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Ballroom Portraits





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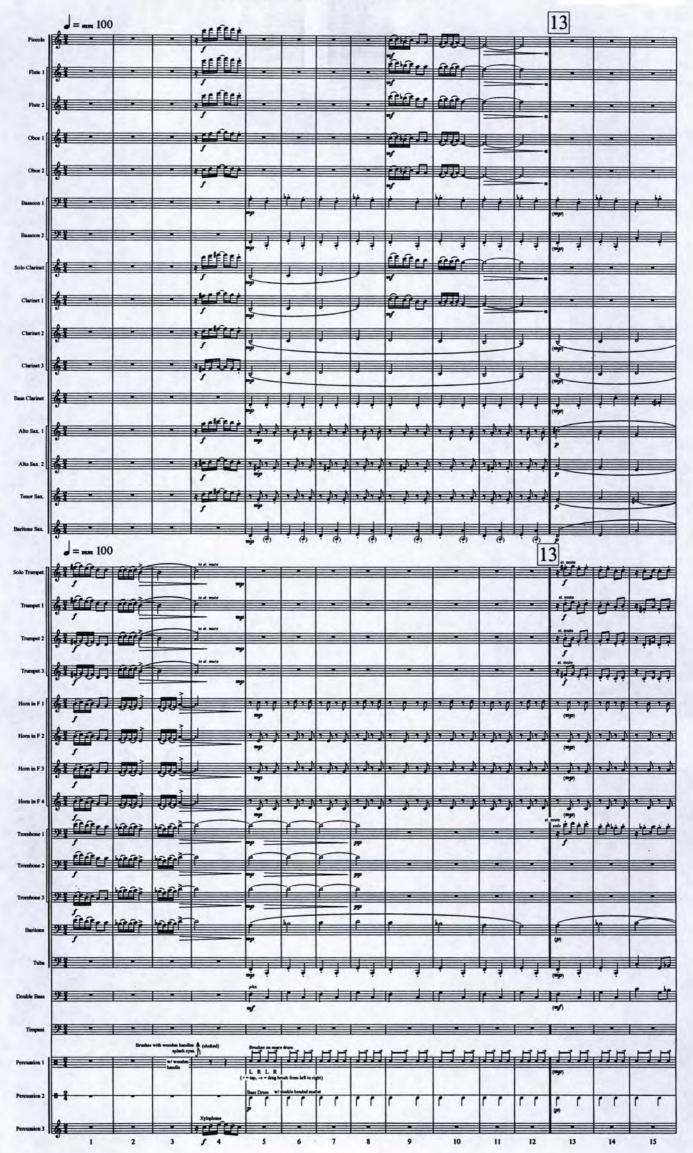
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Walter Howard Snodgrass was born June 15, 1919 in Jerome, Idaho to Eugene Munn and Lena Howard Snodgrass.

At an early age, Walt showed an interest in music and enjoyed the piano his entire life. He played in various dance bands from his teens through retirement, including "Gentleman of Note." In 1941 he received both his Bachelor and Master degrees in Education from the University of Idaho, and married Doris Hungerford that same year. They were married for almost 61 years.

A World War II veteran in the 24th Infantry Division, he fought in New Guinea, Leyte, Mindoro, Mindinao, and was stationed in Japan. He was Concert Master from 1943-46. While recovering from malaria in the Philippines, a Japanese bomb fell through the roof into his hospital room, but failed to detonate.

Walt Snodgrass taught music in Orofino, Idaho (1941-42), Sandpoint, Idaho (1942-43) and again from 1946-1949 after serving in World War II. He taught in Rosalia, Washington (1949-53), and Moscow, Idaho (1953-77). He trained numerous practice teachers and thousands of students during his 36 years of teaching, and his bands were always outstanding.

He was president of the Idaho Music Educators Association (1958-1960), vice president of the Northwest Music Educators National Conference (MENC) (1962-63), editor of the Idaho Music Educators Quarterly (1965-67), a member of the American School of Band Directors Association (1960-64) and an honored member of the Band Masters of the Northwest.