Scene from the Silver Plate

Trombone Duet with Piano

Peter Meechan

Music for Brass

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About the piece....

Scene From the Silver Plate takes it's title from the Rio de la Plata, the literal translation being Silver River, although it is more commonly known in English speaking countries as River Plate. The river takes its name not as a reference to colour, but from Sierra del Plata - a legendry, although fictional, treasure trove mountain range, made from silver.

This piece, using some of the traditional music from the region (Variants on the tango etc.), is quasi-incidental music from a fictional film, involving some kind of chase from the silver mountains to the estuary. Our fictional hero also has a romantic interest - will be make it away with his silver, and his lady?

This original version for trombone duet with piano was commissioned by Chris Houlding, and is dedicated to Chris and Brett Baker, who gave the premiere performance.

About the composer....

Peter Meechan is one of the leading compositional talents of his generation writing for brass and wind. His sound world is infused with influences from many different and varied sources to that of his predecessors, including the music of Miles Davis and Pink Floyd, as well as that of Stravinsky and Messiaen.

Born in Nuneaton, England, Peter began his composition studies at the North Warwickshire College, under Simon Hall and Ben Markland. In 1998, he accepted a place at the Royal Northern College of Music, studying composition with Anthony Gilbert, Elena Firsova, David Horne and Adam Gorb.

Following his undergraduate studies at the RNCM Peter was appointed as the first ever 'Young Composer in Association' with the prestigious Black Dyke Band, and later became 'Composer in Residence' at the same band for 2006-2007.

His output for brass and wind has received worldwide acclaim, with performances from many leading ensembles, conductors, and soloists. These include: Steve Mead, Bramwell Tovey, Mark Scatterday, David Childs, David Thornton, James Gourlay, Clark Rundell, Andy Scott, Rob Buckland, Jacques Mauger, Tormod Flaten, Bones Apart Trombone Quartet, Black Dyke Band, Birmingham Symphonic Winds, Eastman Wind Ensemble, Coldstream Guards and the RNCM Wind Orchestra. He has had works featured on over 15 CD's.

In February 2002, Peter's composition 'Revamp', was featured alongside the music of McCabe and Gregson in 'The Gregson Connection' - a mini festival dedicated to the music of RNCM Principal, Edward Gregson. Whilst in November 2003, Peter's music for Euphonium was showcased in 'Brilliant Minds', a concert at the RNCM International Tuba and Euphonium Festival.

His music for brass bands has been used in contests in across the globe, including the National Finals of Belgium and Australia. Whilst his music for winds has been featured at festivals throughout Europe and North America, including the Midwest Clinic in Chicago and at the BASBWE International Wind Festival.

Peter's music has received many performances, as well as radio and television broadcasts, across the globe. Whilst still in the early stages of his career, Peter has established himself as one of his generations' leading composers writing for brass and wind.

For more information about Peter Meechan, please visit his website - www.petemeechan.com

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