

Composers from the African Diaspora



Selected concert repertoire from Wise Music Classical

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Michael Abels (born 1962)
[Get Out: Main Title](#) (2017) 1'20" 
chorus, ensemble
[Us: Anthem](#) (2019) 3' 
children's chorus, chorus; 6perc, str




David Baker (1931–2016)
[Concerto for Cello](#) (1975) 24' 
Cello; 1111/2000/timp.perc/str [no vc]
[Kosbro](#) (1973) 13' 
3333/4331/timp.perc.xyl/pf/str





Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875–1912)
[On Away! Awake Beloved](#) (1898) 6' 
Tenor; 2222/4000/hp/str




William L. Dawson (1899–1990)
[Negro Folk Symphony](#) (1934/1952) 35' 
3333/4231/timp.3perc/hp/str







Anthony Davis (born 1951)
[Esu Variations](#) (1995) 11'
4444/4431/timp.3perc/str
[Notes from the Underground](#) (1988) 9' 
2222/2221/perc.xyl.mba.vib/pf/str
[Wayang V](#) (1984) 25' 
Piano; 2121/2120/timp.4perc/str



Julius Eastman (1940–1990)
[The Holy Presence of Joan d'Arc](#) (1981)
21' 
10vc
[Symphony No. II](#) (1983) 22'
3466/0033/6timp/str





Duke Ellington (1899–1974)
[Black, Brown and Beige](#) (1943) 18' 
333.2sax.3/4431/timp.3perc/hp/str
[Harlem](#) (1950) 18' 
333.5sax.2/4531/timp.2[+]perc/hp.kbd(db)/str
[Night Creature](#) (1956) 17' 
222.4{+}sax.2/4431/timp.2perc/hp/str
[The River](#) (1970) 30' 
2222/4331/timp.2perc/hp.pf/str




Merger Ellington (1919–1996)
[Things Ain't What They Used to Be](#) (1942) 10'
2243/5431/vib.dmkit/[pf]/str





Scott Joplin (1868–1917)
[The Chrysanthemum, An Afro-American Intermezzo](#) 4' 
pic, cl, tpt, tbn, tba, dms, pf, 2vn, va, vc, db
[Sugar Cane, A Ragtime Two-Step](#) 3'30" 
fl, cl, tpt, tbn, tba, dms, pf, 2vn, va, vc, db





Ulysses Kay (1917–1995)
[Serenade](#) (1954) 18' 
2222/4331/timp/str
[Suite](#) (1945) 17'
3333/4331/perc/pf/str



George Lewis (born 1952)
[Minds in Flux](#) (2021) 27' 
2222/2211/timp.2perc/pf.hp/electronics/str
[Weathering](#) (2023) 17' 
2222/2211/timp.2perc/pf.hp/str



Shawn E. Okpebholo (born 1981)
[Kutumbua Kivumbi \(Stomp the Dust\)](#)
(2016) 10' 
3232/4331/4perc/pf.hp/str
[Two Black Churches](#) (2020-24) 17' 
Baritone; 2232/3231/timp.2perc/pf(CEL).hp/str

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[Florence Price](#) (1887–1953)

[The Oak](#) 13' 

4332/4331/timp.4perc/hp/str

[Piano Concerto in One Movement](#)

(1934) 40' 

Piano; 1121/2220/timp.3perc/str


[Violin Concerto No. 2](#) 14' 

Violin; 2222/0200/timp/str



[Chevalier de Saint-Georges](#) (c. 1739–1799)

[Symphonie Concertante in G Major, Op. 13](#)


(1775) 20' 

2 Violins; str



[Tyshawn Sorey](#) (born 1980)

[Adagio \(For Wadada Leo Smith\)](#)

(2022) 20' 

Alto sax; 2222/0220/timp/str

[For George Lewis](#) (2019) 51' 

1121/1110/2vib/pf/str

[For Roscoe Mitchell](#) (2020) 20' 

Cello; 2222/2200/timp/str



[William Grant Still](#) (1895–1978)

[Afro-American Symphony](#) (1930) 24' 

3342/4331/timp.3perc/hp.cel.bjo/str



[Howard Swanson](#) (1907–1978)

[Concerto for Orchestra](#) (1954) 19' 

2202/4231/str

[Short Symphony](#) (1948) 11' 

2(pic)222/2210/timp/str



[Joseph White \(José White Lafitte\)](#)


(1835–1918)

[Concerto in F-sharp Minor](#) (1864) 22' 

Violin; str



[Olly Wilson](#) (1937–2018)

[Akwan](#) (1972) 16' 

Piano (electric); 2233/4331/4perc/str,
amp str(4vn, 2va, 2vc)

[Hold On: Symphony No. 3](#) (1998) 40' 

4332/4331/timp.3perc/pf.hp/str



[John Wesley Work III](#) (1901–1967)

[The Singers](#) (1946) 15'

Baritone; Chorus; 2222/0000/timp/str

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