

Steve Reich



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CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA

The Desert Music

(full version)

1983

46 min

for 10 (or 27) amplified voices and orchestra

Text: William Carlos Williams (E)

4(II,III,IV=picc).4(II,III,IV=corA).4(II,III,IV=bcl).4(IV=dbn)-4.4
(I=picc.tpt ad lib).3.1-timp(2players=rototoms).perc(7):med tam-t/
maracas/sticks/2BD/2glsp/2xyl/2vib/2marimba-2pft(4players)-
strings(12.12.9.9.6)
(voices and woodwinds amplified)

9790051209835 **Study Score - Hawkes Pocket Score 983**

World Premiere: 17 Mar 1984

Funkhaus Köln, Großer Sendesaal, Cologne, Germany
Cologne Chorus and Symphony Orchestra of West German Radio
Conductor: Peter Eötvös

The Desert Music

(version with reduced strings and brass)

1983, arr. 2001

46 min

for 10 amplified voices and reduced orchestra, brass arrangement by Alan Pierson

4(II,III,IV=picc).0.0.0-2.2.3.0-timp(2players=rototoms).perc(7):med
tam-t/maracas/sticks/2BD/2glsp/
2xyl/2vib/2marimba-2pft(4players:I,III,IV=synth)-13 solo strings

fl, pft, marimbas, vib, and voices should all be amplified

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(version with reduced strings, optional brass)

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46 min

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4(II,III,IV=picc).0.0.0-4.4(I=picc.tpt ad lib).3.1(brass optional)-
timp(2players=rototoms).perc(7):med tam-t/maracas/sticks/2BD/2glsp/
2xyl/2vib/2marimba-2pft(4players:I,III,IV=synth)-13 solo strings
(voices and woodwinds amplified)

World premiere of version: 09 Jan 1986

Richmond, Virginia, United States

Steve Reich and Musicians with singers and members of the Brooklyn Philharmonic

Conductor: George Manahan