ABSTRACT

Title of dissertation: OVERTURE TO A DREAM

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This piece is not intended as program music. The title does not literally represent the piece itself, but rather my thoughts (my "dreams") while I was writing the piece – in short, my vision, hope, and desires — all the things that I have always dreamed of. In traditional opera, the overture raises the curtain on the action which will follow. It gives the audience a sense of expectancy as well as a hint of how the plot will turn out. Similarly, my "Overture to a Dream" raises the "curtain" of hope that opens on my journey to my life's dreams. I wrote this piece in a free-rondo structure. Then, I let my inner instinct guide me so that musical material comes into play "naturally" rather than following a rigid structural formula. I wanted to follow a flow which keeps coming back to the dynamic theme introduced in the beginning. Its last appearance brings down the curtain. A word that I engraved in my mind while I was composing throughout this music was: contrast. The word led me to compose a Western piece that expresses an apparent contrast with an Eastern sensibility that uses thematic material and motive development from Western compositional technique. From the very beginning of this musical journey

I have constantly strived towards an ideal orchestral sound using standard orchestral instruments, rather than pursuing distinctive, innovative, or experimental music. In conclusion, I had a wonderful opportunity to transform my Eastern way which emphasizes slow movement, chamber sonorities and absence of beat, with a dynamic Western language which emphasizes rhythm, "strong" sound and complicated texture.

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## **INSTRMENTATION**

- 1 Piccolo
- 2 Flutes
- 2 Oboes
- 2 Clarinets in Bb
- 1 Bass Clarinet in Bb
- 2 Bassoons
- 1 Contrabassoon
- 4 Horns in F
- 2 Trumpets in C
- 2 Trombones
- 1 Bass Trombone
- 1 Tuba

Timpani

Percussion (4): Crash Cymbals, Triangle, Cymbal, 5 Wood Blocks, 4 Tom-toms

Glockenspiel (sounds 1 octave higher)

Xylophone (sounds 1 octave higher)

Marimba (sounds as written)

Vibraphone (sounds as written)

Harp

Celesta

Piano

Violins I

Violins II

Violas

Violoncellos

**Double Basses** 

Duration: approximately 6 minutes

The score is transposed.







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