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Fresh - Program Note

Fresh was written with memories of performing in high school marching band, and how thrilling and yet exhausting of an event it always was. I have recently been having many recollections of performing in the marching band, and in particular the powerful aspect of the drumline section. Therefore my memories of the dominant drumline motivated the idea of having the orchestra gradually take over the rhythm from the percussion section throughout the piece, to lead the strong percussion rhythm to hopefully new directions and always be “fresh.”

Fresh is also dedicated to the New York Youth Symphony and Joshua Gersen, who gave the premiere in May 2015 at Carnegie Hall in New York, NY. The work was written in the summer of 2014 in New York, NY and Pittsburgh, PA.