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## Program Notes

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### *The Joker in the Pack* for piano, 20 fingers—Gidong Kim

This piece was written while thinking about how to get the advantage of online concerts. Like the title, it has an unpredictable vibe. Primo, Second, Red and Green, Casual and Formal... Please enjoy the contrast in the video and music.

—G.K.

### *Patterns of the Rain*—Mikaelia Erwin

When rain begins to fall, it starts out with a drizzle, then it keeps getting heavier until it starts to pour. Then comes the lightening, thunder, and the wind. After the rainstorm there is a rainbow. This is what the listeners are expected to hear when listening to “Patterns of the Rain”. This piece starts off soft and steady, and then it eventually becomes loud and boisterous.

—M.E.

### *Flying*—Zihao Chen

This piece's title is *Flying*. I just try to use two notes “A” and “C” to develop whole piece. The form of this piece is ABA. I wrote a improvisation part in the very end, because I want to let every performance can be different.

—Z.C.

### *Piano Composition 1*—Dympna Bowles

My piece, *Piano Composition 1*, was created as part of a requirement in Professor Hyun-Kyung Lee's keyboard workshop course, in which I was privileged to enroll in Fall 2020.

It is in the key of Bb Major, in 4/4 time, and consists of 63 measures. The composition begins with a slow, deliberate pace, evolving to a faster-moving theme, and then transitioning into a slower section in G minor. This section was inspired by the sadness and loss experienced by many people during the pandemic occurring at the time in 2020. The piece then moves back to the key of Bb Major and concludes with the faster-paced, and hopefully more optimistic, theme from the beginning. It is played through Finale's Audio Playback system.

—D.B.