## a BOY in STORM at SEA

#1106 in 6:40 Scored for Wind Symphony of the 3rd Millennium by © Stephen Melillo IGNA 17 September 2014 2nd & 3rd Millennium ASCAP

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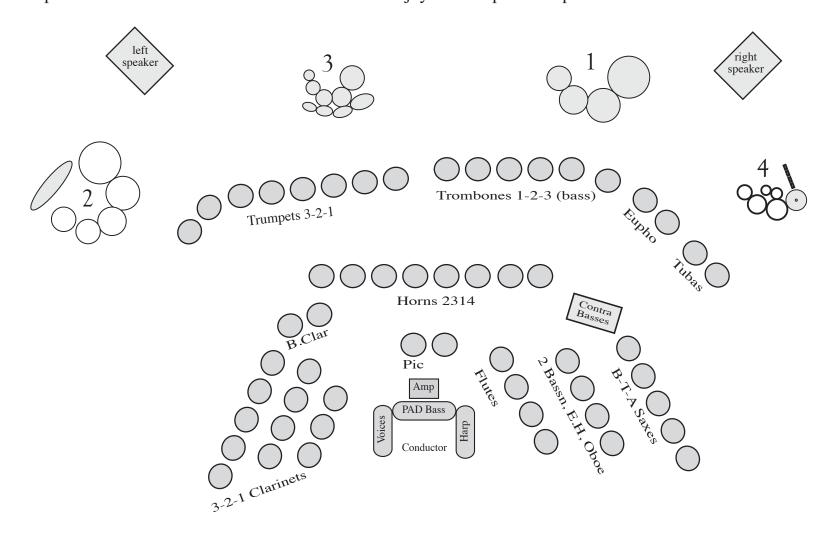
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## **Technical Thoughts**

This work was specifically written for very accomplished Musicians including forces which include:

- 6 Trumpet Part divisions
- 4 Trombone Part divisions in addition to 3 Euphonium Parts
- 2 Tuba Part divisions.
- 4 Percussionists handling 4 stereophonically placed "pits" surrounding the Wind Musicians.

As high and as low as some of the orchestration requires, built in 8Vb or 8Va adjustments would make the work accessible to even accomplished High School Musicians. In any case, the "Music" of the piece asks much of any Musician at any level. The 4 Pit Percussionists should set up their respective "Pit-ensembles" in 4 equidistant stereo positions around the ensemble as illustrated. Enjoy & Godspeed! Stephen Melillo



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Just a little bit about the piece: a BOY in STORM at SEA.

**STORMWORKS** is a Life-lesson in "positive obsession," the rigorous regard for History and its Heroes, the pursuit of transcendent Love despite the storms of the world and an unwavering belief in the Brotherhood of Man.

Peter Kleine (*Nachtmusik*) Schaars, a very fine Musician who played Trombone on the STORMWORKS Chapter 3 CD: Wait of the World is now the Chief Conductor of The Marine Band of the Royal Netherlands Navy. As a favor, Peter asked me to write something that the People of Rotterdam would *recognize* as "their own." He sent me the PD piece, "Ketelbinkie." He did not want a full out arrangement, but rather a Composition with recognizable fragments.

The task at hand reminded me of "Furusato," where an old Japanese child's tune was crafted into a work that had the Japanese Military Musicians on Chapters 5:8: Writings on the Wall, in quiet tears. I will never forget the image. Sometimes, a "foreigner" can bring a perspective

that those "too close to the trees" do not see.

Indeed, Musicians from The Marine Band of the Royal Netherlands Navy may cry on this one too, but not for the same reasons! In fact, they may be throwing some of those "pots and pans" at me! ;-)!

Please follow this snapshot of the "positive-obsessed" mind! As Gregory Peck says in The Guns of Navarone, "You're in it now! Right up to your neck!"

There is a famous song in Rotterdam called **Ketelbinkie**. Please observe the lyrics!

KETELBINKIE "Bink" is a "tough guy." "Ketels" is "pots and pans."

Toen wij van Rotterdam vertrokken Met de 'Edam' een ouwe schuit Met kakkerlakken in de midscheeps En rattennesten in 't vooruit Toen hadden we een kleine jongen Als 'Ketelbink' bij ons aan boord

Die voor de eerste keer naar zee ging En nooit van haaien had gehoord

Die van zijn moeder aan de kade Wat schuchter lachend afscheid nam Omdat ie haar niet durfde zoenen Die straatjongen van Rotterdam when we left Rotterdam on that old ship called 'the Edam' with cockroaches down the ship and rat nests in the front in those days we had a little boy as 'Ketelbink' on board

who went to sea for the first time he had never heard of sharks

From his mother on the shore he didn't say goodbye properly because he didn't dare to kiss her that little streetboy from Rotterdam

I had just completed a **Tribute to the Survivors of The USS INDIANAPOLIS**, when Peter's request came. I had heard the song only in Dutch, but when I finally received Peter's translation of just the 1st verse, I was once again in the **SYNCStorm** of God's design.

I decided to take ideas from **INDY** otherwise to be lost to the "Virtual Only World." You see, the themes from **INDY** came from earlier **STORMWORKS** Music (*ironically about a SHIPWRECK*)... the usage of which was inspired by my Son, Shafer!

An Honorary Survivor and Friend who suggested the Tribute, played a portion of a German-recorded 1998 piece, suggesting its use as a *fanfare* for the USS INDIANAPOLIS.

Not knowing anything about the Shipwreck Music... Shafer simply listened. After just having met the Survivors of the USS INDIANAPOLIS and then hearing the Shipwreck Music from 1998, he said, "Dad... that is the Music of the Guys. That's the USS Indianapolis! I can see the ship and everything."

33:17 of Music later, Shafer's instant connection became a brand New Tribute to very Great Souls. Then came Ketelbinkie.

When reading the translation, "a Boy at Sea," the metaphor of all young people finding themselves "in Storm and at Sea," sort of like "Only for Now," the mention of sharks, the Survivors of the USS INDIANAPOLIS for whom I had written the piece "Forever Strong..." all of it took shape. Understanding the intent and Story of Kelebinkie, I decided to tell the larger Story... the one where the camera zooms way, way out and we see that all Stories are really One big one... the "Uni - verse."

Ketelbinkie is us... and we face the Storm at Sea. Even though Ketelbinkie dies later on in that translation... in **Our** Story, there is Triumph! You want the world as it is? Take a photograph; want the World as it could be? Make Music!

Love and Godspeed!

Stephen of the Storm!

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