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## PROGRAM NOTES

### *A RUSH OF WINGS* (2008)

Program note by Robert Sirota:

*A Rush of Wings* draws inspiration from Psalms 18 and 104, both of which reference the "wings of the wind." As I grow older, I think and dream more frequently of flying – of being borne on wings far above the earth. My compositions over the past few years have reflected this. In 2005 I wrote an orchestra piece, *Meridians*, which is about flying across the world in an ocean-hopping jetliner. My *Symphony # 1* completed in 2007 and subtitled 212, spends a good deal of its 25 minutes hovering conceptually over Manhattan. In the summer of 2008 I composed a trio for flute, clarinet and piano entitled *Birds of Paradise*. *A Rush of Wings* continues this exploration, this time evoking the wind of God and the flight of angels. In its seven minutes I imagine what the "wings of the wind" might sound like.