

ROGER BRIGGS

PULSARS

for full orchestra

(2010)

INSTRUMENTATION

1 piccolo
2 flutes
2 oboes
1 english horn
2 clarinets in Bb
1 bass clarinet in Bb
2 bassoons
1 contrabassoon

4 horns in F
3 trumpets in C
2 tenor trombones
1 bass trombone
1 tuba

timpani
Percussion 1: bass drum
Percussion 2: xylophone
Percussion 3: vibraphone

celesta
piano
harp

strings

Score is in C with the exception of octave transposing instruments.
Accidentals work in the traditional 19th century manner.

duration ca. 5' 30"

Pulsars (PULSating stARS) emit powerful, regular pulsations of electromagnetic radiation. The observed periods of their pulses range from 1.4 milliseconds to 8.5 seconds. We are surrounded by millions of very dense stars which constanly bombard us with continuous and regular pulsations of enormous energies at varying rates of "tempi".

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Commissioned by Western Washington University and the Whatcom Symphony Orchestra (2009)

Premiered by the Whatcom Symphony Orchestra
Roger Briggs, Conductor
March 14, 2010
Mount Baker Theatre, Bellingham, WA

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Precise

♩ = 126

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Bass Clarinet in B♭

2 Bassoon

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Bass Trombone

Tuba

Timpani

Pc. 1: Bass Drum

Pc. 2: Xylophone

Pc. 3: Vibraphone

Celesta

Piano

Harp

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

a2

1.

secco

ff

ppp

fff

pp

8va

(Arco) hard accents, secco

Pizz. hard accents, secco

ff

A

6

2 Fl.

p *fff* *pp*

2 Ob.

ff

C. A.

p *fff* *pp* *ff*

B. Cl.

ff

2 Bsn.

p *fff* *pp*

Cbsn.

ff

4 Hn.

ff

3 Tpts.

ff

2 Tbn.

ppp *fff*

B. Tbn.

ppp *fff*

Tba.

ppp *fff*

Timp.

B.D.

Pno.

8^{va}

Hp. 1

8^{va}

Vln. I

p *fff* *pp*

Vln. II

p *fff* *pp*

Vla.

p *fff* *pp*

Vc.

Db.

6

11

2 Fl.

2 Ob.

C. A.

B. Cl.

2 Bsn.

Cbsn.

4 Hn.

3 Tpts.

2 Tbn.

Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

B.D.

Pno.

Hp. I

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

11