

## NEDERLANDS

Het Nederlandse dorp Kolhorn, gelegen in de kop van Noord-Holland, werd in 1788 bij een brand vrijwel volledig in de as gelegd. De kerk en 21 huizen gingen in vlammen op, 36 gezinnen raakten dakloos. Het armlastige dorp aan de Westfriese Omringdijk had niet genoeg geld voor de heropbouw. De bewoners besloten hulp van buiten te zoeken. Schoolmeester Richter Zwart maakte een verslag van de brand, dat als pamflet door heel de provincie werd verspreid. Veel mensen waren geremd door het leed dat Kolhorn had getroffen. Er werd spontaan geld bijeen gebracht tot het voor die tijd kolossale bedrag van 18 duizend gulden, waardoor het dorp herbouwd kon worden.

De titel *Dies Infernus* betekent 'Dag van de Hel' en verwijst naar de allesverwoestende kracht van het vuur. Het werk begint met een mysterieuze sfeer die het nakende noodlot suggerert dat het dorp zal teisteren ('The Village'). Er volgt een geleidelijke opbouw waarbij de muziek steeds dramatischer klinkt.

Plots breekt het vuur in alle hevigheid los: dissonante akkoorden, maatwisselingen en chromatische figuren zetten het orkest in lichterlaaie ('The Fire'). De brand eindigt met een gigantisch cluster die de totale verwoesting weergeeft.

Uit de stilte ontstaat een treurmars ('In Memoriam') die steeds hoopvoller klinkt en uitmondt in een vreugdevol slot. Als een soort transformatie weerklinkt een grootse tutti in majeur toonaard. Zo kan een negatieve gebeurtenis toch een positieve dimensie krijgen.

Dit werk werd geschreven in opdracht van Harmonie De Eendracht uit Kolhorn ter gelegenheid van het 110-jarig bestaan.

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## ENGLISH

The Dutch village of Kolhorn, at the northern tip of North Holland, was almost entirely razed by fire in 1788. The church and 21 houses went up in flames and 36 families were made homeless. This poverty-stricken village along the encircling dyke in West Friesland did not have enough money for its reconstruction. The inhabitants decided to look elsewhere for help. The schoolmaster, Richter Zwart, drew up a report of the fire, which was distributed throughout the province in the form of a pamphlet. Many people were touched by the suffering that had struck Kolhorn. Money was spontaneously collected, amounting to 18,000 guilders, which at the time was an astronomical sum, and this enabled the village to be rebuilt.

The title *Dies Infernus* means 'Day of Hell' and refers to the utterly devastating power of fire. The work starts in a mysterious atmosphere that evokes the impending fate that will strike the village ('The Village').

The music then gradually builds up and sounds increasingly dramatic.

The fire suddenly breaks out in all its ferocity: dissonant chords, changes of beat and chromatic figures set the orchestra ablaze ('The Fire'). The fire ends with a gigantic cluster that represents total destruction.

Out of the silence rises a funeral march ('In Memoriam') that assumes a more hopeful tone and leads to a joyful close. A grand tutti in a major key then resounds as a sort of transformation. A negative occurrence can thus still take on a positive dimension.

This work was written on commission to Harmonie De Eendracht in Kolhorn on the occasion of its 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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FULL SCORE BRASSBAND  
**DIES INFERNUS**  
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## FRANÇAIS

Le village néerlandais de Kolhorn, situé dans la pointe de la Hollande du Nord, fut littéralement réduit en cendres par un incendie en 1788. L'église et 21 maisons partirent en flammes tandis que 36 familles se retrouvèrent sans toit. Le village indigent situé près de la digue circulaire de Frise Occidentale n'avait pas assez d'argent pour la reconstruction. Les habitants décidèrent de solliciter une aide extérieure. Le maître d'école, Richter Zwart, rédigea un compte rendu de l'incendie qui fut distribué dans toute la province sous la forme d'un pamphlet. De nombreuses personnes furent émuées par le malheur qui avait touché Kolhorn. De l'argent fut collecté spontanément pour atteindre la somme colossale pour l'époque de 18 mille florins, ce qui permit de reconstruire le village.

Le titre *Dies Infernus* signifie « Le jour de l'enfer » et fait référence à la force destructrice du feu. L'œuvre s'ouvre sur une atmosphère mystérieuse qui laisse pressentir le sort funeste qui va bientôt s'abattre sur le village (« The village »). S'ensuit une construction progressive au cours de laquelle la musique se fait de plus en plus dramatique.

Soudain, le feu éclate dans toute sa violence : accords dissonants, changements de mesure et figures chromatiques embrasent l'orchestre (« The Fire »). L'incendie se termine par un gigantesque cluster qui évoque la destruction totale.

Dans le silence se fait alors entendre une marche funèbre (« In memoriam ») où l'espoir est de plus en plus présent, jusqu'à déboucher sur une fin joyeuse. Comme une sorte de transformation, un tutti grandiose résonne dans une tonalité majeure. Un événement négatif peut ainsi prendre une dimension positive.

Cette œuvre fut commandée par l'Harmonie De Eendracht de Kolhorn à l'occasion de son 110<sup>e</sup> anniversaire.

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## DEUTSCH

Die Gemeinde Kolhorn in der Spitze vom Norden Hollands, wurde 1788 nahezu komplett verwüstet von einem Feuer. 21 Häuser samt Kirche wurden von den Flammen zerstört, 36 Familien verloren ihr Habe und Gut und waren obdachlos.

Weil das Dorf sehr arm war, wurden die Einwohnern benachbarte Dörfe um Hilfe gebeten damit Kohorn neu aufgebaut werden konnte. Hauptlehrer des Dorfes Richter Zwart beschrieb das dramatische Ereignis in einem Schreiben was in die ganze Provinz verbreitet wurde. Viele Leute tat das Schicksal der Einwohnern sehr Leid und wollten sich solidarisch zeigen. Insgesamt wurde eine irrsinnige Summe von 18.000 Gulden eingesammelt was ermöglichte, das das Dorf neu aufgebaut werden konnte.

*Dies Infernus* bedeutet *Tag der Hölle*, was natürlich die alles verwüstende Kraft des Feuers beschreibt.

Am Anfang der Komposition deutet die unheimliche Atmosphäre auf die baldige Katastrophe. (The Village) Nach und nach wird die Musik bedrohlicher bis plötzlich das schreckliche Feuer (the Fire) die überhand nimmt: die totale Vernichtung.

Aus die Stille der Trümmern bildet sich nun ein langsamer Trauermarsch (In Memoriam). Peu a peu aber, transformiert sich das Traurige ins Hoffnungsvolle. Jeder Ereignis, wie schlimm auch immer, hat eine positive Seite.

*Dies Infernus* wurde zur Anlass der 110-jährigerig Jubileum komponiert im Auftrag der „Harmonie De Eendracht“ aus Kolhorn.

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## DIES INFERNUS

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### BRASSBAND

Full Score  
Eb Soprano Cornet  
Solo Bb Cornet 1  
Solo Bb Cornet 2  
Repiano Bb Cornet  
2nd Bb Cornet  
3rd Bb Cornet  
Bb Flugelhorn  
Solo Eb Horn  
1st Eb Horn  
2nd Eb Horn  
1st Bb Baritone  
2nd Bb Baritone  
Solo Bb Trombone  
2nd Bb Trombone  
Bass Trombone  
1st Bb Euphonium  
2nd Bb Euphonium  
Eb Basses  
Bb Basses  
Timpani - Percussion  
Mallets – Percussion  
Percussion 1

## Full Score Brassband

## DIES INFERNUS

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- compositieopdracht van "Harmonie De Eendracht", Kollum, Nederland ter gelegenheid van hun 110-jarig bestaan -  
 - commissioned by "Harmonie De Eendracht", Kollum, the Netherlands for their 110th Anniversary -

**"The Village"**Misterioso  $\text{♩} = 65$ 

**Soprano Eb Cornet**

**Solo Bb Cornet 1**

**Solo Bb Cornet 2**

**2nd Bb Cornet**

**3rd Bb Cornet**

**Repiano Bb Cornet**

**Bb Flugelhorn**

**Solo Eb Horn**

**1st Eb Horn**

**2nd Eb Horn**

**Solo Bb Trombone**

**2nd Bb Trombone**

**C Bass Trombone**

**1st - 2nd Bb Baritone**

**1st Bb Euphonium**

**2nd Bb Euphonium**

**Eb Basses**

**Bb Basses**

**Timpani - Percussion**

**Mallets - Percussion**

**Percussion 1**

**Sop. Eb Cnt.**

**Solo Bb Cnt. 1**

**Solo Bb Cnt. 2**

**2nd Bb Cnt.**

**3rd Bb Cnt.**

**Rep. Bb Cnt.**

**Bb Flghn.**

**Solo Eb Horn**

**1st Eb Horn**

**2nd Eb Horn**

**Solo Bb Trbn.**

**2nd Bb Trbn.**

**C Bass Trb.**

**1st - 2nd Bb Bar.**

**1st Bb Euph.**

**2nd Bb Euph.**

**Eb Bass.**

**Bb Bass.**

**Timp. - Perc.**

**Mall. - Perc.**

**Perc. 1**

9

Sop. Eb Cnt.  
Solo Bb Cnt. 1  
Solo Bb Cnt. 2  
2nd Bb Cnt.  
3rd Bb Cnt.  
Rep. Bb Cnt.  
Bb Flghn.  
Solo Eb Horn  
1st Eb Horn  
2nd Eb Horn  
Solo Bb Trbn.  
2nd Bb Trbn.  
C Bass Trb.  
1st - 2nd Bb Bar.  
1st Bb Euph.  
2nd Bb Euph.  
Eb Bass.  
Bb Bass.  
Timp. - Perc.  
Mall. - Perc.  
Perc. 1

*Str. mute*  
*p*

*Open*  
*p*

*p* *open*

*pp*

*pp*  
<sup>3</sup>

*Open*  
*p*

*Open*  
*p*

*p*

*tr.*  
*p*

*mp*  
*muted*  
*p*  
*l. muted*

*(S)*

*S.C.*  
*pp*

13

Sop. Eb Cnt.  
Solo Bb Cnt. 1  
Solo Bb Cnt. 2  
2nd Bb Cnt.  
3rd Bb Cnt.  
Rep. Bb Cnt.  
Bb Flghn.  
Solo Eb Horn  
1st Eb Horn  
2nd Eb Horn  
Solo Bb Trbn.  
2nd Bb Trbn.  
C Bass Trb.  
1st - 2nd Bb Bar.  
1st Bb Euph.  
2nd Bb Euph.  
Eb Bass.  
Bb Bass.  
Timp. - Perc.  
Mall. - Perc.  
Perc. 1

*Str. mute*  
*p*

*mf*

*f* *p*

*f* *p*

*f* *p*

*f* *p*

*f* *mp*

*f* *mp*  
<sup>3</sup>

*f* *mp*

*f* *mp*

*f* *mp*

*mf*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*l. - open*  
*mf*

*f*

*l. - open*  
*mf*

*f* *p*

*both*  
*f* *p*

*mf*

*Gl. Spiel*  
*f* *p*

*f* *p*

*Middle tom*  
*mf*  
*p*

17

Sop. Eb Cnt.  
Solo Bb Cnt. 1  
Solo Bb Cnt. 2  
2nd Bb Cnt.  
3rd Bb Cnt.  
Rep. Bb Cnt.  
Bb Flghn.  
Solo Eb Horn  
1st Eb Horn  
2nd Eb Horn  
Solo Bb Trbn.  
2nd Bb Trbn.  
C Bass Trb.  
1st - 2nd Bb Bar.  
1st Bb Euph.  
2nd Bb Euph.  
Eb Bass.  
Bb Bass.  
Timp. Perc.  
Mall. - Perc.  
Perc. 1

21

**B**

Crescendo poco à poco

Sop. Eb Cnt.  
Solo Bb Cnt. 1  
Solo Bb Cnt. 2  
2nd Bb Cnt.  
3rd Bb Cnt.  
Rep. Bb Cnt.  
Bb Flghn.  
Solo Eb Horn  
1st Eb Horn  
2nd Eb Horn  
Solo Bb Trbn.  
2nd Bb Trbn.  
C Bass Trb.  
1st - 2nd Bb Bar.  
1st Bb Euph.  
2nd Bb Euph.  
Eb Bass.  
Bb Bass.  
Timp. Perc.  
Mall. - Perc.  
Perc. 1

*Accelerando poco à poco*

25

Sop. Eb Cnt.

Solo Bb Cnt. 1

Solo Bb Cnt. 2

2nd Bb Cnt.

3rd Bb Cnt.

Rep. Bb Cnt.

Bb Flghn.

Solo Eb Horn

1st Eb Horn

2nd Eb Horn

Solo Bb Trbn.

2nd Bb Trbn.

C Bass Trb.

1st - 2nd Bb Bar.

1st Bb Euph.

2nd Bb Euph.

Eb Bass.

Bb Bass.

Timp. Perc.

Mall. - Perc.

Perc. 1

*Tam-tam*

*Crash Cymb.*

*S.D.*

*mf*

29

Sop. Eb Cnt.

Solo Bb Cnt. 1

Solo Bb Cnt. 2

2nd Bb Cnt.

3rd Bb Cnt.

Rep. Bb Cnt.

Bb Flghn.

Solo Eb Horn

1st Eb Horn

2nd Eb Horn

Solo Bb Trbn.

2nd Bb Trbn.

C Bass Trb.

1st - 2nd Bb Bar.

1st Bb Euph.

2nd Bb Euph.

Eb Bass.

Bb Bass.

Timp. Perc.

Mall. - Perc.

Perc. 1

*Tam-tam*

*Crash Cymb.*

*S.D.*

*mf*

Moderato  $\downarrow = 80$

Ritenuto

33

Sop. Eb Cnt.

Solo Bb Cnt. 1

Solo Bb Cnt. 2

2nd Bb Cnt.

3rd Bb Cnt.

Rep. Bb Cnt.

Bb Flghn.

Solo Eb Horn

1st Eb Horn

2nd Eb Horn

Solo Bb Trbn.

2nd Bb Trbn.

C Bass Trb.

1st - 2nd Bb Bar.

1st Bb Euph.

2nd Bb Euph.

Eb Bass.

Bb Bass.

Timp. Perc.

Mall. - Perc.

Perc. 1

Dramatico  $\downarrow = 65$

Crescendo

Ritenuo

37

Sop. Eb Cnt.

Solo Bb Cnt. 1

Solo Bb Cnt. 2

2nd Bb Cnt.

3rd Bb Cnt.

Rep. Bb Cnt.

Bb Flghn.

Solo Eb Horn

1st Eb Horn

2nd Eb Horn

Solo Bb Trbn.

2nd Bb Trbn.

C Bass Trb.

1st - 2nd Bb Bar.

1st Bb Euph.

2nd Bb Euph.

Eb Bass.

Bb Bass.

Timp. Perc.

Mall. - Perc.

Perc. 1

**D** "The Fire"  
Presto con Fuoco  $\text{♩} = 200$

41

Musical score for section D, "The Fire". The score consists of 21 staves. Key signature is E major (no sharps or flats). Time signature varies between common time and 2/4.

- Sop. Eb Cnt.: ff at measure 41.
- Solo Bb Cnt. 1: ff at measure 41.
- Solo Bb Cnt. 2: ff at measure 41.
- 2nd Bb Cnt.: ff at measure 41.
- 3rd Bb Cnt.: ff at measure 41.
- Rep. Bb Cnt.: ff at measure 41.
- Bb Flghn.: ff at measure 41.
- Solo Eb Horn: ff mf at measure 41.
- 1st Eb Horn: ff mf at measure 41.
- 2nd Eb Horn: ff mf at measure 41.
- Solo Bb Trbn.: ff at measure 41.
- 2nd Bb Trbn.: ff at measure 41.
- C Bass Trb.: ff at measure 41.
- 1st - 2nd Bb Bar.: ff mf at measure 41.
- 1st Bb Euph.: ff at measure 41.
- 2nd Bb Euph.: ff at measure 41.
- Eb Bass.: ff at measure 41.
- Bb Bass.: ff at measure 41.
- Timp. Perc.: ff at measure 41.
- Mall. - Perc.: ff at measure 41.
- Perc. 1: ff at measure 41.
- Str. mute (for Solo Str.): Solo Str. mute at measure 41.
- f (for Solo Str.): f at measure 41.
- Xylo (for Mall. - Perc.): Xylo at measure 41.
- mf (for Mall. - Perc.): mf at measure 41.
- B.D.; play with drum stick (for Perc. 1): B.D.; play with drum stick at measure 41.
- mf (for Perc. 1): mf at measure 41.

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49

Musical score for section D, "The Fire". The score consists of 15 staves. Key signature changes to A major (one sharp).

- Sop. Eb Cnt.: (empty staff)
- Solo Bb Cnt. 1: (empty staff)
- Solo Bb Cnt. 2: (empty staff)
- 2nd Bb Cnt.: (empty staff)
- 3rd Bb Cnt.: (empty staff)
- Rep. Bb Cnt.: (empty staff)
- Bb Flghn.: (empty staff)
- Solo Eb Horn: (empty staff)
- 1st Eb Horn: (empty staff)
- 2nd Eb Horn: (empty staff)
- Solo Bb Trbn.: ff at measure 49.
- 2nd Bb Trbn.: ff at measure 49.
- C Bass Trb.: ff at measure 49.
- 1st - 2nd Bb Bar.: ff at measure 49.
- 1st Bb Euph.: ff at measure 49.
- 2nd Bb Euph.: ff at measure 49.
- Eb Bass.: (empty staff)
- Bb Bass.: ff at measure 49.
- Timp. Perc.: (empty staff)
- Mall. - Perc.: ff at measure 49.
- Perc. 1: ff at measure 49.
- v (for Perc. 1): v at measure 49.
- v (for Perc. 1): v at measure 49.
- v (for Perc. 1): v at measure 49.

12

57

Sop. Eb Cnt.  
Solo Bb Cnt. 1  
Solo Bb Cnt. 2  
2nd Bb Cnt.  
3rd Bb Cnt.  
Rep. Bb Cnt.  
Bb Flghn.  
Solo Eb Horn  
1st Eb Horn  
2nd Eb Horn  
Solo Bb Trbn.  
2nd Bb Trbn.  
C Bass Trb.  
1st - 2nd Bb Bar.  
1st Bb Euph.  
2nd Bb Euph.  
Eb Bass.  
Bb Bass.  
Timp. Perc.  
Mall. - Perc.  
Perc. I

E

Sop. Eb Cnt.  
Solo Bb Cnt. 1  
Solo Bb Cnt. 2  
2nd Bb Cnt.  
3rd Bb Cnt.  
Rep. Bb Cnt.  
Bb Flghn.  
Solo Eb Horn  
1st Eb Horn  
2nd Eb Horn  
Solo Bb Trbn.  
2nd Bb Trbn.  
C Bass Trb.  
1st - 2nd Bb Bar.  
1st Bb Euph.  
2nd Bb Euph.  
Eb Bass.  
Bb Bass.  
Timp. Perc.  
Mall. - Perc.  
Perc. I

**Crescendo**

70

Sop. Eb Cnt.  
Solo Bb Cnt. 1  
Solo Bb Cnt. 2  
2nd Bb Cnt.  
3rd Bb Cnt.  
Rep. Bb Cnt.  
Bb Flghn.  
Solo Eb Horn  
1st Eb Horn  
2nd Eb Horn  
Solo Bb Trbn.  
2nd Bb Trbn.  
C Bass Trb.  
1st - 2nd Bb Bar.  
1st Bb Euph.  
2nd Bb Euph.  
Eb Bass.  
Bb Bass.  
Timp. Perc.  
Mall. - Perc.  
Perc. I

*mf*

*Open*  
*mf*

*Open*  
*mf*

*I.*  
*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*Low tom (use the same sticks)*  
*mp*

*Middle tom*  
*mp*

75

Sop. Eb Cnt.  
Solo Bb Cnt. 1  
Solo Bb Cnt. 2  
2nd Bb Cnt.  
3rd Bb Cnt.  
Rep. Bb Cnt.  
Bb Flghn.  
Solo Eb Horn  
1st Eb Horn  
2nd Eb Horn  
Solo Bb Trbn.  
2nd Bb Trbn.  
C Bass Trb.  
1st - 2nd Bb Bar.  
1st Bb Euph.  
2nd Bb Euph.  
Eb Bass.  
Bb Bass.  
Timp. Perc.  
Mall. - Perc.  
Perc. I

*mf*

*both*  
*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*High tom*  
*mf*

**F** (Allegro con Fucoco  $\downarrow = 100$ )

80

Crescendo

Poco Accelerando

Sop. Eb Cnt.

Solo Bb Cnt. 1

*both*

*p*

*Open*

*p*

*Open*

Rep. Bb Cnt.

Bb Flghn.

Solo Eb Horn

1st Eb Horn

2nd Eb Horn

Solo Bb Trbn.

2nd Bb Trbn.

C Bass Trb.

*p*

1st - 2nd Bb Bar.

1st Bb Euph.

*p*

2nd Bb Euph.

*p*

Eb Bass.

Bb Bass.

*p*

Timp. Perc.

*p*

Mall. - Perc.

*p*

Perc. I

*p*

86

(sempre accelerando)

Sop. Eb Cnt.

*mf*

Solo Bb Cnt. 1

*mf*

Solo Bb Cnt. 2

*mf*

2nd Bb Cnt.

*mf*

3rd Bb Cnt.

*mf*

Rep. Bb Cnt.

Bb Flghn.

*mf*

Solo Eb Horn

*mf*

1st Eb Horn

*mf*

2nd Eb Horn

Solo Bb Trbn.

*f*

2nd Bb Trbn.

*f*

C Bass Trb.

*mf*

1st - 2nd Bb Bar.

1st Bb Euph.

*tr*

2nd Bb Euph.

*mp*

Eb Bass.

*mf*

Bb Bass.

*mf*

Timp. Perc.

Mall. - Perc.

*S.D.*

Perc. I

*mf*