# Petr Bakla

# There is an island above the city

for orchestra

2018

score

# Orchestra:

- 3 Flutes
- 3 Oboes
- 3 Clarinets in B
- 3 Bassoons
- 4 Horns in F
- 3 Trumpets in C
- 2 Trombones (with F attachment)

**Bass trombone** 

Tuba

Strings 12.12.8.8.6 (5 string contrabasses not required)

Duration: 16'30" Score in C

## **Conductor's notes:**

All notes should be played tenuto (players hold note values to the full) and always without diminuendo at the end of the note.

Strings should use discreet vibrato.

The first and the third part of the piece are essentially two-part polyphony of different groups of voices/instruments. Within each group, the bottom voices combined should always have the same presence (should feel equally loud) as the high voices combined.

Please note that all desks of divided strings have the same importance.

The **dynamics** written in the score are meant as overall indications. Actual dynamics for each group of instruments has to be adjusted according to the following description:

### 1st part - pp

"Philharmonic soft", not exaggeratedly so. Brass entries (joined by oboe 1 and 2, clarinet 1 and bassoon 1), should stand out. Woodwinds (except when joining brass) should rather blend with strings.

#### 2nd part - mp

Quite loud in fact, as much as the dynamic presence of all instruments is perceived as generally balanced.

Common notes of bassoon 1, horns 1 and 2 and the tuba should stand out.

The bass trombone should keep its autonomy (its "edge") in terms of volume and rhythm: it must be clear that it doesn't play "together" with the above mentioned group.

## 3rd part - poco f

Full, effective, well-projecting sound ("let yourself be heard and allow the others to be heard"). "Natural" proportion of strings, woodwinds and brass.

Tenuto marks for strings: emphasize each note by increasing bow pressure (not by adding vibrato!)

Accent + tenuto mark: "broad accents" - without much attack, but prolonged.



























































































