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Tanya Satteson. March transports us through time with **Symphony Idol**, starring *American Idol* finalists LaKisha Jones, Haley Scarnato, and Matt Giraud performing pop, rock, Broadway, and country favorites. **American Masters** concludes our superb season with the works of three irresistible American composers, Leonard Bernstein, Duke Ellington, and George Gershwin.

As I begin my fifth season at the helm of this wonderful orchestra, I am reminded of so many people who have enabled the Butler County Symphony to flourish into its 68th year. Our musicians' commitment to excellence will inspire you with their impassioned performances. The continued support of you, our audience, is the very reason our organization continues to thrive. We invite you to join the Butler County Symphony today and let us fill your hearts with the greatest music ever written. Welcome to our 2016-17 season!

Sincerely,
Matthew Kraemer
Music Director & Conductor



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BIOGRAPHY:

MATTHEW KRAEMER

music director

Recognized for his “musical sensitivity” and “energized sense of interpretation,” Matthew Kraemer is quickly making his mark among young American conductors for his inspired performances and versatility. Following an extensive international search, Mr. Kraemer was appointed Music Director and Principal Conductor of the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra in July 2015. He also serves as Music Director of the Butler County Symphony and begins his fifth and final season as Music Director of the Erie Chamber Orchestra. His active guest conducting schedule has included appearances with many of the nation’s finest orchestras, including the Atlanta, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Columbus, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Nashville, North Carolina, Saint Louis, Spokane, and Syracuse symphony orchestras. He has also appeared with Canada’s Mississauga Symphony and Hamilton Philharmonic and in Europe with the Vidin Philharmonic and the Orquesta de Cadaqués. Upcoming season highlights include productions of *Happy Birthday Wanda*, *June* (world premiere), *The Barber of Seville*, and *The Jewel Box* with Indianapolis Opera, *La Traviata* with the ECO, and *EarShot* composer readings with the ICO. The 2016-17 season also brings return engagements to the Rochester Philharmonic, Erie Philharmonic, Toledo Symphony, and West Michigan Symphony.

Mr. Kraemer served as associate conductor of the Buffalo Philharmonic from 2009 to 2014, where he regularly led the orchestra on each of its concert series. A passionate advocate for new music, he has performed the works of many living composers during his career. Increasingly recognized for his commitment to music education and his devotion to young audiences, he has created numerous arts education programs and has taught at several music festivals both in the United States and abroad. Prior to his appointment in Buffalo, he served for three seasons as associate conductor of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, where he led the orchestra in over 200 performances statewide. His performances have been broadcast regularly on NPR’s Performance Today.

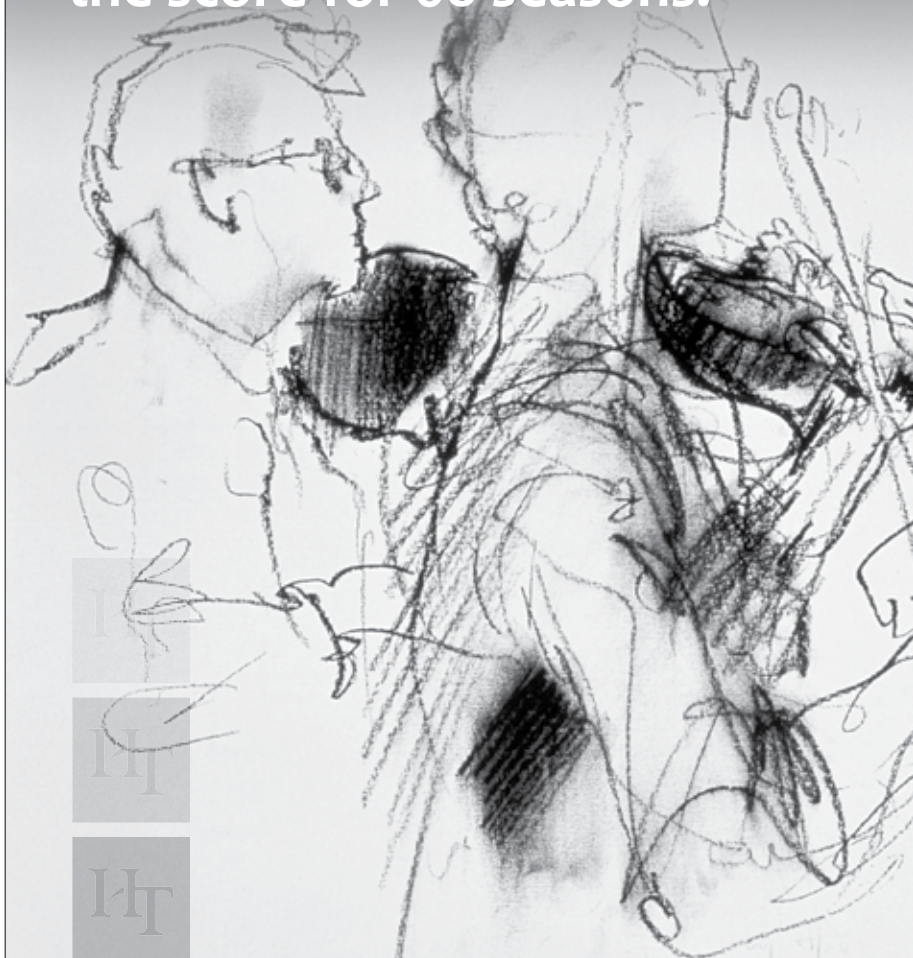
Recipient of the Herbert von Karajan Conducting Fellowship and the Bruno Walter Career Development Grant, Mr. Kraemer served a residency with the Vienna Philharmonic at the 2006 Salzburg Music Festival. He has collaborated with many leading artists, including Lang Lang, Jennifer Koh, Elmar Oliveira, Rachel Barton Pine, Awadagin Pratt, Richard Stolzman, Wu Man, Bela Fleck, Ben Folds, the Indigo Girls, Chris Botti, and Natalie Merchant. A frequent collaborator with Broadway superstar Idina Menzel, he has served as conductor for many of her numerous symphony engagements nationwide.



An Indiana native, Mr. Kraemer studied conducting in Vienna, Austria with Salvador Mas Conde. He was also a fellowship conductor at the American Academy of Conducting at Aspen and the National Arts Center Conductor’s Program in Ottawa, Canada. His conducting teachers include David Zinman, Robert Spano, Stanley DeRusha, and Jorma Panula. Mr. Kraemer is a graduate of Butler

University and the University of Nevada, where he assisted former Cincinnati Symphony concertmaster Phillip Ruder. An accomplished violinist in his own right, he was a member of the Nightingale String Quartet. When he is not performing, Mr. Kraemer enjoys cooking, running, and reading. He and his wife Megan reside in Indianapolis with their sons Gabriel and Nathaniel.

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Matthew Kraemer, Music Director & Conductor
Butler County Symphony Choir
Directed by Heather & Bryan Helsel

John Stafford Smith 1750-1836	The Star-Spangled Banner
Samuel Ward (arr. Dragon) 1848-1903	America the Beautiful Butler County Symphony Choir
William Steffe (arr. Wilhousky) 1830-1890	Battle Hymn of the Republic Butler County Symphony Choir
John Williams born 1932	Dartmoor, 1912 from <i>War Horse</i>
Morton Gould 1913-1996	American Salute
Samuel Barber 1910-1981	Adagio for Strings
Richard Rodgers (orch. Bennett) 1902-1979	<i>Victory at Sea</i>

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John Williams
born 1932

Liberty Fanfare

(arr. Arthur Harris)

Americana, Suite of Well-Known Melodies

Aaron Copland
1900-1990

Simple Gifts

Kenneth J. Alford
1881-1945

Colonel Bogey March

John Williams
born 1932

Hymn to the Fallen
Butler County Symphony Choir

(arr. Robert Lowden)
1920-1998

Armed Forces Salute
Butler County Symphony Choir



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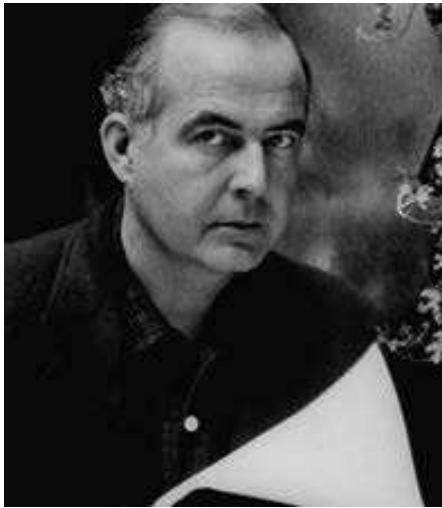
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NOTES:

Adagio for Strings

SAMUEL BARBER

1910-1981



Adagio for Strings is arguably Samuel Barber's best-known work. He created the arrangement in 1936, from the second movement of his String Quartet, Op.11. It was performed for the first time in 1938, in a radio broadcast from a New York studio attended by invited guests, conducted by Arturo Toscanini. Its reception was generally positive, as seen in the review by *The New York Times*'s Olin Downes. He praised the piece, but was reproached by other critics who claimed that he overrated the work.

Adagio for Strings begins softly with a B flat played by the first violins. The lower strings enter two beats after the violins, which, as Johanna Keller from *The New York Times* put it, creates "an uneasy, shifting suspension as the melody begins a stepwise motion, like the hesitant climbing of stairs."

The Adagio is an example of arch form and builds on a melody that first

ascends, and then descends in stepwise fashion. Barber subtly manipulates the basic pulse throughout the work by constantly changing time signatures including 4/2, 5/2, 6/2, and 3/2. After four climactic chords and a long pause, the piece presents the opening theme again, and fades away on an unresolved dominant chord.

The Adagio is scored for strings and runs about 8 minutes. It was last performed by the BCSO January of 1984, February of 1992, and February of 2001.

NOTES:

Victory at Sea

RICHARD RODGERS

1902-1979

orch./arr. Robert Russell Bennett



"Victory at Sea" is a documentary television series about warfare in general during World War II and naval warfare in particular, as well as the use of industry in warfare. It was originally broadcast by NBC in the U.S. in 1952-1953 and was condensed into a film in 1954. Excerpts from the music soundtrack by Richard Rodgers and Robert Russell Bennett, were re-recorded and sold as record albums. The original TV broadcasts comprised 26 half-hour segments, Sunday afternoons at 3 pm (EST) in most markets, starting on October 26, 1952 and ending on May 3, 1953. The series, which won an Emmy award in 1954 as "best public affairs program," played an important part in establishing historic "compilation" documentaries as a viable genre.

Henry Salomon, who while a U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander during World War II, served as a research assistant to historian Samuel Eliot Morison, conceived the project. During this period, Salomon learned of the large amounts of film that the warring navies had compiled.

Salomon also signed Richard Rodgers, fresh off several successful Broadway musicals, to compose the musical score. Rodgers contributed 12 "themes" that were short piano compositions a minute or two in length. Robert Russell Bennett did the orchestrating, transforming Rodger's "themes" for a variety of moods, and

composing more original material than Rodgers, as may be observed in Bennett's holograph scores, archived with his papers at Northwestern University. Episode No. 18, for example, is entirely of Bennett's creation, and uses none of Rodger's 12 "themes." Nevertheless, Bennett received credit only for arranging the score.

There are approximately 24 movements in the compiled score for *Victory At Sea*, with several selected for this evening's performance. The score was a favorite of U.S. President Richard Nixon and played at his funeral. Rodger's "Beneath the Southern Cross" No. 9 theme was given words by Oscar Hammerstein and re-titled "No Other Love" for the 1953 musical, *Me and Juliet*. The 1953 recording by Perry Como on RCA Victor became a #1 hit on pop charts later that year.

This evenings performance marks the second playing of *Victory At Sea* by the BCSO, the other being in March 2006.

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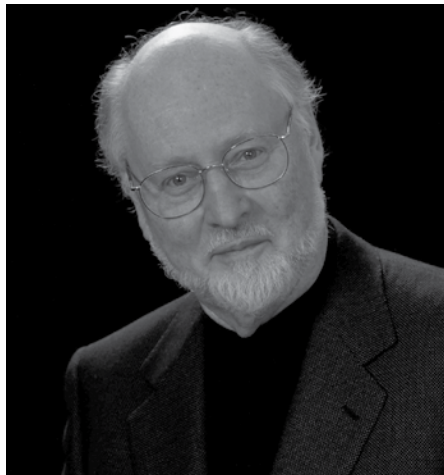
Hymn to the Fallen

JOHN WILLIAMS

Born 1932

Steven Spielberg and John Williams had worked together on 15 films before *Saving Private Ryan* (1998). Both gentlemen watched a rough cut of the film to determine what scenes would have music. They decided to leave music out of the fighting sequences, and add it over long sequences of eight to nine minutes that lacked action.

Williams chose to use different families and types of instruments to convey and evoke certain tones within the score. String instruments were chosen to provide a warm sound, brass instruments were utilized for "solemn" sections of the pieces, and horn instruments were used to give off a pensive tone. Military drums were used largely in the piece entitled "Hymn to the Fallen." Spielberg chose to place "Hymn to the Fallen" on the closing credits because it will "stand the test of time and honor forever the fallen of this war and possibly all wars" and



felt it showed Williams' "sensitivity and brilliance."

The score for *Saving Private Ryan* won the Best Instrumental Composition Written for a Motion Picture or for Television. In addition, the score was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Original Dramatic Score, the Golden Globe Award for Best Original Score and the BAFTA Award for Best Film Music, but failed to win.

The BCSO will perform selected sections, but the entire score runs over one hour.

NOTES:

Armed Forces Salute

ROBERT LOWDEN

1920-1998


Born in Camden, New Jersey, Lowden was introduced to music in his home, at the State Street United Methodist Church, and in Camden's public schools. He graduated from Camden High School in 1937 where he played trumpet and trombone in the band and orchestra. Mr. Lowden studied music at the College of South Jersey, but World War II interrupted his schooling. He was drafted and spent the war years at Fort Dix as an arranger and trombonist.

After the war, Lowden returned to school at Temple University, working as a band coach and general music teacher in public schools. From 1958 to 1968, he was an arranger for the 101 String Orchestra and the Oscar Dumont Band, both of which performed at the South Jersey landmark Sunset Beach Ballroom in Almonesson.

Armed Forces Salute was arranged in 1980 and has remained one of the most popular pieces for both concert band and orchestra. Probably the best part of the

arrangement is the transitions between the melodies. They tend to flow naturally into one another avoiding choppy, awkward connections. Lowden spreads the melody around the orchestra making good use of color and texture. After the opening timpani roll, he starts off with "America The Beautiful," and you can hear a snippet of "Dixie" in the low voices, followed by "Yankee Doodle" in the upper voices. The transition from the "Caisson Song" is actually a quote from "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." As we make the transition into "U.S. Air Force," listen for "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" in the horns. The next transition gives us "Battle Hymn of the Republic" on clarinet. Then comes a brief quote from John Phillip Sousa's "Washington Post March" leading to "Anchors Aweigh" and finally back to "America the Beautiful."

This arrangement was last performed by the BCSO in November 2000.



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BUTLER COUNTY SYMPHONY CHOIR

Directed by Heather & Bryan Helsel

The Butler County Symphony Choir concept started about a year ago when following another fantastic symphony performance, Bryan and Heather Helsel approached Maestro Kraemer to talk about utilizing local vocal talent to pair with the symphony. Maestro enthusiastically agreed and the groundwork was laid to begin forming this ensemble.

The Butler County Symphony Choir currently has a core group of 16 performers. Under the combined direction of Bryan and Heather Helsel, the group rehearses once a week and is welcoming new membership!

This season the Butler County Symphony Choir is looking to collaborate with the Butler County Symphony on their Veteran's Day program, collaborate with the Butler Senior High Choir for the masterwork performance of John Rutter's *Magnificat*, and will put on a final spring concert of their favorite choral works.

We are excited for the future of our organization and extend our deepest gratitude to the Butler Symphony and Maestro Kraemer for allowing this to begin. We hope to continue to serve the symphony when they need singers and to serve the community through providing a singing opportunity and public performances to enjoy.

Director Bryan Helsel is the director of choirs and music technology at Butler Senior High School. He is the recording engineer at Helsel Music Services, a local recording studio, and he is a doctoral candidate at Kent State University. Bryan

is in demand as a guest pianist, choral conductor, and clinician for regional and statewide music conferences.

Director Heather Helsel is the director of choirs and general music instructor at Grove City Middle School. She began her career teaching in public schools in Virginia at the elementary and high school level. Heather teaches private voice, and is in demand as a singer and guest choral clinician.

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BIOGRAPHY:

TANYA SATTESON

concertmaster

Tanya Satteson is a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music where she earned her Master's Degree in Violin Performance, and was awarded the Dean's Award for Academic Achievement. Tanya completed her post-secondary studies with Scott St. John, Gwen Hoebig, and Paul Kantor.

Tanya has attended numerous summer festivals including the Banff Centre for the Arts and the Music Bridge Program where she worked with many distinguished teachers including Steven Dann, Pinchas Zuckerman, Sally Thomas, Desmond Hoebig, Yehonathan Berick, and David Cerone. Tanya worked as a full- and part-time member of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra for four seasons, was a member of the Cleveland Pops Orchestra for two seasons, and has worked with the Academy Chamber Orchestra in Pittsburgh for the past three years. She has appeared as soloist with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, University of Manitoba Symphony Orchestra, and the National Repertory Orchestra.

Tanya has won the Women's Musical Club Competition of Winnipeg, the University of Manitoba Concerto Competition, the Lawrence Genser Performance Competition, and the Young Artists Performance Competition. She has been awarded a first place standing and scholarship at the National Finals of the Canadian Music Competition three times.

In 2006, she was appointed assistant concertmaster of the National Repertory Orchestra and was also awarded a generous



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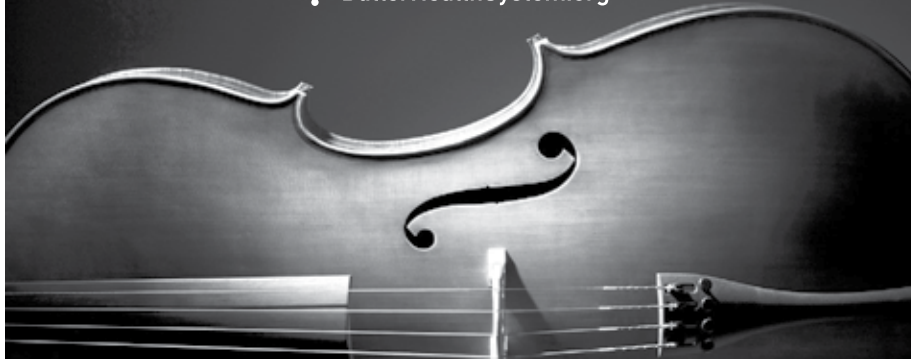
grant from the Canada Arts Council to support her master's degree studies. In 2008 she performed with the Winnipeg Chamber Music Society. In the fall of 2008, Tanya joined the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra on their North American tour. The group performed at six locations including Vancouver's Orpheum Theater, Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall, and New York's Carnegie Hall. Tanya served as an early childhood music and violin faculty member at the Center for Young Musicians in Wexford, PA from 2007-2013. As a faculty member, she performed many solo community concerts and collaborated with her colleagues in chamber music performances. She has also worked as a freelance violinist throughout the Pittsburgh area since 2008, and in 2013 she was appointed concertmistress of the Butler County Symphony Orchestra.

Tanya completed long-term Suzuki pedagogical training and a teaching practicum with Kimberly Meier-Sims, director of the Sato Center for Suzuki Studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music. Tanya served as a clinician for the Academy of Strings spring workshop in Tennessee in 2008 and 2009, and at the University of Manitoba's Preparatory Studies Division Suzuki workshop in the Spring of 2010. She is passionate about giving children the gift of music education and maintains a home studio. She lives in Cranberry Township with her husband Jason, and their sons Mylan and Ari.



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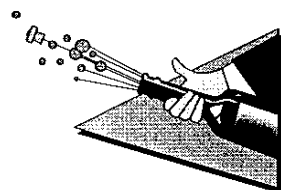
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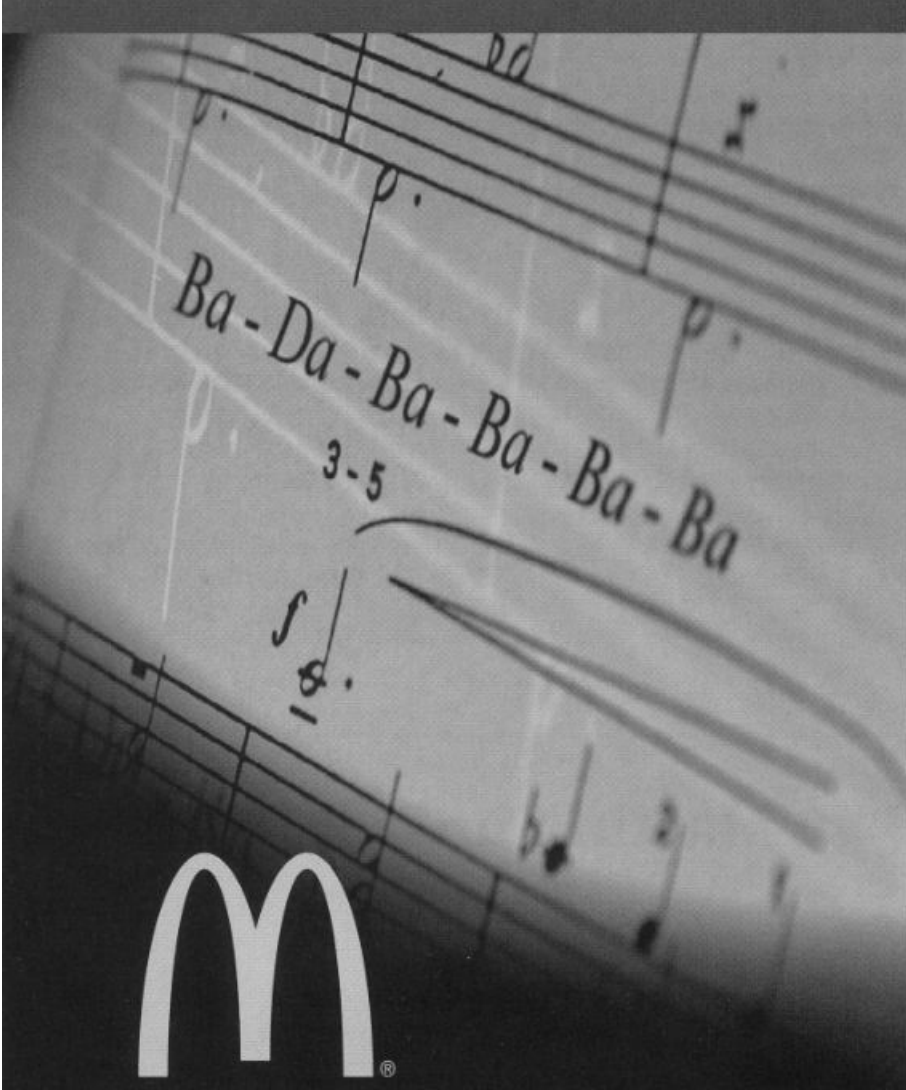
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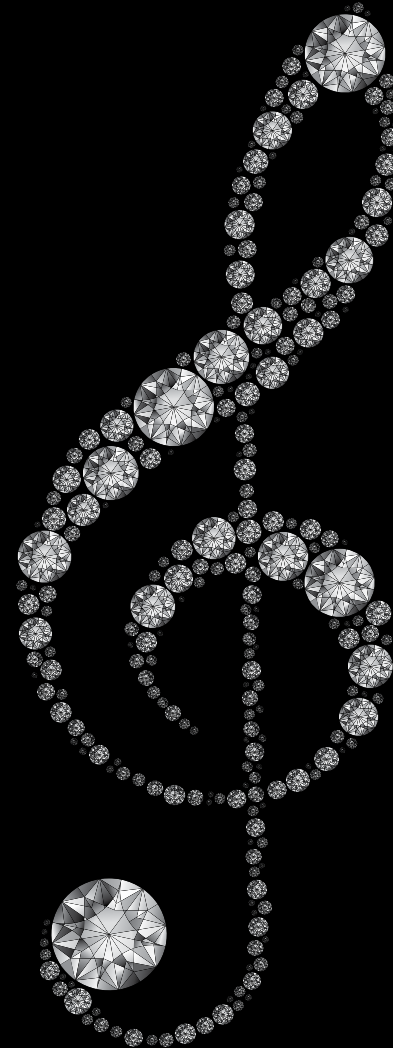
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