

The Creative Opportunity Orchestra

Ensemble members:	Tina Marsh	Voice
	Bob Rodriguez	Piano
	Buddy Mohamed	Bass
	Kyle Thompson	Drums
	John Mills	Woodwinds
	Alex Coke	Woodwinds
	Dennis Dotson	Trumpet
	Pat Murray	Trumpet
	Brian Allen	Trombone
	Ron Westray	Trombone

Title of the commissioned work: *Courage of the Butterfly*

Instrumentation:

Voice; woodwinds; woodwinds; trumpet; trumpet; trombone; trombone; piano; bass; drums.

Composer's Statement:

"The story of the migration and life pattern of the monarch butterfly is an awe-inspiring tale. It is filled with magic and possibilities—imagining these tiny delicate creatures flying thousands of miles to fulfill their purpose, known to them in a cellular way that is foreign to us with our chattering thoughts. I even heard that there was a flock of monarchs who mysteriously migrated all the way across the Atlantic one year to the coast of England! It was this very story that prompted my desire to tell it in music, and I hope you will feel the buoyancy, the floating, the gliding, the danger, and the majesty of their incredible journey. Butterflies are also thought to be the souls of departed loved ones, returning to check on us and experience once again the glory of sunlight and transformation. *Courage of the Butterfly* pays homage to the nobility of manifesting one's destiny and making the journey, despite its dangers and despite not knowing what it will be or if it is even possible."

Length of the work: 19 minutes
Recording: *Migration*, CreOp Muse 013
(Please contact the artist directly.)

Stated Technical Requirements:

Please contact the Creative Opportunity Offices (512.448.3485 or creop@texas.net) for specific technical requirements.

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