

Archipelagos (2012)

Program Notes

Archipelagos is a short interlude scored for seven percussionists. This piece was inspired by the music of Indonesia, specifically Balinese and Javanese gamelan. The music is buoyant and aggressive at times and delicate and austere at others. The piece features unique textures, timbres, and instruments like flowerpots and tuned aluminum pipes to emulate the sounds of the gamelan.

Archipelagos was commissioned by the Shadow Ridge Middle School Honors Winds under the direction of Chris Meredith and Alicia DeSoto for their performance at the 2012 Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, IL.

-Dave Hall