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Artist Statement

Like many things, music is a force of nature that precedes and will outlast humanity. Used as entertainment, as a vessel of revolutionary ideas, as a uniting force, it holds a tremendous power over our lives that, despite the technological and scientific innovations of today, remains as mysterious as it was thousands of years ago. Eras of composers have poured their identities and ideas into their works, each embellishing sounds that are innately familiar to our ears in such a way that we are permitted briefly to feel what they felt and think what they thought. In this way, music connects us all, regardless of gender, race, or age. This is what inspires me as a musician; whether it be performing a Bach cantata, or conducting a Stravinsky symphony, or composing a work of my own, that common sound that people have experienced or will experience allows me to connect to my peers and my ancestors in a way that words do not allow me to. I see the world through their eyes as they can see it through mine.