## ORBITAL

## ADRIAN B. SIMS




THE COMPOSER

Adrian B. Sims (b. 2000), born in Seattle, Washington, is an accomplished composer, conductor, educator, and trombonist. His music has been performed at prestigious conferences such as The Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic and at new music reading sessions across the country. His music has also been selected for the Bandworld Top 100 List and many of his works appear on the J.W. Pepper Editors' Choice List. Adrian has been selected as a winner in multiple composition competitions including the Maryland Music Educators Association Young Composers Project and the MakeMusic Young Composers Contest. He is frequently invited to rehearse, conduct, and lead clinics with bands and orchestras across the United States. Adrian is also active as an educator in the Maryland area and has worked with a variety of programs including the Baltimore County Summer Music Camp, Terrapin Music Camp at the University of Maryland, and the DC Youth Orchestra Programs.

Adrian is a graduate of The University of Maryland with degrees in Music Education and Composition. As a trombonist, he has performed in a wide variety of musical ensembles including pit and symphony orchestras as well as jazz and concert bands. Adrian studied trombone with Matthew Guilford, solo bass trombonist with the National Symphony Orchestra, and Aaron LaVere, principal trombonist with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. He is grateful for the continued support from his middle and high school band directors Cindy Stevenson and Christopher Gnagey. He credits Dr. Robert Gibson, Professor of Composition at The University of Maryland, and world-renowned composer Brian Balmages for his development as a composer.


Referring to the orbit of an electron, planet, or anything within the limits of one's imagination, this work is an orbital in all meanings of the word. The music spirals around multiple metric and rhythmic pulses, key areas, and motivic ideas. Beginning softly, the first musical landmark is presented in the clarinets with an oscillation between two notes. As the work continues, powerful melodies and harmonies are introduced, laying the groundwork for the remainder of the piece. Musical developments swing the listener back and forth between multiple thematic ideas that cause tremendous tension and portray gravitational forces. Orbital takes us on a thrilling journey that leads to a climactic point, only to continue raising the intensity level to the final stretch, bringing the piece to a dramatic conclusion.


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