

Score

Commissioned for Douglas Sparkes on the occasion of his birthday by Barnaby Kerekes and Friends, December 2007

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Preface

This music is a miracle of our age. In a time when the craft of classical music is in great danger in North America, everyone involved in this project has given unselfishly to produce something much needed in our field of specialty, and world of music.

The launching point for this event is the love held for our friend, teacher, and mentor; Douglas Sparkes. I know that my life changed the moment I met him, when he played me the glissandi from the Firebird Suite by Stravinsky. I never heard anything so loud or so impressive in my life. When I think back to that day, I was almost two hours late due to a misunderstanding, and he was still there for me, despite that. He has always been there since that day. There is nothing more exciting to Doug than music, but this is followed closely by a fierce love of living, and sharing his passions with others -a lesson which I have since come to believe has come in no small part from Richard Erb, a mutual hero of ours and a champion of music in his own right.

With such influences, we can hardly help but to impart a gift of this type to Doug, and could not have done so without the persons listed herein. These are the true champions of our cause, giving selflessly and without hesitation to bring new music to life, the embodiment of the kind of passion we have learnt from Doug. I am humbled to have seen the speed and quantity of persons in getting involved in this.

A deep and special thanks to Elizabeth Raum, who was the picture of support and generosity with her time and skill. We are all truly blessed to have such talent among us.

To Doug, we all wish you a happy birthday and many happy returns.

To my friends and colleagues worldwide, thank you and may we collaborate again.

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Elizabeth Raum







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Elizabeth Raum's works have been heard throughout North America, Europe, South America, China, Japan, and Russia, and have been broadcast extensively on the CBC. She has also written for film and video and has won awards for the scores to numerous documentaries including Saskatchewan River; Like Mother, Like Daughter and the feature length movie, Sparkle. She produced Canada's first classical video with originally written music entitled, Evolution: A Theme With Variations, which was premiered at a gala event at the CBC in 1986. Other film collaborations include Prelude to Parting, The Green Man Ballet, and Symphony of Youth, all broadcast on national television.

An extremely prolific composer, her works include 3 operas, over 70 chamber pieces, 21 vocal works, choral works including an oratorio, several ballets, concerti and major orchestral works.

She has written for some of the world finest artists including the St. Lawrence String Quartet, Canadian soprano, **Tracy Dahl**, trombone virtuoso, **Christian Lindberg**, tuba legend **Roger Bobo**, New York Philharmonic principal horn, **Philip Myers**, the percussion ensemble, **Nexus**, and her daughter, **Erika Raum**. She recently completed major commissions by the **Winnipeg Ballet** and **Symphony Nova Scotia**, and the **St. Lawrence String Quartet**.

Raum has a number of commercial CDs listed, including "how bodies leave ecstatic marks, a CD on which her "Dark Thoughts" was the winning entry for Best Classical Composition for the 2008 Western Music Award.

Ms. Raum is included in the New Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians, the New Grove's Dictionary of Opera, and the New Grove's Dictionary of Women Composers, as well as numerous other publications.













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