#### **CONCERT BAND SERIES**

# **NIL SINE LABORE**

by

#### RALPH HULTGREN

DURATION: 5'00" LEVEL: 3.5

#### **INSTRUMENTATION**

1 – Score	2 – Trumpet 1
1 - Piccolo	2 – Trumpet 2
3 – Flute 1	2 – Trumpet 3
3 – Flute 2	2 – French Horn 1
1 – Oboe 1	2 – French Horn 2
1 – Oboe 2	3 – Trombone 1
1 – Bassoon 1	3 Crocabone 2
1 – Bassoon 2	H-Bass Trombone
3 – Clarinet 1	2 – Euphonium BC
3 – Clarinet 1 3 – Clarinet 2	1 – Euphonium TC
3 – Clarinet	4-Tuba
2 — Bass Carinet	1 – Timpani
2 – Alto Saxophone 1	1 – Glockenspiel
2 – Alto Saxophone 2	1 – Xylophone
2– Tenor Saxophone	1 – Chimes
1 – Baritone Saxophone	2 – Percussion 1 snare drum/bass drum

## **Band Music**

2 – Percussion 2 crash & suspended cymbal

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#### **Program Notes:**

*Nil Sine Labore* is the motto of Brisbane Girls Grammar School, which commissioned this work for ceremonial occasions for their school community. The motto is emblematic of the school's instrumental music program and its Coordinator of Bands, Laurinda Davidson – *Nothing Without Work*.

The work is a grand ceremonial prelude, or a recessional. It displays the resilience and strength of the young woman who graduate from the school to take part in all walks of life. It is resonant of the students who assemble each week to make music together in the five bands the school hosts, striving as they do, through hard work, to ensure the finest artistic outcomes and to celebrate their own and their colleague's achievements.

#### **Rehearsal Notes:**

Please focus on the style, which should be a matter the conductor would apprehend quickly. That means:

- Accented notes are not to be reparated e.g. *marcato* (>), which should be bell like and not shortened.
- The sound should be resonant and that cannot be achieved if the notes are clipped and lacking substance
- Clarity is not dirtinished in such a case but sonority and richness are enhanced.
- Shaping of phrases is made more complete by ensuring the accompaniment shapes lines as well as melody.

The work is constructed to enable the requirements of varying ceremonial occasions to be met, with a short, medium and complete performance options available by utilising the potential cuts noted below. They are provided with a sense of musicality giving order to the options shown.

- 1. End of bar 12 to 63 Large cut
- 2. Do no repeat at 29, straight to the 2<sup>nd</sup> time bar Shorter cut
- 3. End of bar 62 to 89 Medium cut (not as 'comfortable' as the ones above)
- 4. End of bar 62 to 109 Large cut
- 5. End of bar 26 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> time bar at bar 45 Medium cut (not as 'comfortable' as the ones above)
- 6. End of bar 25 to 63 Large cut
- 7. End of bar 28 to 69 Large cut

#### **About the Composer:**

Ralph Hultgren is currently the Artistic Director of the Australian International Music Festival – Sydney. He is a freelance teacher, composer and conductor having held tenured positions at Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University and the Queensland University of Technology, where he lectured in Composition, Conducting, Music Education and Instrumental Music Pedagogy. He also holds an adjunct position at QCGU supervising Doctoral and Masters in composition and Music Education.

Dr Hultgren has been invested into the Order of Australia as a Member in the General Division (AM). This esteemed national honour sits alongside his professional awards that include being Patron of the Maryborough Music Conference, becoming a recipient of the Midwest Clinic – Chicago, International Award, and the Australian Band and Orchestra Directors' Association's Citation of Excellence, located along with Life Membership in ABODA. Dr Hultgren is a member of the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles, a full writer member of the Australasian Performing Right Association and the Australasian Mechanical Copyright Owners Society. His compositional output ranges from educational and amateur performing groups to the professional studio and stage, and his conducting credits are equally broad. He continues to conduct, by invitation, across Australia, the Asia Pacific region and North America.

Dr Hultgren loves to read and to listen to fine music in all tenges.

N.B. Please include the details of this work in the Performing Rights-Return or send details of the performance to the publisher

SAMPLE SCORE

# Commissioned by the Symphonic Winds of Brisbane Girls Gammar School Brisbane, Australia, 2018 Nil Sine Labore

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