# VARIATION V

FOR WIND ENSEMBLE

KEVIN DAY
arr. for wind ensemble by
HARRISON J. COLLINS

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## by Kevin Day, arranged by Harrison J. Collins

## Instrumentation

Piccolo

Flute 1 - 2

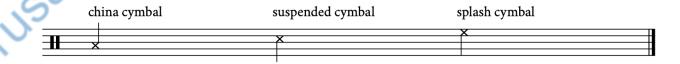
Oboe

English Horn

Bb Trumpet 1 - 3 (2./3. straight mutes needed)
F Horn 1 - 4
Trombone 1 - 2 (2. straight mute needed)
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\*Cymbals Setup:

#### **Double Bass**



## Piano

## Percussion

- 1. Timpani
- 2. Xylophone
- 3. Marimba
- 4. Cymbals Setup\*
- 5. Djembe
- 6. Four Toms
- Grade: 5 7. Snare Drum, Shaker
- 8. Bass Drum

Duration: ca. 2:15

#### **About the Piece**

I have had the privilege of working with my friend and colleague Kevin Day in various scenarios for many years. We work together as board members for the Millennium Composers Initiative, and we are founding members of the Aurora Tapestry Collective. Although he graduated long before my appearance there, we have even studied at the same school for our undergrad, Texas Christian University, with the same teacher, Dr. Neil Anderson-Himmelspach. I have loved Kevin's music dearly ever since I first heard it, and I admire Kevin himself to no end for his wisdom, compassion, brilliance, humor, and ambition. So, I'm always glad for new opportunities to work with him!

In 2020, Kevin was commissioned by the Tesla Quartet to compose *Variation V* for string quartet. It was commissioned as a part of the "Alternating Currents" Quarantunes Project, and is based on the fifth variation of the *Andante Cantabile* from Beethoven's *String Quartet in A Major, Op. 18, No. 5.* This work happens to be one of my favorites of Kevin's, and it occurred to me that it could work as an excellent concert opener or encore. I called Kevin and proposed the idea, and he enthusiastically allowed me to create this arrangement. I worked quickly and with determination; the result is a colorful arrangement that I consciously attempted to imbue with Kevin's musical voice and that, inevitably, is also imbued with my own voice.

### About the Composer

An American whose music has been characterized by "propulsive, syncopated rhythms, colorful orchestration, and instrumental virtuosity," (Robert Kirzinger, Boston Symphony) Composer Kevin Day has quickly emerged as one of the leading young voices in the world of music composition today, whose music ranges from powerful introspection to joyous exuberance. Kevin Day is an internationally acclaimed composer, conductor, and pianist, whose music often intersects between the worlds of jazz, minimalism, Latin music, fusion, and contemporary classical idioms. Day serves as the Vice President of the Millennium Composers Initiative, a collective of more than 120 composers from several countries around the world.

A winner of the BMI Student Composer Award, a three-time finalist for the ASCAP Morton Gould Young Composer Award, and considered for the 2022 Pulitzer Prize for his Concerto for Wind Ensemble, Day has composed over 200 works, and has had numerous performances throughout the United States, Russia, Austria, Australia, Taiwan, South Africa, and Japan. His works have been programmed by the symphonies of Boston, San Francisco, Detroit, Indianapolis, Houston, and more, as well as several top professional and collegiate wind ensembles. His works have been performed at Carnegie Hall, Rachmaninov Hall (Russia), The Midwest Clinic, and other major venues, and recently he had his Carnegie Hall Conducting Debut at the 2022 New York International Music Festival.

Day has collaborated with the likes of David Childs, Nicki Roman, James Markey, Wendy Richman, Jens Lindemann, Demondrae Thurman, Hiram Diaz, Steven Cohen, Jeremy Lewis, and more on works for their respective instruments, as well as chamber ensembles like One Found Sound, Axiom Brass, Ensemble Dal Niente, The Sheffield Chamber Players, The Puerto Rican Trombone Ensemble, The Zenith Saxophone Quartet, The Tesla Quartet, and the Boston Symphony Orchestra Low Brass Section.

Day is currently Assistant Professor of Composition at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. He is pursuing his DMA in Composition from the University of Miami Frost School of Music, where he studies with Charles Norman Mason, Dorothy Hindman, and Lansing McCloskey. He holds a MM in Composition from the University of Georgia, and BM in Performance from Texas Christian University (TCU). He is alumnus of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America.

### About the Arranger

Harrison J. Collins (b. 1999) began composing at the young age of thirteen. 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, orchestra, and chamber ensembles are published by Murphy Music Press, C. Alan Publications, and more, and have been performed across the United States and internationally. He is a winner of numerous composition competitions, including the Sinta Quartet Composition Competition, the Dallas Winds Fanfare Competition, and the National Young Composers Challenge. Harrison is a proud representative and board member for the Millennium Composers Initiative, through which he seeks to provide opportunities for other composers to grow and reach new heights. In 2022, he founded the Aurora Tapestry Collective with his friends Kevin Day, Josh Trentadue, and Katahj Copley.

Harrison spent several years at Illinois State University, where he studied composition with Dr. Roy Magnuson and Dr. Roger Zare. Harrison currently studies at Texas Christian University with Dr. Neil Anderson-Himmelspach and Dr. Till Meyn, where he is seeking a degree in music composition.























