

## **Program Notes**

*Pledge* was commissioned for an all American composers concert in April 2010 during the Butler School of Music's Second Annual Research Week. The piece was inspired by my own feelings regarding America as well as the reputation our country has acquired throughout the world. This piece questions where our nation will go from here, and what the future may hold for us. To compose the trombone melody for the A section of the piece I set the text of the Pledge of Allegiance to music, resulting in a singing, syllabic style.

## **About The Composer**

Shane Lamb is a composer and pianist living in Austin, Texas. Shane graduated from the University of Texas in 2010 with a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Composition and a Performance Certificate in Piano. Shane has had works commissioned for the Kimoni Duo, a Butler School of Music Research Week Concert, and several student films. Shane teaches piano lessons and writes music for his band Black Ladder, an instrumental trio that combines elements of classical and rock music.

# Pledge

Bass Trombone

Shane Lamb

for Bass Trombone and Piano

**Pensive** ♩ = 56  
*a piacere*

*in tempo*

*pp* *p* *mf* *f* *p* *mp*

5

10 *rit.* . . . *a tempo* **4** *accel.* . . . ♩ = 84

*ff* *pp* *pp* *f* *pp* *f*

22 *legato*

*p* *p* *p*

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*a piacere* *in tempo*

Bass Trombone

Piano

*con pedale*

4

8

*pp* *p* *mf*

*f* *p* *mp* *p*

*f* *mp* *p*

*mf* *ff* *pp*

*mf* *l.h.* *r.h.* *l.h.* *r.h.* *ff* *mf*

*8<sup>va</sup>* *l.h.* *8<sup>vb</sup>* *Ped.*