

## **PROGRAM NOTE**

*Fanfare Ritmico* celebrates the rhythm and speed (tempo) of life. Writing this work on the eve of the move into the new Millennium, I found myself reflecting on how all things have quickened as time has progressed. Our lives now move at speeds much greater than what I believe anyone would have ever imagined in years past. Everyone follows the beat of their own drummer, and those drummers are beating faster and faster on many different levels. As we move along day to day, rhythm plays an integral part of our lives, from the individual heartbeat to the lightning speed of our computers. This fanfare celebrates that rhythmic motion, of man and machine, and the energy which permeates every moment of our being in the new century.

The wind ensemble version of *Fanfare Ritmico* was commissioned by The Alpha Lambda Chapter of The Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity at Illinois Wesleyan University.

This work received its world premiere on April 21, 2002 by The Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble, Steven W. Eggleston, conducting.

-Jennifer Higdon