

Fishing with a Friend

<u>Instrumentation</u>

Flute

Clarinet

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Cello

String Bass

Harp and Piano

Duration - ca. 3:20

(Cover Photo - Lee Vining, CA. by Barbara Hill)



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A musical impression of an old Ouachita Baptist University (Arkadelphia, Arkansas) memory of a lazy Saturday morning spent fishing with a friend down along the riverbank that ran behind the music building. "Fishing with a Friend" is intentionally quiet, sentimental, and reflective of the gently blowing breeze banks of the river.

This orchestration of the original Flute and Piano version was written for, and performed by, students of the Band and Orchestra Program of California High School in Whittier, CA.

About the Composer... Stephen Hill (b.1958) was born and raised in Southern California. He studied composition with Philip Westin at Cerritos College (CA), W. Francis McBeth at Ouachita Baptist University (Arkansas), and Byong Kon Kim at California State University, Los Angeles. Stephen's studies with these composers connect him to a lineage that includes their teachers, Roy Harris, Ingolf Dahl, Clifton Williams, Bernard Rogers, Bernhard Heiden, and Howard Hanson. Stephen composes for the simple joy of it.

For over 40 years, Stephen taught K-12 instrumental music in the Private Christian School (Whittier Christian) and Public School (California High School) settings. Although semi-retired, Stephen continues to work with students by teaching part-time at California High School and maintaining his private music studio, where he plays and teaches Woodwinds, Brass, Strings, and Piano. Stephen also plays with the church orchestra at Calvary Chapel in La Habra, CA., where Stephen attends. When teaching full-time, he was primarily a "summer" composer. No longer teaching full-time, Stephen has the privilege of composing beyond just the summer months and publishes through his company, SARAHTIM — a title that comes from simply combining the names of his daughter, Sarah, and son, Timothy. (Notes by Dr. John Burdett, Azusa Pacific University)

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"Where there is devotional music, God is always at hand with His gracious presence." J.S.Bach

"The Lord is my shepherd..." (Psalm 23)



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