Sean Klink

WINDS OF CENTURIES

for BRASS QUINTET

2024

PROGRAM NOTES:

Environmentalist and author, Sigurd F. Olson (1899-1982) was a significant figure in American preservation work. He helped draft the Wilderness Act of 1964, assisted in establishing Voyageurs National Park, and even worked with President Jimmy Carter to federally protect the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness—a lifelong goal of his, achieved only four years before his death. In his writings, he emphasized that land was meant to be loved and that one could find personal fulfillment in nature. Throughout his life, he witnessed the destruction of ecosystems dear to him which destroyed wildlife and ancestral Native American lands. He was sensitive to the fact that the earth has been shaped over the course of centuries and millennia and during humankind's relatively brief period of influence, significant preventable losses have occurred. Today, the normalization of the loss of this land has sunken so deep into the public consciousness that protests to prevent its destruction have been consistently met with hostility. He hoped that, by the end of his life, he had made some kind of impact toward a future where our land can be protected for generations to come.

I wrote *Winds of Centuries* as I was reading Olson's book *Listening Point*. I have often tried to emulate natural phenomena in my music and Olson's colorful descriptions of geologic time-scales and the glaciers that shaped Northern Minnesota stood out to me. My piece parallels these slow-moving forces. The harmony develops gradually and systematically as the rhythms become more and more animated. By the end of the piece, the gentle winds of the opening are replaced with tension and a more activated texture as the performers fade in and out with pulsing rhythms—as if leaving only their footprints behind them.

PERFORMANCE NOTES:

This score is transposed.

All repeated notes should be as connected as possible.

While scored for bass trombone, the part was written to also be playable on tuba.

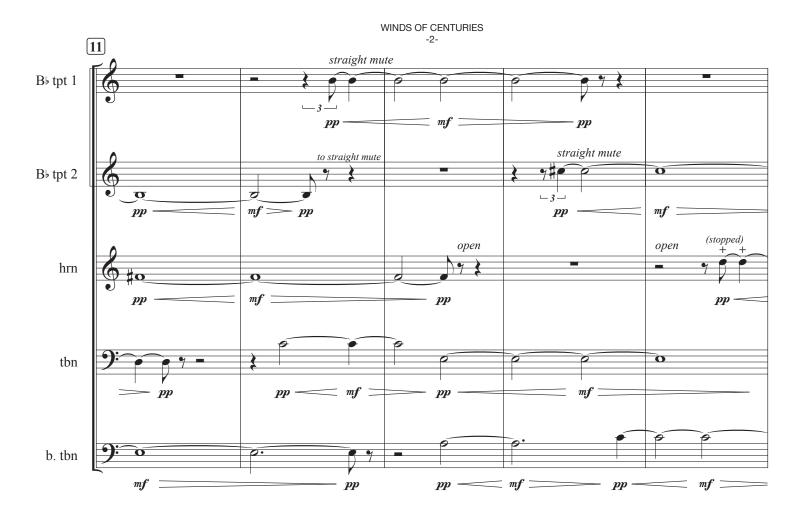
Mutes:Trumpet 1Harmon, StraightTrumpet 2Harmon, StraightHornStraightTromboneHarmon

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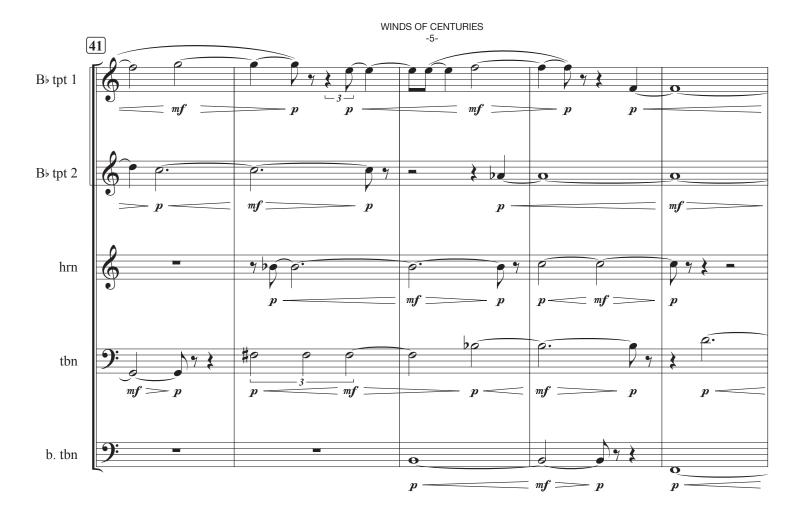












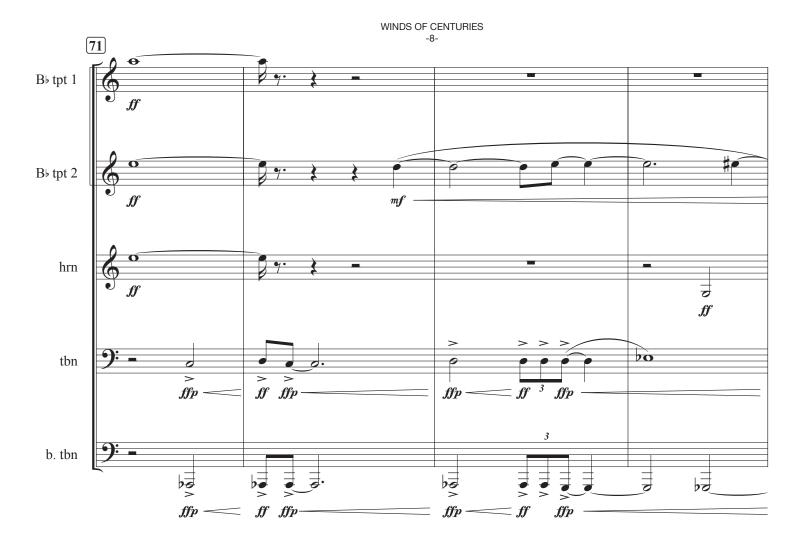














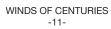
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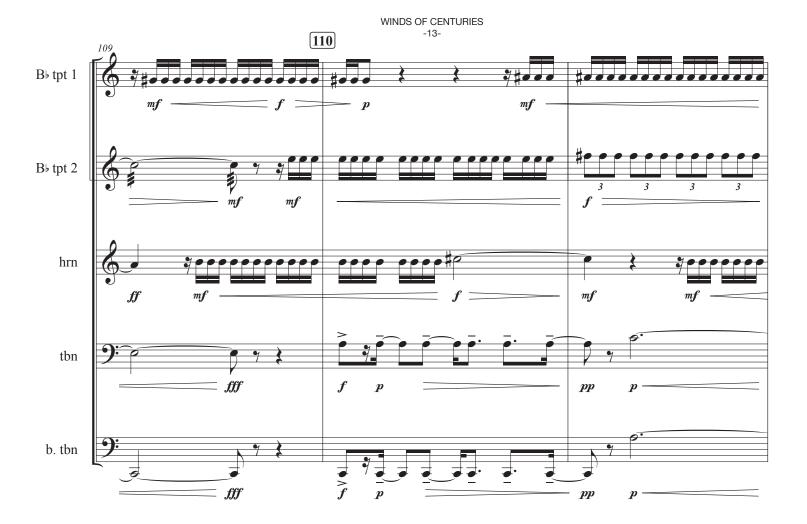














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