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# The Ship of Theseus

For Orchestra

Duration: 4'35"

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The Ship of Theseus (2024)  
Micah Ballard (b. 2001)

Duration: 4'35"

Instrumentation:

2 Flutes

2 Oboes

2 Bb Clarinets

2 Bassoons

4 French Horns

2 Bb Trumpets

2 Trombones

Tuba

Timpani

Snare Drum

Bass Drum

Cymbal

Strings

Program Notes:

This piece is about the concept of the ship of Theseus, a philosophical idea about how many pieces of a ship you can swap out before it becomes an entirely new ship. In this case, this piece has a main theme that changes in many variations, while also having a palindromic form that develops these variations and then revisits them towards the second half of the piece.

### Transposed Score

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## A Theme and Variations for Orchestra

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Looming  $\text{♩} = 126$

Flute 1

Flute 2

Oboe 1

Oboe 2

B♭ Clarinet 1

B♭ Clarinet 2

Bassoon 1

Bassoon 2

F Horn 1 & 3

F Horn 2 & 4

B♭ Trumpet 1

B♭ Trumpet 2

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Tuba

Timpani

Snare Drum

Bass Drum

Cymbal

Violins 1

Violins 2

Violas

Violoncellos

Contrabasses