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THE 2017

RENÉE B. FISHER PIANO COMPETITION

Dave's Reel

by David Evan Thomas

ELEMENTARY / MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION WORK
Program note

In the fall of 2014, the Twin Cities lost a beloved citizen: physician, singer, parent and grandfather David Buran. I sang with David in VocalEssence and the Plymouth Congregational Church Choir. He was a proud supporter of the arts and a long-time member of Plymouth Church. I wrote Dave's Reel in David's memory for Ann, his wife, who is a fine pianist. The idea for piece came while listening to folk music on the web during David's last week, when he was quickly fading from cancer. Friends told me that David had enjoyed dancing at a party on the Friday before he died. I put “folk” and “dancing” together and came up with Dave's Reel. The work was the winner in the Elementary-Middle School Division of the Renée B. Fisher Composer Awards for 2017.

—David Evan Thomas

David Evan Thomas has been honored with two McKnight Foundation Artist Fellowships, an Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and commissions from the Minnesota Orchestra and Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra. Born in Rochester, New York in 1958, Thomas attended Penfield High School and the Eastman School of Music “Prep” Department, graduating with Honors in Trumpet. He studied at Northwestern University, Eastman and with Dominick Argento at the University of Minnesota. Thomas's music is published by ECS, MorningStar, Augsburg Fortress and several other publishers. He lives in Minneapolis. More: www.davidevanthomas.com.
For Ann Buran

Dave's Reel

Allegro spiritoso \( \text{\textit{allegro spiritoso}} \quad \text{\textit{j=84}} \)

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