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TRANSPOSING A FEELING: FOR BAILEY SIKORSKI

For Solo Clarinet

Full Score



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Dedicated to Bailey Sikorski, special printing for Jo Lena Dial

PROGRAM NOTES

Transposing a Feeling is dedicated in memory of Bailey Sikorski, who lost his life to a rare form of leukemia at age 21 in 2017. Bailey was one of the first friends I made during my freshman year at the University of Texas at Austin (UT). I quickly learned Bailey was an exceptionally talented clarinetist. He was extremely passionate about band and music, leading his high school band as drum major. I also discovered Bailey's passion for science and aspirations within UT Aerospace Engineering. Eventually, Bailey went on to design hardware and software at Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company to be used in NASA's Orion Crew Capsule to take humans to Mars. Bailey easily became a role model for me at UT. He showed me what a truly talented and motivated young person could accomplish.

In a school interview, Bailey said, "...one dream I had for a really long time was to play in the New York Philharmonic or the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. I think music is really just another dimension of the human mind. It is truly a unique form of emotional self-expression, a way of transposing a feeling in a way that isn't possible with words."

Bailey's words and memory still resonate with me today, inspiring me to compose *Transposing a Feeling: For Bailey Sikorski*.

If you listen to the piece, you'll hear sweeping upward gestures on the clarinet as if they were reaching toward the sky. Bailey never stopped reaching for the stars. I hope with the help of this piece, he will be one step closer to reaching them.



Duration ca. 6 min.

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Freely, with Energy, but Thoughtful ♩=108

3 *f*

3 5 3

6 *p cresc.*

9 *f* *p* *f*

11

13 *p cresc.*

15 *f*

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18 *molto risoluto* *ff* *p cresc.*

22

24 *f* *p < f*

26

29

31 *molto rit.*

34

a tempo

36 *f*

39

42 *Slower* ♩=70 *rubato* *rit.*

p *f*

46 *a tempo*

p *f*

50

54

57

61

63 *p*

67 *f*

71 *p*

75 *rubato* *p*

80 *mf* *p*

84 *gentle* *pp*

89 *p* *f*

93 *ff*

95

f

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98

ff *sub. p*