Trumpet

RIDGE-RUNNER

an uninterrupted suite





II.













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An Uninterrupted Suite for Trumpet and Piano

Commissioned by the International Women's Brass Conference at Western Michigan University, June 6-10, 2012

Premiered June 8, 2012 by Karin Bliznik, trumpet; and Judy Moonert and Greg Secor, percussion, at the International Women's Brass Conference at Western Michigan University

Duration: 9 minutes

PROGRAM NOTE

Ridge-Runner, originally composed for Bb trumpet and percussion, is an uninterrupted suite in five sections. The term "ridge-runner" is American slang referring loosely to a number of characters—the southern farmer, the mountaineer, the moonshiner—people of wit, perseverance, and self-reliance, people who don't mind dealing with the elements. It struck me that solo trumpet performers are akin to ridge-runners in their spirit, energy and daring. So I set about composing this piece by basing its personality in abstract vernacular music—banjo picking, ballad, jazz, harmonica—and treating it as a serious concert piece. My aim is to bring the experience of ridge-running into the concert hall.

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