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Spark and Fire: Four Essays for Wind Ensemble (2022)..... Robert Traugh  
(b. 1984)

Essay I:  
Essay II:  
Essay III:  
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**World Premiere Commissioned by the Messiah University Wind Ensemble,  
Dr. James Colonna, Conductor and Chamber Singers,  
Dr. Joy Meade, Conductor**

Crazy Situations..... Robert Glogowski  
(b. 2003)

## PROGRAM NOTES

Katahj Copley describes “Halcyon Hearts” as “an ode to love and how it affects us all...We all are united with the common thread of passion from the heart”. Copley dedicates the work to those who love in spite of negativity, hatred, or evil that exists in the world. Halcyon denotes a time in which a person is ideally happy or at peace, and the work evolves into a celebration of one finding their love or passion. Copley utilizes warm major 7<sup>th</sup> chords, long and lyric melodic lines, and engaging rhythmic motifs that feed into the natural energy of the ensemble as the sonic journey in love unfolds.

Ralph Vaughan Williams, a prominent English composer, is perhaps best known for his symphonies and large-scale works. After working with the Salvation Army Brass Band in the early 1950’s, Williams was so impressed with the musicianship of the group he composed a work specifically for them. The resulting work, “Prelude on Three Welsh Hymn Tunes”, utilized “Oh the Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus”, “Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”, and “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”. Williams sought to capture the vocal-like quality of the brass band utilizing these three well known hymn tunes. These three hymn tunes are found in many hymnals as “Oh the Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus”, “Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”, and “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”. The setting for wind band was completed by James Curnow.

In 2004, Dwayne Milburn was asked to write a piece in memory of Nick Stegeman, an important member in the Calvin Christian Schools community in Michigan. “Meditation” serves as the middle movement of a suite that Milburn entitled “Music for Bright Youth”. It combines the Lutheran hymn “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” with American folk song “Meditation” in an emotional outpouring that seeks to find peace despite the loss of a loved one.

In 1908 at the Boston Food Fair, John Philip Sousa and his band debuted “The

# MESSIAH UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC WINDS MEMBERS

## **Flutes**

Joanna Guo – Long Island, NY  
Maggie Hosler – Bloomsburg, PA  
Rachel Johnson – Quarryville, PA  
Julie Laessig – Newtown Square, PA  
Shirah Mark – West Hartford, CT  
Miranda Mason – Levittown, PA  
Joshua Oyler – Camp Hill, PA  
Melanie Ritchie, Fairview, NC  
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Jordan Rodgers – Colchester, CT  
Kathryn Stougard – Honolulu, HI  
Shelby Wendling – Camp Hill, PA

## **Clarinet**

Nason Allen – Souderton, PA  
Kelly Barr – Elizabethtown, PA  
Maddie Felix – Boiling Springs, PA  
Paige Horne – Perkiomenville, PA  
Anisa Kryemadhi – Mechanicsburg, PA  
Anne McIlvaine – Lancaster, PA  
Victoria Querry – North Apollo, PA  
Bryant Rohrer – Duncannon, PA  
Lilian Waite – Lititz, PA

## **Bass Clarinet**

Joshua McCoy – Sarver, PA  
Hannah Reed – Mechanicsburg, PA

## **Saxophone**

Robert Glowgowski – Corinth, NY  
Isabella Heckman – Enola, PA  
Aaron Hickok – Ycn5ooark Springs, PA

**Trumpet**

Rachel Edwards – Fayetteville, NC  
Emily Evans – Duncannon, PA  
Chelsea Fink – Mechanicsburg, PA  
Austin Grove – Poolesville, MD  
Elizabeth Lebo – Lancaster, PA  
Matthew Merlo – Elizabethtown, PA  
Nicholas Moglia – Milford, PA  
Jacob Waddell – Waldorf, MD  
Caleb Zortman – Dover, PA

**Horn in F**

Blair Grove – Dickerson, MD  
Allyson Lyndaker – Croghan, NY  
Tiah Masood – Robertsdale, PA  
Jeremiah Velez – Lancaster, PA

**Trombone**

Kaitlyn Carr – Imperial, PA  
Brielle Finkbeiner – Emmaus, PA  
Emily Gettman – Spring Grove, PA  
Ben Humpert – Dillsburg, PA

**Euphonium**

Anna Morton – Erie, PA  
Abby Weller – Grove City, PA

**Tuba**

Autumn Braley – Alexandria, NH

**Percussion**

Shelby Beadle – Harrisburg, PA  
Yemliot Tirado Franceschini – Lebanon, PA  
Brian Gambler – Reading, PA  
Sadie Heston – Cutchogue, NY  
Victoria Lang – Hershey, PA  
Rob Shemenski – Manchester, CT

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Jasmine Dickson – Sewell, NJ  
Andrew Morgan – Carlisle, PA  
Kaytlyn Weaver – Mount Union, PA  
Annalise Yeich – Danville, PA

### **Horns**

Jacob Fleury – Canton, PA  
Timothy Lee – Hummelstown, PA  
Rachel Huang – Jamison, PA  
Olivia Miller – Selingsgrove, PA  
Annie Rizzo – Royersford, PA

### **Trombones**

Celeb Childs – Sharon, PA  
Nicholas Hinton – Red Lion, PA  
Dylan McFeaters – Mcsherrystown, PA  
Aiden Rizzo – Royersford, PA

### **Euphonium**

Joey Sinsel – Quakertown, PA

### **Tuba**

Jace Graybill – Dillsburg, PA  
Chris Messinger – Hanover, PA

### **Double Bass**

Vanessa Skidmore – Mechanicsburg, PA

### **Percussion**

Josh Davis – Westmoreland, NY  
Brian Gambler – Reading, PA  
Noah Kitner – Ickesburg, PA  
Laura Shuey – Harrisburg, PA  
Lizbeth Stephan – Lititz, PA  
Emily Szmurlo – Rome, NY  
Yemliot Tirado Franceschini – Lebanon, PA

### **Piano**

Abby Stewart – Leesburg, VA



# MESSIAH UNIVERSITY CHAMBER SINGERS

## **Sopranos**

Maddie Felix – Boiling Springs, PA

Brielle Finkbeiner – Emmaus, PA

Victoria Lang – Hershey, PA

Maira Myers – Harrisburg, PA

Katelynn Smith – Clearfield, PA

## **Alto**

Julie Knott – Harrisburg, PA

Anna Morton – Erie, PA

Delaney Reed – Saxton, PA

Daphne Rinkus – Westchester, PA

Abby Weller – Grove City, PA

## **Tenors**

Quinn Cameron – Conneautville, PA

Michael Casey – Plum, PA

Tyler Greene – Crystal Lake, IL

Daniel Micsion – Souderton, PA

Tim Tien – Klang, Selangor, Malaysia

## **Basses**

Micah Collins – Mechanicsburg, PA

Larry Fausnight – Hershey, PA

Chris Messinger – Hanover, PA

Nathan White – Linesville, PA

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## PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

**Mendelssohn Piano Trio, Guest Artists and Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet**

February 19 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 4:00 p.m.

**Handel's "Messiah"**

**Messiah University Choral Arts Society and Concert Choir**

April 30 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 4:00 p.m.

**Susquehanna Chorale Spring Concert**

May 14 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 4:00 p.m.

## CONCERTS

**Messiah University Symphony Orchestra**

February 24 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Kuhlman Competition**

February 26 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Messiah University Opera Production**

March 18 • High Center, Poorman Blackbox Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

**Messiah University Concert Choir**

March 19 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 4:00 p.m.

**Messiah University Chamber Ensembles**

March 20 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Messiah University Jazz Combo**

March 30 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

***Messiah University Symphonic Winds***

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