

Quintilian

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INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B Clarinet
- 2 B Bass Clarinet
- 6 El Alto Saxophone
- 4 Bl-Tenor Saxophone/Baritone T.C.
- 2 El Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B Trumpet
- 4 Horn in F

- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon
- 4 Tuba
- 2 Mallet Percussion (Chimes [opt. Bells], Marimba [opt. Xylophone])
- 1 Timpani
- 3 Percussion I (Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Triangle).
- 3 Percussion II (Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymba Tambourine)

PROGRAM NOTES

Quintilian was inspired by the work of the ancient Roman philosopher and educator of the same name. Following the lead of Plato and Aristotle, Quintilian set forth the original seven liberal arts—grammer, rhetoric, logic, arithmetic, geometry, astronomy, and music—as the ideal curriculum for educated citizens of public life. These citizens included senators, lawyers, teachers, civil servants, and politicians.

Following a fanfare statement inspired by the Roman style based on the interval of the fifth, the composer has chosen to continue the quintal theme with the use of a 5/4 meter. The piece develops trhoughout with the number 5 constatnly reappearing in both harmony and meter, drawing to an exciting conclusion.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The opening fanfare should be as energetic as possible. Following the initial reading, I suggest sustaining each interval in the brass to ensure proper relative pitch placement. The fanfare should build to bar 17, followed by the dynamic push into measure 19.

The 5/4 meter may be considered by some as a "stretch" for the young ensemble. However, I have taken care to keep the beat groupings throughout as 3+2. The melodic line lies comfortably in five and should not feel awkward to the ensemble. The ostinato will give the entire group a feeling of security as they interact with the recurring rhythmic motif.

The percussion section is featured in bars 77 and 78. Be sure to keep the energy moving through these bars leading to the final statement.

I hope you and your ensemble find the *Quintilian* to be a rewarding musical experience. Best wishes for a great performance!



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