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IRRATIONAL EXUBERANCE! (2000)

Program notes:

“Irrational Exuberance” is a phrase borrowed from the unsurpassed doublespeak of Wall Street. Although this piece has little significance (thus far) in terms of international economics, the title does comment on the circumstances surrounding its creation. When I first heard the New York Youth Symphony, I was amazed by the energy and drive which these young musicians possessed. In a way, this piece is my way of tipping my hat to their exuberance, which seems so “irrational” (although quite welcome) in today’s world of concert music. Also, and perhaps more importantly, I composed this piece only a few weeks after my own wedding, during a period when I was (quite understandably) feeling a bit “irrationally exuberant” myself.

Instrumentation: Symphony Orchestra (3333 - 4331 - 3 Perc - Pno - Strings)

Duration: 6:30

Premiere: December 10, 2000, the New York Youth Symphony, Mischa Santora, Conductor