

Argyle Street - Six Pieces for Flute Quartet (2010)

This suite of pieces for flute quartet was commissioned by the *Quarter Tones Flute Ensemble* (Tara Semple, Linda Lucyk, David Popoff, Marie-Veronique Bourque) with the assistance of the Saskatchewan Arts Board. Based in Regina, SK, Canada, the group enjoys a wide variety of styles and colours. They were looking for a piece that would exploit the voices of the “other” flutes: piccolo, alto and bass, as well as the standard C Flute. The movements explore lyricism, rhythmic energy and poignant emotion in contrasting moods and tempi.

The work was given its official premiere on June 3, 2010 on a concert at the Knox-Metropolitan United Church in Regina. The performance was recorded for broadcast by the CBC. The title of the piece references the address where the group likes to rehearse.

Another fine ensemble, *Quartet Laurier*, has also included *Argyle Street* on their 2010 CD entitled “Canadian Flute Quartets”, recorded in the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario.

Argyle Street was named winner in the small ensemble category of The National Flute Association’s 2012 Newly Published Music Competition.