

## James MacMillan



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### ENSEMBLE AND CHAMBER WITHOUT VOICE(S)

#### ...as others see us...

**1990** 25 min

for mixed ensemble

fl(=picc).cl(=bcl).bsn(=dbn)-tpt-perc(1):tabor/marimba/wdbl/  
4rototoms/3susp.cym(high/med/low)/SD-strings(1.0.1.1.1)

**World Premiere: 05 Apr 1990**

National Portrait Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
Scottish Chamber Orchestra

#### Adam's Rib

**1994-95** 12 min

for brass quintet

2tpt.hn.trbn.tuba

**World Premiere: 28 Mar 1995**

Usher Hall, Edinburgh, United Kingdom  
Members of Scottish Chamber Orchestra

#### Chant for John

**2007** 2 min

for piano quartet

pft-vln.vla.vlc

#### Cumnock Fair

**1999** 12 min

version for piano sextet

pft-string quintet

**World Premiere: 23 Mar 1999**

Cumnock Academy, Ayrshire, United Kingdom  
musicians from Scottish Chamber Orch.

#### A Deep but Dazzling Darkness

**2001-02** 22 min

for solo violin, ensemble and tape

1(=picc).afi.1.1.dbcl.0-1.2.1.1-perc(2):l=vib/5cowbells/5tpl.bl/2bongos/BD/4gliss.gongs;  
ll=tuned gongs/tamb/SD/pedal BD/hi-hat/tam-t/watergong-harp-2pft\*(ll=cel)

-2vln.vla.vlc.db-

tape(CD)

\*Piano 2 is tuned a quarter-tone above the norm

\*alternative version: with a string section (max:8.6.4.4.2)

*"...tremendously dramatic, even by the standards of a composer whose mode of expression rarely falls short of volcanic... the work's subtext is music's power to comfort in times of darkness or conflict..."*

*The Times*

**World Premiere: 27 Mar 2003**

St.Lukes, London, United Kingdom

Gordan Nikolitch, violin; London Symphony Orchestra (private performance, admission by invitation only)

Conductor: James MacMillan

#### Etwas zurückhaltend

**2008** 10 min

for string quartet

**World Premiere: 31 Mar 2010**

Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh, United Kingdom  
Edinburgh Quartet

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**The Exorcism of Rio Sumpúl****1989** 25 min

for mixed ensemble or chamber orchestra

1(=picc).2(II=corA).2(II=bcl).1-2.0.0.0-perc(1):2timbales/2snare dr(high/low)/tam-t/  
bell tree/susp.cym/wind chimes/BD(with pedal)/anvil/glsp/5tom-t-strings  
Ensemble version reduces strings to 1.1.1.1.1

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**World Premiere: 28 Jan 1990**

Glasgow, United Kingdom  
Paragon Ensemble  
Conductor: David Davies

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**Exsultet****1998** 8 min

for brass quintet and optional percussion

hn.2tp.t.trbn.tuba-perc(opt):SD/bell

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**World Premiere: 01 Dec 1998**

RSAMD, Glasgow, United Kingdom  
players from the RSAMD

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**For Max****2004** 3 min

for piano quintet

pft-2vln.vla.vlc

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**World Premiere: 22 Jun 2004**

St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, Orkney, United Kingdom  
Nash Ensemble

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**For Michael****2004** 3 min

for piano quintet

pft-2vln.vla.vlc

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**World Premiere: 15 Jul 2004**

Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham, United Kingdom  
Aleksander Madzar/Belcea Quartet

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**For Sally****2006** 4 min

for piano quintet

pft-2vln.vla.vlc

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**World Premiere: 05 Jul 2006**

Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham, United Kingdom  
Nash Ensemble  
Conductor: Martyn Brabbins

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**Fourteen Little Pictures****1997** 25 min

for piano trio

pft-vln.vlc

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*"A powerful new chamber work... MacMillan sets in motion a battle of contrasts - of energy and stasis, of ferocious thunder and ghostly echoes - while the unifying element is its mood of dark profundity."*

*Daily Telegraph*

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**World Premiere: 21 May 1997**

Wigmore Hall, London, United Kingdom  
Frankl/Pauk/Kirshbaum Piano Trio

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**Horn Quintet****2007** 15 min

for horn and string quartet

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**World Premiere: 09 Jul 2007**

Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham, United Kingdom  
Nash Ensemble  
Conductor: Richard Watkins

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**intercession****1991** 7 min

for 3 oboes

9790060802065 3 Oboes or 3 Saxophones

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**World Premiere: 26 Nov 1991**

Art Gallery, Huddersfield, United Kingdom  
Chione Oboe Trio

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### Invocation

**2003** 6 min

for voice, clarinet, drumkit, piano and bass

Text: Karol Wojtyla (E)

voice/cl/drumkit/pft/bass

### Memento

**1994** 4 min 30 sec

for string quartet

**World Premiere: 13 Oct 1994**

Merkin Concert Hall, New York, New York, United States

Kronos Quartet

### The Road to Ardtalla

**1983** 15 min

for chamber sextet

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**World Premiere: 06 Nov 1987**

Machester University Concert Hall, Manchester, United Kingdom

Manchester University New Music Ensemble

Conductor: James MacMillan

### String Quartet No.3

**2007** 25 min 30 sec

for string quartet

**World Premiere: 21 May 2008**

Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, United Kingdom

Takacs String Quartet

### They saw the stone had been rolled away

**1993** 6 min

Fanfare for brass and percussion

3tpt.3trbn-perc(2):2timbales/2bongos/5tpl.bl/2wdbl/2cowbells/t.bells/  
lg tam-t/BD/4tom-t

**World Premiere: 27 Aug 1993**

St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Edinburgh Festival Ensemble

Conductor: Christopher Bell

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### Three Dawn Rituals

**1983** 9 min

for chamber ensemble

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9790060095696 **Study Score - Hawkes Pocket Score 1270**

**World Premiere: 02 Nov 1985**

London, United Kingdom

Nomos Ensemble

### Tuireadh

**1991** 22 min

for clarinet and string quartet

*"Tuireadh is a deeply compassionate threnody which shows the influence of Gaelic psalmody still practised in the Western Isles today."*

*Gramophone*

**World Premiere: 25 Jun 1991**

St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, Orkney, United Kingdom

James Campbell, clarinet; Allegri String Quartet

### Two Movements for Wind Quintet

**1987** 10 min

for wind quintet

**World Premiere: 29 Jun 2007**

Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, Glasgow, United Kingdom

faculty ensemble

Conductor: James MacMillan

### Two Visions of Hoy

**1986** 9 min

for solo oboe and ensemble

fl.cl.bsn-hn-perc(1):4rototoms/marimba/tam-t/med.gong/susp.cym-vlc

**World Premiere: 17 Jun 1986**

Manchester University Concert Hall, Manchester, United Kingdom

Manchester University New Music Ensemble

Conductor: James MacMillan

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**Untold****1987, rev.1991**

7 min

for wind quintet

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**World Premiere: 13 Sep 1988**

Ayr, United Kingdom

Flaxton Ensemble

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**Visions of a November Spring****String Quartet No.1****1988, rev.1991**

28 min

for string quartet

*"...a work of great depth and intensity with a poignant Scottish flavour, evident in the apparent allusions to Gaelic psalmody."**Daily Telegraph*

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**World Premiere: 03 May 1989**

Glasgow, United Kingdom

Bingham String Quartet

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**Why is this night different?****String Quartet No.2****1998**

22 min

for string quartet

*"...an arrestingly powerful and sure-footed masterwork, ideally proportioned, economically argued and always evincing a riveting narrative and emotional scope."**Gramophone*9790060117398 **String Quartet (parts)**9790060116483 **String Quartet**

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**World Premiere: 23 Apr 1998**

Wigmore Hall, London, United Kingdom

Maggini Quartet