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DAVID KENT ROGER FLOCK JOHN BROWNELL STEWART HOFFMAN

Piano & Celeste: ARLENE WRIGHT

## ORCHESTRA FOR THE "KYRIE" BY HARRY SOMERS:

RUTH WATSON HENDERSON

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FRED MILLS

ED NIXON RONALD ROMM

Oboe: STEWART GRANT

Clarinet: JAMES CAMPBELL

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CANADIAN SOUND -FINAL CONCERT

THE FESTIVAL SINGERS OF CANADA

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With:

and others. ROSS DODINGTON, Bass ROXOLANA RÔSLAK, Soprano PATRICIA HARTON, Mezzo S DENIS BROTT, Cello OTTO ARMIN, Violin ALBERT GREER, Tenor Soprano

MacMillan Theatre, Toronto. SUNDAY, MAY 30, 1976

## A TRIBUTE TO HARRY SOMERS

NORMAN SYMONDS At the Shore (A Sea Image) (1976)

Text from "Vulgata"

Festival Singers of Canada ELMER ISELER, Conductor DAVID KENT, Percussion BOB BECKER, Percussion

ALEXANDER BROTT Centennial Colloquy (1967)
(For Wind Orchestra)

Members of the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra BORIS BROTT, Conductor

OSKAR MORAWETZ Memorial to Martin Luther King (1968)
(For Cello, Winds, Piano and Percussion)

Members of the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra BORIS BROTT, Conductor

Soloist: DENIS BROTT, Cello

First Toronto Performance

HARRY SOMERS

Music for Solo Violin (1973) (Commissioned by Yehudi Menuhin)

OTTO ARMIN, Violin

HARRY SOMERS

Kyrie (1972)

Soloists:

ROXOLANA ROSLAK, Soprano PATRICIA HARTON, Mezzo Soprano ALBERT GREER, Tenor ROSS DODINGTON, Bass

Festival Singers of Canada, and Orchestra ELMER ISELER, Conductor

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The choral part consists largely of wordless singing and chanting. When the chorus is divided into two choirs, the first choir chants the following texts: "In abyssis ei sunt, descenderunt in profundum quasi lapis" (The depths have covered them, they sank into the bottom as a stone - Exodus 15); "De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine" (Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord - Psalm 130).

## MEMORIAL TO MARTIN LUTHER KING

OSKAR MORAWETZ

This composition was written in the Summer of 1968, shortly after the tragic death of Rev. King; it was revised by the composer in 1974 and premiered and recorded with Zara Nelsova as soloist in 1975. It is perhaps the only work in the whole cello literature which excludes string instruments from the orchestra.

The eight sections of the work picture the events of those fateful days: (1) Sharp dissonances in the brass (with percussion) express shock and dismay. (2) The cello enters with an extended, sorrowful melodic line. (3) A tense, strongly rhythmic dialogue between cello and orchestra brings us back to the last days of King's life - the freedom march in Memphis. (4) A dramatic orchestra interlude depicts the fatal shot and death, with the shattering dynamic climax. (5) A transformed variation of Section 2, with the cello accompanied only by the woodwind and celeste. (6) "Marcia Funebre" (Funeral Procession): the bass and drums enter with a sombre, dirge-like colour, playing majestically King's favorite spiritual, "Free At Last" [This spritual is also written on the gravestone of Martin Luther King]; each phrase of the spiritual is interrupted by sighing themes from the cello. (7) An orchestral interlude where the various percussion instruments rise to high tension and die out again into complete silence. (8) A rising cello line, accompanied by high-pitched ethereal colours in the orchestra, concludes the work in an atmosphere of peace and resignation.

(From notes by the Composer)

