

PROGRAM NOTES: “Loco”

"Loco" celebrates the Centennial season of Ravinia, and the train that accompanies the orchestra. When thinking about what kind of piece to write, I saw in my imagination a locomotive. And in a truly ironic move for a composer, my brain subtracted the word "motive", leaving "loco", which means crazy. Being a composer, this appealed to me, so this piece is about locomotion as crazy movement!

This work was commissioned by the Ravinia Festival, Highland Park, Illinois, to commemorate the Ravinia train as part of the Train Commission Project as organized and imagined by Welz Kauffman.

--Jennifer Higdon