

The Funky Chicken

for

String Orchestra

David Kechley

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BIOGRAPHY

David Kechley was born in Seattle, Washington, March 16, 1947. Since the premiere of **Second Composition for Large Orchestra** by the Seattle Symphony in 1968, he has produced over 65 major works with nearly 700 performances in the United States, Canada, Europe, Japan and Egypt. His works have been performed and commissioned by the Minnesota Orchestra, Cleveland Orchestra, Boston Pops, Seattle Symphony, North Carolina Symphony, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Kronos Quartet, Lark Quartet and a number of others. Kechley's works have also been featured at national and international conferences including the Music Educators National Conference(1968), American Harp Society(1974), the American Society of University Composers(1981), College Music Society National Conference(1990), World Saxophone Congresses(1985, 1988, 1992), Guitar Foundation of American International Festival(1993) and the 15th Annual New Music and Art Festival at Bowling Green State University.

Kechley was awarded a Fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation in 1979 and has twice received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts. His **Five Ancient Lyrics on Poems by Sappho** was first prize winner of the 1980-81 Shreveport Symphony Composers' Competition and **Concerto for Violin and Strings** won the 1979 Opus Chamber Orchestra Contest for Ohio Composers. **In the Dragon's Garden** was a winner of the 1995 Lee Ettelson Prize and his orchestral work, **Lightning Images**, received honorable

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Violin I

David

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Contrabass

Non Div.

fff p

ff

fff p

ff

fp

9

poco espr.

Non Div. pizz.

p (*secco*)

mf

poco espr.

p

ff

mf

Vlc.

Vlc.

Vlc.

Vlc.