

Peter Meechan



The music of Canadian-British composer Peter Meechan (1980, Nuneaton, UK) is extensively performed throughout the world. His music has been commissioned, recorded, broadcast and performed by some of the world's leading symphony orchestras, wind ensembles, brass bands, conductors and soloists, including: "The President's Own" United States Marine Band, The United States Air Force Band, The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own", Dallas Symphony Orchestra, BBC Concert Orchestra, Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra brass, The Dallas WindsBlack Dyke Brass Band, The Band of the Coldstream Guards, RNCM Wind Orchestra, Bramwell Tovey, Jens Lindemann, Ryan Anthony, David Childs, Steven Mead, Patrick Sheridan, Les Neish, Peter Moore, Linda Merrick, and many more.

Meechan's music is featured on over 130 commercial recordings and has been featured at festivals and clinics globally, including the Midwest Clinic, The American Bandmasters Association (ABA) Conference, CBDNA, the International Trumpet Guild, the International Tuba and Euphonium Association, BASBWE conferences, and in 2014 his work "The Legend of King Arthur" was used as the set test piece at the British National Brass Band Championships, held in the Royal Albert Hall, London. His works for brass band have been used as compulsory and own choice selections at music contests across the world. Peter was the first ever "Young Composer in Association" with the prestigious Black Dyke Brass band from 2003 – 2006, where he also went on to serve as their "Composer in Residence" for a further season. Meechan also held the position of "Composer in Residence" with The Band of the Coldstream Guards between 2012–2015.

His work "Perpetua" won the 2021 Sousa-ABA-Ostwald Composition Contest, and Meechan has also been a finalist in the National Band Association William D. Revelli Memorial Composition Contest (Waves Towards the Pebbled Shore). His first concerto for tuba "Episodes and Echoes", won the ITEA Harvey G. Phillips Award for Excellence in Composition. In October 2020, Meechan was awarded the CBA (Canadian Band Association) 'Canadian Composers' Award' – only the 9th recipient since the award's inception in 1991, and in 2022 he was elected into the membership of the prestigious American Bandmasters Association.

He holds an undergraduate degree (BMus Hons) from the Royal Northern College of Music (Manchester, UK), where he studied with Dr. Anthony Gilbert, Dr. David Horne and Adam Gorb, a Master of Arts (MA) degree and a PhD (composition), both from the University of Salford (Manchester, UK), where he studied with Prof. Peter Graham. Peter resides in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, with his wife Michelle (a band teacher) and their miniature dachshund dogs: Stevie and Jurgen (not band teachers), and when not writing music can usually be found watching his beloved Liverpool Football Club.

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