# Ispirato da Vivaldi 

 dedicated to the Houghton College Philharmonia Dr. Brian Casey - Conductor
## by <br> Tim Shackelton

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## About the Music - -

As a composer and devoted fan of the music of Antonio Vivaldi, I was truly inspired to create a musical composition that represents a vicarious snapshot of the life and musical style of a great Baroque musician.

The opening ‘Andante’ section in 'a minor' creates a sadness that I believe was a part of Vivaldi's life as he searched for his place of prominence in the world of Baroque music. He must have knowingly labored in the shadows of Bach, Handel and Scarlatti.

The 'Spirited' section at measure 21 represents the driving but delicate intensity of Vivaldi's musical style that has always been such a joy to listen to.

In the third section measure 54, the solo trumpet represents a more modern interpretation of Vivaldi's music as he accepts his role, never knowing the actual great importance of that role, in the world of Baroque music.

The final 'Spirited' Section at measure 93 once more returns to the bold, driving, but delicate intensity that has made Vivaldi's music so popular for such a long time. Please enjoy Ispirato da Vivaldi.

## Tim Shackelton

## About the Composer --



Tim Shackelton was boin in 1952 and raised on the family farm outside the town of Walton, NY. The support and influence of musical parentsgave him the opportunity to pursue instrumental training on piano and violin.

Mr. Shackelton graduated from Hartwick College in 1974 with a BA in music education. The same year he became director of the orchestra program at the Cobleskill- Richmondville school district. He remained in that position for 33 years, retiring in 2007. During his teaching career, Mr. Shackelton composed many selections for his High School concert orchestra.

He is now actively pursuing a second career in orchestra composition. He has two grown children, Bryan and Elizabeth, and resides with his wife Susan in Cobleskill, NY.

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