《美國之夢》

給管樂團的交響組曲

"AMERICAN DREAMS" Symphonic Suite for Wind Ensemble

藍美米 **MEI-MI LAN**

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樂器編制 (INSTRUMENTATION)

Piccolo (double Flute)

Flute 1, 2 (2) (One 2nd player doubles Alto Flute)

Oboe 1, 2

Bassoon 1, 2

Clarinet in Eb

Clarinet in Bb 1, 2, 3 (3)

Bass Clarinet in Bb

Alto Saxophone 1, 2 Tenor Saxophone Baritone Saxophone

Trumpet in Bb 1, 2, 3 (2)

Horn in F 1, 2, 3, 4

Trombone 1, 2

Bass Trombone

Baritone

Tuba

String Bass

Timpani (4), Guiro

Percussion (5 players)

Player 1: Snare Drum, R. Cymbal, S. Cymbal, Bongos

Player 2: Bass Drum, Wood Blocks (2), Wind Chimes, Congas

Player 3: S. Cymbal, C. Cymbals, Tambourine, Sandpaper, Whistle, Castanets Vibraphone, Triangle, Wood blocks(3), Anvil, Tambourine, C. Cymbals

Player 5: Glockenspiel, Flexatone, Xylophone, Chimes, Marimba, Claves

樂曲長度(DURATION)

約14"45分鐘

I. The 4th of July (獨立紀念日) 3"30

II. Ojibwe Bear Song (歐吉布瓦) 6"

III. Macy's Parade (梅西百貨大遊行) 5"

樂曲解說(PROGRAM NOTE)

《美國之夢》("AMERICAN DREAMS")緣起於2013台北青年管樂團的定期音樂會「美國之夢」,在製作中將美國當代具有代表性的新創作介紹給臺灣觀眾。此製作將在2016年邁入第三個系列,因參與了前兩次的製作,在獲邀請委託時,因本身在美國生活十年而有感而發,便以同名寫作了一首三樂章的交響組曲。雖然第一和第二樂章是連在一起的,但是三個樂章設計成可以分開演出的獨立樂章。

美國是個多民族融合的國家,本曲以結合多首代表性樂曲來展現。以號角響起的第一樂章「獨立紀念日」,將美國國歌以進行曲的方式展現,並在曲尾融入部分中華民國國歌。第二樂章「歐吉布瓦」為美國四大原住民之一,主要居住在北美,其中代表性的象徵為北美熊,此樂章即以其熊之歌為主,譜出寬廣的聲響,並在曲中轉入加勒比海風的salsa,將熊之歌以南北美洲不同的方式展現。第三樂章「梅西百貨大遊行」則是將美國音樂之父「佛斯特」五首民謠堆疊起來,其熱鬧程度猶如紐約著名的梅西百貨大遊行,在美國無論什麼樣的遊行或著是運動會,都會有一段行進的鼓樂,因此將其穿插在中間。

關於作曲家

藍美米畢業於國立台灣藝術專科學校(現國立台灣藝術大學)後,隨即赴美深造。在取得美國卡內基美濃大學作曲碩士、波士頓大學單簧管演奏碩士後,於 2008 年九月取得波士頓大學作曲博士學位(Doctoral of Musical Arts)。作曲曾師事 Sameul Headrick、Lukas Foss、Leonardo Balada、Nancy Galbraith、張邦彥;單簧管曾師事 Tom Martin、Ethan Sloane、Thomas Thompson 及楊蕙祺。在美期間,除了在卡內基美濃大學擔任教學助教外,並在波士頓大學教授大學部及研究所視唱唱聽寫及鍵盤和聲,於 2007 年受聘於麻省裡工學院擔任附屬藝術家,教授音樂理論。

作品得獎和重要演出有:卡內基美濃大學校內管弦樂曲比賽研究所組優勝;第三號弦樂四重奏《台灣風情 畫》贏得 2001 年 Cuarteto Latinoamericano 作曲比賽;由台北青年管樂團委託創作的《福爾摩莎舞曲》獲 2003 年美國 Swan and Janet 作曲比賽佳作,及 Metropolitan Wind Symphony 新英格蘭學生作曲比賽佳作,並入 選法國 Coup de Vents 第一屆管樂團作品比賽決賽;《單簧管四重奏》贏得美國作曲家協會 (NACUSA) 2002 年作 曲比賽第一名及 Magaret Memorial 2003 年作曲比賽第一名。 應臺灣管樂團的邀請,改編成單簧管重奏團,於 2012 年在台北中山堂演出;《給單簧管、弦樂團、豎琴及打擊的協奏曲》在 2004 年受邀到紐約市及愛荷華大學 第 6 屆作曲家協會法人(SCI)區域會議中演出,應"黑種籽單簧管重奏團"團長宋威德教授的邀請而改編給單簧管 重奏團,管樂團版本則是由臺灣管樂團在 2013 年的親子音樂會中演出;由十方樂集主辦,華研文化基金會贊助的 藍美米作品發表會"來自美國的新聲音"於 2005 年六月在十方樂集演出;木管五重奏《白鷺鷥》變奏曲 2005 年 由汲音室內樂團在台灣巡迴演出,此曲的薩克斯風十重奏版本,由吳志桓博士領軍的超綾鏡薩克斯風重奏團於 2009 年泰國舉辦的第十五屆世界薩克斯風年會中演出;管弦樂曲《廟會》獲選為臺北市立交響樂團 40 週年團慶 管弦樂作品,於 2009 年在台北中山堂演出;由中華民國空軍樂隊委託創作的《寶島新世界》於 2011 年全台灣巡 迴演出;《Tsunami 11》給 11 把管樂器與兩位打擊者,通過國立臺灣交響樂團 101 年度的委託創作徵選。獲國藝 會補助, 為台北青年管樂團 2013-14 年的駐團作曲家,創作和編曲了 12 首管樂曲; 由臺灣管樂團委託創作的 全場親子音樂會"遊樂園的奇幻之旅",在2013年十二月與如果兒童劇團合作在中壢藝術館與新北市新莊文化藝 術中心演出。2015年為黑種籽單簧管合奏團創作的《非洲黑木的饗宴》,除了在國家演奏廳首演外,另於法國 Buffet Crampon 190 週年紀念音樂會中演出。小提琴協奏曲《奇利亞》於 2016 年七月由國家交響樂團首席吳庭 毓在國家音樂廳首演。

藍美米自 2008 年八月返國後,除了積極參與演出,並致力於教學。目前是台北青年管樂團駐團藝術家和臺灣管樂團的團員,任教於國立臺灣藝術大學、新北市新莊國中、正德國中、光華國小、淡水國小、台北市健康國小管樂團的指導老師。近年來,除了創新的作品之外,她希望國人作品可以普及化,藉由與台北青年管樂團合作的關係,將持續創作一系列富有教育目的的曲子。目前,藍美米的作品由同音國際有限公司出版。

ABOUT THE COMPOSER

Mei-mi Lan, a Taiwan native, received her DMA in composition in 2008 and a Master's degree in clarinet performance in 2006 both from Boston University. She also received a Master degree in composition from Carnegie Mellon University in 2001. In 1998, she earned a diploma from National Taiwan Academy of Arts. Her composition teachers include Sam Headrick, Lukas Foss, Leonardo Balada, and Nancy Galbraith.

Ms. Lan has won several prizes. She won Harry G. Archer Composer Award at CMU (PA) in 2001. String Quartet No.3 "Taiwanese Scenery" won the Cuarteto Latinoamericano 2001 composition competition and premiered in 2001 in Pittsburgh with WQED broadcasting. "Formosa Dance" for wind ensemble was commissioned by Taipei Symphonic Band in 2004. It won honorable mentions in Craig and Janet Swan Composer Prize 2003 competition, Metropolitan Wind Symphony 2003 New England Student Composer Competition. It was also in the final run of Coup de Vents the 1st International Competition of Composition for Symphonic Band in France. Her "Quartet for Clarinets" won the first prize in National Associtaion of Composer, USA 2002 competition and Margaret Blackburn Memorial 2003 Composition Competition. The saxophone version was performed in a tour by The Back Bay Saxophone. It was arrange for clarinet ensemble and performed by Taiwan Wind Ensemble in 2011. "Concerto for Clarinet and String Orchestra with Harp and Percussion" was performed by Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra Chamber Player in November 2004 in California. It was arrange for clarinet ensemble and performed by HeySeed Clarinet Ensemble in Taiwan in 2013. The wind ensemble version was performed by Taiwan Wind Ensemble in 2013. "White Egrets" for woodwind quartet was premiered by Capriccio Chamber Player in 2005. It was arrange for Saxophone Ensemble and performed in World Saxophone Congress XV, Thailand in 2009. "Temple Festival" for orchestra was perform by Taipei Symphony Orchestra for their 40th anniversary in 2009. "Fusion" for wind ensemble was commissioned by Taiwan Air Force Band and performed in 2011.

Sponsored by National Cultured and Arts Foundation, R.O.C., Mei-mi Lan is currently a composer in resident of Taipei Wind Orchestra & Symphonic Band. She is also a clarinetist of Taiwan Wind Ensemble, an assistant professor of National Taiwan University of Arts. In order to popularize Taiwanese contemporary music, she attempts to compose a series of pieces for high school and college student wind ensembles. Mei-mi Lan's compositions are published by Corno International Company.



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