

About The Composer

Mr. Beckel graduated from the Indiana University School of Music and has been the Principal Trombonist with the Indianapolis Symphony since 1969. He is also on the music faculty at DePauw University and the University of Indianapolis. In addition to these responsibilities he has been a very active composer and arranger. Mr. Beckel was born in Marion, Ohio in 1948.

Many original works have been performed by several professional orchestras such as Minneapolis, St. Louis, Atlanta, Houston, Boston Pops, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Buffalo, Detroit, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Rochester, Charlotte, Nashville, Fort Wayne, Rhode Island, Springfield, Evansville, Tampa, Arkansas, Oklahoma City, Phoenix, Terre Haute, South Bend, Omaha, Knoxville, Delaware, West Virginia, Chautauqua, New Mexico, etc.

Mr. Beckel has received many composition grants. He has been an Individual Arts Fellow through the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts, and recently was one of 50 composers chosen nationwide to be part of the *Continental Harmony Project*. "**Liberty for All**" was written for that commission from *Composers Forum*. "**The Glass Bead Game**" was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. "**The Glass Bead Game: Concerto for Horn and Orchestra**" was premiered by the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra on November 10, 1997. Kent Leslie was the horn soloist. Many of Beckel's works have been recorded and broadcast nationally. The Indianapolis Symphony performed the world premiere of "**Toccata for Orchestra**" in March of 2007 with Maestro Venzago conducting. Mr. Beckel has also written several works for brass choir and brass quintet. Some of the other works written by the composer include:

"Night Visions"	<i>A four movement programmatic work for orchestra</i>
"The American Dream"	<i>A patriotic overture written for orchestra. This work is also available for band through Hal Leonard Music</i>
"Waltz of the Animals"	<i>A Children's work for orchestra and Narrator</i>
"Celebrations"	<i>A jazz pops overture for orchestra</i>
"A Christmas Fanfare"	<i>A Christmas overture for orchestra. Also available for Brass Choir</i>
"A Gospel Christmas Medley"	<i>A medley of Gospel songs arranged for orchestra</i>
"Musica Mobilis"	<i>An exciting overture for orchestra. Also available for Brass Choir</i>
"A Christmas Medley"	<i>A medley of Christmas songs for brass septet</i>
"Three Sketches for Orchestra"	<i>A three movement work for orchestra featuring jazz trombone soloist</i>
"Amazing Grace"	<i>An arrangement of this hymn favorite for orchestra with optional choir and vocal soloist available for sale</i>
"Liberty for All"	<i>A Patriotic work for Symphony Orchestra & Narrator. This work is also available for band.</i>
"Overture for a New Age"	<i>Overture for Orchestra</i>
"Make a Joyful Noise"	<i>Festive overture for chamber orchestra.</i>
"Freedoms Hope"	<i>A work for brass quintet and optional percussion</i>
"Fantasy after Schubert"	<i>A work for symphony orchestra based on Schubert themes</i>
"Gardens of Stone"	<i>A patriotic work for both band and orchestra.</i>

All works are listed with B.M.I. Inquiries contact Mr. Beckel at Musbeck @MSN.com