunted is an intense uptempo 4/4 built on a bass ostinato."

Length of the work: 50 Minutes
Recording: Available. Please contact the artist directly.

Stated Technical Requirements:

"A grand piano, preferably Steinway, tuned to A=440 A set drums, preferably Yamaha Maple Custom, in the following configuration
18" bass drum, 14" floor tom, 12" rack tom
4 cymbal stands, Hi-hat stand, Snare stand
Well padded/highly adjustable drum seat, Double chained foot pedal
A bass amp, preferably Hartke or Gallien-Krueger
3 music stands
Sound reinforcements (microphones, monitors) depend upon the size, configuration of the venue."

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