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Mirrorball for SATB choir and piano

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Arranged by Timothy C. Takach





Inspired by captivating narrative, speculative fiction and making better humans through art, the music of Timothy C. Takach has risen fast in the concert world. Applauded for his melodic lines, thoughtful text choices and rich, intriguing harmonies, Takach has received commissions and performances from Roomful of Teeth, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, St. Olaf Band, Cantus, Pavia Winds, Lorelei Ensemble, VocalEssence, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, The Rose Ensemble, and numerous other organizations. His compositions have been performed on A Prairie Home Companion, The Boston Pops holiday tour, numerous All-State and festival programs and at venues such as the Library of Congress, Kennedy Center and Royal Opera House Muscat. He is a co-creator of the theatrical production of All is Calm: the Christmas Truce of 1914, by Peter Rothstein.

Takach studied music composition at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, and has frequent national work as a composer-in-residence, presenter, clinician and lecturer. He is a full-time composer and lives in Minneapolis with his wife and two sons.

From the Arranger:

I've loved Elbow's "Mirrorball" for a long time, and I knew for a few reasons that it was a song that could live on the concert stage alongside traditional concert repertoire. First, I'm delighted by the poetic quality of the lyrics. Pop song lyrics can be a bit obvious and direct, but Elbow's lyrics have a quality that I look for when I'm setting poetry to original music, and I'm really picky in that way. Second, the music itself has a gauzy, rich texture that is painted by the combination of a recurring piano ostinato and lush chords from the singers. The song is about being newly in love, and the choir colors that story with rich harmonies and sinuous melodies.

- Timothy C. Takach, 2020

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Selected vocal works by Timothy C. Takach:			
Mixed Voices	And I Saw As the Sunflower Turns on Her God Fragile MOMENTS IN FILM: A Mural of Change MOMENTS IN FILM: Insidious MOMENTS IN FILM: Flying Solo Nubes Oriebatur: the eruption of Vesuvius One Boy Told Me Ragnarök Su Rahva Koda (The House of Your Kindred)		SATB div. a cappella SSAATBB div, Sop. solo, SSATB soli, a cappella SATB, hand drum SATB, piano SATB, piano SATB, piano SSATBB a cappella SATB, piano SATB div. a cappella SSAATTBB a cappella
Treble Voices	And I Saw Bahihii Waaliidkay Dhaqay Cassiopeia Duende How to Triumph Like a Girl There is No Rose Torn Map	(Graphite Publishing) (Lorelei Ensemble) (Graphite Publishing)	SSAA, SS soli, a cappella
TB Voices	Empty Goodbye, Then Kin Mad Original Harmony Rough Beast	(Colla Voce)	TB (opt. div), piano, opt. djembe TBB choir, Bb clarinet, piano TB, piano TB, piano TTBB a cappella TTBB, percussion
Large Works	At Home (ca. 15') Helios (ca. 65') The Longest Nights (ca. 21') This is How You Love (ca. 35') composed with Jocelyn True North (ca. 16') We, the Unknown (ca. 40')	ı Hagen	SATB, flute, clarinet SATB a cappella SATB, piano or string quartet SATB div. a cappella SATB, chamber orchestra TTBB, soloists, chamber orchestra

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