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## Festival Music (2020)

Duration: 2 minutes

### Instrumentation:

- 6 Trumpets in C
- 4 Horns in F
- 4 Trombones
- 2 Tubas
- Timpani
- **Bass Drum**
- Suspended cymbal

### Notes:

Festival Music was written to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Eastman School of Music, which opened its doors in the 1921-22 academic year. The fanfare is inspired by the glorious Eastman Theatre, and more specifically, by a mural titled "Festival Music" by Ezra Winter that is painted on the side of the theatre.

Perhaps the most celebratory mural on the theatre walls, it depicts a scene full of music and fanfare with soaring mountains in the background. One of the most striking features of the mural is a series of three trumpeters playing in the center of the mural, with red flags hanging from their trumpets. These heralding trumpets first drew me to the mural, and so I decided to open the fanfare with just trumpets. In the painting, other brass players and percussionists are seen just beneath the trumpeters, and in the music, these players enter shortly after the trumpets introduce a key motive of the work.

The music is dedicated to the Eastman School of Music – to George Eastman and Ezra Winter and the many individuals that helped in ways large and small to build the school. It is also dedicated to the many faculty and staff who have made it a place where music continues to thrive, and where young people like myself dream of coming and being a part of the historic legacy. Meliora!

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