

## **PROGRAM NOTE**

Have you ever had a feeling that something good was about to happen? Perhaps just an inkling? Have you ever met someone and known instantly that you were going to become thick as thieves?

In the fall of 2005, I read Malcolm Gladwell's book, *Blink*. *Blink* is a book about rapid cognition. The following is from Gladwell's website:

When you meet someone for the first time, or walk into a house you are thinking of buying, or read the first few sentences of a **book**, your mind takes about two seconds to jump to a series of conclusions. Well, "**Blink**" is a **book** about those two seconds, because I think those instant conclusions that we reach are really powerful and really important and, occasionally, really good.

I found this concept inspiring and led to the writing of my work for wind band by the same name. My work features quick changes of both texture and tempo (blink!) while systematically exploring a single motive. The boisterous opening of the piece rigorously works this motive (in both transparent and opaque ways) and climaxes in giving way to a surprisingly quite and ethereal ending.

*Blink* was completed in January of 2006 for the Wind Ensembles of Shenandoah University and Abilene Christian University.

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