Suite for Flute Alone





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WALLINGFORD RIEGGER was born in Albany, Georgia, in 1885. His most valuable early musical experience was playing violin and cello in a string quartet composed of members of the family. He left college (Cornell University) in 1905 to resume his musical education, his teachers being Alwin Schroeder and Percy Goetschius. Abroad he studied with Anton Hekking, Edgar Stillman-Kelley, and Robert Hausmann (the last at the Hochschule in Berlin). After training in operatic conducting in southern Germany he led the Bluthner Orchestra (Berlin) during the season 1916-17, performing without score more than 30 symphonies and many other works. Since his return to America during the war, he has conducted student orchestras in various conservatories, where he has had classes in Harmony 1, 11 and 111; Keyboard Harmony 1, 11, 111, IV and V; Sight-Singing 1, 11 and 111; Dictation 1, 11, 111 and IV; Counterpoint 1 and 11; Elementary Composition 1 and 11; Advanced Composition 1 and 11; Orchestration, Conducting, Form and Analysis, Ensemble Playing, Music History and Appreciation, Opera and Acoustics. He now has a private studio in New York.

His works are (in order):

Piano Trio in B Minor (Paderewski Prize, 1921). To appear shortly. String Quartet in G Minor.

Whimsy (for Cello and Piano). To appear shortly (Schirmer).

American Polonaise (for Orchestra). -

La Belle Dame sans Merci (Coolidge Prize, 1924).

Rhapsody for Orchestra.

Blue Voyage (for Piano). Published by G. Schirmer, New York. Study in Sonority (for ten Violins). Published by G. Schirmer, N.Y. Suite for Flute Solo. Published by New Music.

Four Canons for Woodwinds.

Mr. Riegger says concerning his flute solo:

"In this work, aside from the ever present problems of design, the chief difficulty has lain in the avoidance of diatonic tonality without the aid of other instruments. So-called tonal centers, however, may be felt in various places. This cannot be said of the concluding six measures, in which each of the semitones of three octaves of flute range is represented once."