SCIINCE Cagaic

## INSTRUMENTATION

Piccolo
3 Flutes
2 Oboes
Clarinet in Eb
3 Clarinets in Bb
Bass Clarinet
Contrabass Clarinet (optional)
2 Bassoons
Contrabassoon
2 Alto Saxophones
Tenor Saxophone
Baritone Saxophone
4 Trumpets
4 Horns
3 Trombones
Bass Trombone
Euphonium
Tuba
Double Bass
Harp
Piano
Timpani
6 Percussion
Marimba 1
Marimba 2 (can be played simultaneously with Marimba 1 on a shared instrument)
Triangle, xylophone
Shaker
Suspended cymbal, ride cymbals \& 2
Roto toms (set of 3-6", 8", 10")
Also included, but not assigned yet:
Piatti, splash cymbal, vibraslap, woodblock, snare drum, bass drum, China cymbal, tam tam, cowbell, drum set

Transposed score Published by Personal Sun Music/ASCAP
Duration: approximately 17 minutes

## PROGRAM NOTE

TALES OF SCIENCE AND MAGIC is my follow-up to THE TIME TRAVELER, the next step in my efforts to create large-scale, ambitious, 21st Century repertoire for wind ensemble. The subject matter in this case is my favorite literature - science fiction and fantasy, the language of the imagination.

Movement I, called SENSE OF WONDER, sets the tone for the suite. It is named after that mysterious quality which every author of imaginative fiction tries to evoke in their readers. It has a "long-line" melody and relies heavily on percussion, piano, harp and mallets to create motion and an other-worldly attitude.

Movement II, THE SORCERER, is classic fantasy, set in the dramatic story-telling style of a symphonic poem or film score, emphasizing instrumental color and moving through numerous tempo and mood changes.

Movement III, CITY OF LIGHT, is a futuristic, high-energy, arena rock fanfare, featuring an aggressive use of drum set and dynamic brass to drive the ensemble. It's a shout-out to science fiction from it's earliest days, when many thought that the mastery of science would lead us to solve all of our problems and to create a paradise on earth. Call it Utopian. Certainly not realistic, but really fun. These days I think of those stories more as aspirational. At any rate, CITY OF LIGHT is optimistic and forward-thinking to an extreme, brightly colored, energetic and reducing pace for no one.

Movement IV, entitled NEXT, is a slightly darker look at an ambiguous future fraught with change. It starts out with disjointed fragments, which eventually become knit together by a connective tissue of melody and harmony before taking off for parts unknown. As I was writing it, NEXT surprised me again and again as it took many an unexpected turn, portraying an intense and powerful, but ultimately unknowable, future.

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