

Bonus Listening Experience, Women, Music, Culture: An Introduction, 3rd Edition

Chapter 13

Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman, Number I (1986)

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Spotify Playlist, Chapter 13

Listening Focus

Listen to the interplay of brass (three trumpets, four horns, three trombones, and tuba) with percussion as Marin Alsop conducts this three-minute fanfare.

Timed Listening Guide

0:00 opening percussion announcement, as in the Copland fanfare

0:09 trumpet enters on motive that will recur

0:28 three gong hits

0:34 low brass featured in extended segment, with gradual crescendo

1:09 tempo slows

1:17 solo trumpet motive expands to a duet; other voices added

1:46 brass and percussion dialogue

2:10 final statement of opening trumpet motive

2:18 percussion finale leads to final brass chord