

Into the Garden

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Duration: 8 minutes

Into the Garden was my first original work for the wind ensemble of the Greater Boulder Youth Orchestras. This talented group of young musicians is not very large, but each individual is highly capable on his or her instrument. In composing this piece, I wanted to explore the variety of timbres available in such an ensemble and feature sections and soloists at various points. The range of colors available in such an ensemble made me think of a garden, where flowers of all shapes, sizes, and colors combine to produce a beautiful scene that no one flower could create on its own. I also quote “Come To My Garden” from *The Secret Garden*, an additional reason for the title.

Into the Garden was premiered in Macky Auditorium in Boulder, CO on April 25, 2017.

Instrumentation:

Flute 1, 2

Oboe

Clarinet in Bb 1, 2

Bassoon 1, 2

Trumpet in Bb 1, 2

Horn in F 1, 2, 3

Percussion