

The Jaws of Fenris

By Roland Barrett (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B♭ Clarinet
- 2 Bb Bass Clarinet
- 6 E♭ Alto Saxophone
- 4 Bb Tenor Saxophone
- 2 Eb Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B_b Trumpet
- 4 F Horn
- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon

- 2 Baritone Treble Clef (World Part Trombone in B) Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba
- 2 Mallet Percussion (Bells/Chimes)
- 1 Optional Timpani (Tune: D, F)
- 3 Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum/Tambourine)
- 3 Percussion 2 (Suspended Cymbal/Woodblock, Triangle)

WORLD PARTS

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Horn in Eb

Trombone/Baritone in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in E Bass Clef

Tuba in E Treble Clef

Tuba in B_b Bass Clef

Tuba in Barreble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

This title of this piece, *The Jaws of Fenris*, is taken from the name of a mountain range in Queen Maud Land, Antarctica, known as Fenriskjeften, or Jaws of the Fenris, a monstrous wolf of the Norse mythology. The range is so named because its peaks, piercing through the icy surface of Antarctica, resemble the fangs of a huge canine creature.

Fenris (also known as Fenrir and Fenrisulfr) was the oldest child of Loki and the giantess Angrboda. When the Nordic gods learned of a prophecy that stated that Fenris and his family would one day be responsible for the destruction of the world, they captured him and locked him in a cage. Still fearful of Fenris' strength and capacity for evil, the gods bound him with a magical chain fashioned from several mysterious elements, including the footstep of a cat, the roots of a mountain, the breath of fishes, the sinews of a bear, and the spittle of a bird. As the chain was placed around his neck, Fenris bit off the hand of the god Tyr. Enraged, the gods gagged Fenris with a sword and bound him to a rock one mile beneath the earth's surface, a sentence to last until doomsday. Fenris figures prominently in Norwegian and Icelandic poetry of the 10th and 11th centuries, as the poets speak apprehensively of the day when Fenris escapes his captivity.

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FULL SCORE Approx. Duration - 1:45 By Roland Barrett (ASCAP)

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