

Trailblazers- Program note

Trailblazers was one of several works commissioned by the eminent American flutist, Paul Taub, who was commemorating 20 years of wonderful music making in Seattle. I discovered that Paul and I have the exact same birthday—May 28, 1952. In that sense, we are twins. In the *Secret Language of Birthdays* by Gary Goldschneider and Joost Elffers, this day is designated the “Day of the Innovative Trailblazer”. I used that image in creating a fast “blazer” for solo flute.