

Eleven Sumner Place *for symphonic band* by Richard Wilson

Of Eleven Sumner Place, which is dedicated to the Guggenheim Concert Band and Ainslee Cox, the composer has written:

Eleven Sumner Place is the address of a small hotel in the South Kensington section of London. Beginning in the early 1960's I stayed several times over a period of about ten years at this establishment, which was run by a lively lady from (I believe) Malta. Her guests were largely from the Middle East and the atmosphere of the place seemed to me exotic and enchanting. Outside, however, things were quite normal: street musicians playing every morning at the intersection with Old Brompton Road, the rush of traffic, the Sunday band concerts in nearby parks. This hotel, and the complex of memories it evokes for me, was much on my mind as I composed this work for symphonic band.

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