

Vuelta del Fuego

for brass quintet

Kevin McKee

Written for the Continuum Brass Quintet

The idea for Vuelta del Fuego came from a love of that cliché Spanish/Mexican Zorro sound that mixes over-the-top romance with unabashed flair and swagger. As with Escape, my goal was to write music that is fun, exciting, and fulfilling for both the performers and the audience.

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Kevin McKee is a native of Yreka, CA, where he began playing trumpet in fifth grade at the urging of his father who is the high school music teacher in town. Following high school, Kevin earned a Bachelors Degree from California State University, Sacramento and a Masters Degree in trumpet performance from the University of Maryland, College Park, graduating in 2006. While in school, Kevin attended the Aspen Music Festival, the National Orchestral Institute, and the Music Masters Course in Kazusa, Japan. His primary teachers have been Chris Gekker, Steve Hendrickson, Gary Dilworth, and Kevin Cobb. Kevin is a member of the Continuum Brass Quintet and the Great Noise Contemporary Chamber Ensemble. He is also a freelance trumpeter and teacher in the Washington D.C. area.

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Vuelta del Fuego

Majestic and Lush ♩ = 60 (Ride of Fire)

Kevin McKee (2007)

1 Trumpet in B \flat

2 Horn in F

Trombone

Tuba/Bass trbn.

5 f

rit. = 76 Like restless headwaters

rit. rit. rit. rit.

mf sfp

mp accel. mp accel. mp accel. mp accel.

C *With Flair and Swagger!*

D

E

Q *With Flair and Swagger!*

215

220

R