

(b. 1966) **Samuel R. Hazo** resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with his wife and children. Mr. Hazo remains the only winner of both composition contests sponsored by the National Band Association. He has composed for the professional, university and public school levels in addition to writing original scores for television, radio and the stage. Mr. Hazo was asked by the Newtown School District to compose the memorial for the children and women who were lost in the tragedy at their Sandy Hook Elementary School. The result was a major work for Choir, Orchestra and Wind Band combined titled "Glorificare." Mr. Hazo also composed "Bridges," which he was requested to write by Virginia Tech University following their tragic shootings. In 2012, two of Mr. Hazo's compositions were performed at the London Summer Olympic Games. His compositions have been performed and recorded world-wide. Additionally, numerous titles of Mr. Hazo's works are included in the series "Teaching Music Through Performance in Band." He has served as composer-in-residence at Craig Kirchhoff's University of Minnesota Conducting Symposium and has also lectured on music and music education at universities and high schools internationally. Mr. Hazo was twice named "Teacher of Distinction" by the southwestern Pennsylvania Teachers' Excellence Foundation.