MUSIC FOR BRASS BAND

Dies Irae

From Messa da Requiem

Verdi arr. Peter Graham

Full Score

Programme Note

Verdi's *Requiem* was first performed in May 1874 in Milan and was written to commemorate the life of the great Italian poet and writer Manzoni.

This arrangement comprises key moments from the *Dies Irae* (Day of Wrath) section. The main *Dies Irae* theme is followed by the *Tuba Mirum*, where offstage cornets play the role of judgment day trumpeters. A transition in the style of Verdi (and utilising material from the work) leads to the majestic *Rex tremendae*.

Here the vocal soloists of the original are portrayed by the lyric voices of cornet, flugel horn, baritone and euphonium as the increasingly dramatic music draws to a conclusion.

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