

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH - PROGRAM NOTE

Fountain of Youth draws its imagery from both the mythical fountain that insured permanent youth in those fortunate enough to bathe in it, and from the striking and literal power of a physical fountain as it rises and falls in a most beautiful seemingly eternal arch. The work searches for this power that springs from youth as its energy constantly replenishes all of us individually, socially, and culturally. Those who sought the mythical fountain sought immortality or prolonged youth and energy. Those who view the literal fountain sense this power as the wellspring of youthful energy rises from the lower waters, begins its beautiful journey to the top, arches and seems momentarily suspended at the heights before the inevitable descent to the source waters again and again.

Commissioned by Brett Mitchell and the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, the work was premiered in Cleveland's Severance Hall on November 18, 2016.