

# **“Appropriating Copland’s *Fanfare*”**

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**Abstract for  
Appropriating Copland's *Fanfare***

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This video explores the stylistic and associative evolution of the emblematic sound Aaron Copland forged in his *Fanfare for the Common Man* (1942). This style, called here the *triumphant exordium*, consists of a constellation of specific musical features that has been imitated and troped by other composers—and by Copland himself—to carve out musical landscapes with evocative expressive qualities that include both clear and ambiguous connections with Americana. After summarizing the *Fanfare's* original musical and extra-musical contexts, this video illuminates this legacy through three case studies.

**Short Keyword List**

Aaron Copland, *Fanfare for the Common Man*, Americana, John Williams, James Horner

**Extensive Keyword List**

Aaron Copland, *Fanfare for the Common Man*, Americana, Americanness, trope, triumphant exordium, protagonistic introspection, trumpet, brass, percussion, hammerstroke, John Williams, James Horner, *Summon the Heroes*, *Apollo 13*, *Dance Panels*, Jerome Robbins, Eugene Goossens, *Appalachian Spring*, *Quiet City*, humanism, nationalism, patriotism, Olympics, NASA, astronauts, lunar exploration, moon, diatonic, angular, orchestration, triumph, melancholy

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