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COMPOSER

## PROGRAM NOTES

*CELESTIAL WIND* (1987)

Program note by Robert Sirota:

*Celestial Wind* was composed in 1987 and given its premiere by Victoria Sirota in the spring of that year at Bremen Cathedral (Germany). This is a work inspired by Acts 2:2-3:

“And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.”

This Pentecost text, which describes the descent of the Holy Spirit as rushing wind and tongues of fire, is a potent subject for a work written for a grand organ in a majestic space.