# Electric City

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## by Harrison J. Collins

#### Instrumentation

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Soprano Saxophone 1 - 3 Alto Saxophone 1 - 3 Tenor Saxophone 1 - 3 Baritone Saxophone 1 - 2 Bass Saxophone

#### **Notes**

The metric modulations that take place at measures 183 and 185 are "upshiftings" of tempo - for ease of reading and performance, they are presented as "downshiftings". The alternation between 6/8 and 2/2 is intended to solidify these modulations, and allow the players to feel the change of pulse from the dotted quarter note to the quarter note.

The bass saxophone part can be substituted for a third baritone saxophone (part is included).

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#### **About the Piece**

Electric City is, first and foremost, inspired by the colorful, glowing, metropolitan beauty of the big city at night. For me, this city is Dallas, Texas, a place that is quite close to my hometown and that I have seen and been to frequently. I am always in awe of both the visually pleasing colors of the night city as well as the powerful sense of vitality and life, and as I am frequently in Dallas to hear concerts performed by the Dallas Winds, I have grown to have a strong musical association with this night-life aesthetic. When Dr. Paul Nolen, the saxophone professor at Illinois State University, asked me to compose a work for the ISU Saxophone Studio, I had been particularly missing my home, and so I chose to act on my yearning and write Electric City as an ode to the beauty of Dallas at night.

Musically, the work is informed by both classical and non-classical music that I listen to, and particularly by one of my favorite songs, M83's "Midnight City". Inspired by the vividly descriptive lyrics of that song, *Electric City* can be heard as joyride through a big city that passes through sparkling lights and reflective skyscrapers in the dark of night, accelerating until a final gear shift sends us blazing into the darkness with the glow of the city behind us.

### **About the Composer**

Harrison J. Collins (b. 1999) began composing at the young age of fourteen. Since then, he has made a name for himself across the United States as a skilled composer. He combines his musical studies in academic settings with years of self-teaching and a strong intuition to write music that challenges and connects to performers and listeners alike.

His works for wind ensemble and orchestra are published by Grand Mesa Music Publishers, C. Alan Publications, and Ars Nova Music. He is a winner of numerous composition competitions, including the Dallas Winds Fanfare Competition, the National Young Composers Challenge, the Austin Symphony Orchestra's Texas Young Composers Competition, and multiple Fifteen Minutes of Fame competitions held by Vox Novus- including one in which his work was selected for performance by the acclaimed West Point Band.

Harrison currently studies at Illinois State University with Dr. Roy Magnuson and Dr. Roger Zare, where he is seeking a degree in music composition and music education.

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