

SCORE

Innovation 216

For Brass Band

With optional Training Band(s) and Choir



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Programme notes

Innovation 216 is a celebration of the beauty of flight through aspects of Bristol's aerospace history, from the earliest Bristol Boxkite Biplane to the Blenheim Light Bomber, the Brabazon and Britannia, and Concorde.

Sounds of the aeroplanes as a timeline are represented within the brass and percussion, in particular wood of the early planes, progressing to metal, the rumble and anticipation of engines preparing for take-off, followed by a perspective of Concorde flying high, floating as though a bird (and a nod to the sound of the 'sonic boom').

Other aspects of flight can be heard throughout the piece such as the Doppler effect, particularly in the percussion. Musical motifs are based around the notes B, A, and C (Bristol Aeroplane Company, Bristol Aero Collection and Aerospace Bristol), heard at the beginning and the end, where the numbers '216' are also incorporated.

The title, *Innovation 216*, celebrates the innovation of Bristol's aerospace industry and also relates to Concorde 216, the last Concorde built, the final one assembled and flown at Filton, and the last ever to fly, returning to Filton from Heathrow Airport on 26 November 2003. In addition, the music marks the 150th anniversary of the Royal Aeronautical Society in 2016.

I am hugely grateful for the expertise of members past and present from Bristol's aerospace industry who gave up their time to help with historical and contextual research, and also provided quotes reflecting on the future of aviation, some of which are sung by the choir in the final section.

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Texts:

Blenheim Light Bomber, Beaufort, Beaufighter:
*Swept on the airflow
leaving the land below.*

Brabazon:
*Shuddering, juddering to the skies:
murmuring, purring the metal giant flies.*

Britannia:
*Rise and away on mounting wing,
whispering giant her song to sing.*

Concorde:
*Bird that sailed above the cloud
and boomed a song aloud.*

Words: Jennifer Henderson

*'air to air refuelling'.... 'automation'....
'3D printed aerostructures'.... 'drones....
'safer, greener, faster, cleaner, quieter, cleverer,
lighter, smarter'.... 'quieter and quieter'....
'space'....
'supersonic in the future - Concorde legacy'....*

Words: past and present members of Bristol's
aerospace industry

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INSTRUMENTATION:

Band:

E♭ Soprano Cornet

B♭ Solo Cornets

B♭ Repiano Cornet

B♭ Cornet 2

B♭ Cornet 3

B♭ Flugelhorn

E♭ Solo Tenor Horn

E♭ Tenor Horn 1

E♭ Tenor Horn 2

B♭ Baritone 1

B♭ Baritone 2

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Bass Trombone

B♭ Euphonium

E♭ Bass

B♭ Bass

Percussion 1: Timpani; Sizzle Cymbal

Percussion 2: Bass Drum (including rute); Medium Triangle; Glockenspiel; Bell Tree; Tubular Bell and bucket of water; Vibraphone; Cymbals

Percussion 3: Snare Drum; Suspended Cymbals (3); Tam-tam; Tom-toms (3); Glockenspiel; Tambourine; Small Triangle

Training Band:

Part 1: B♭ Solo Cornet

Part 2: B♭ 2nd Cornet

Part 3: B♭ 3rd Cornet

Part 4: Tenor Horn

Part 5: Baritone 1 / Trombone 1

Part 6: Baritone 2 / Trombone 2

Part 7: Euphonium

Part 8: E♭ Bass

Part 9: Bass Drum

Part 10: Glockenspiel

Part 11: Suspended Cymbal / Cabasa

Part 12: Cowbell / Triangle

Choir:

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Duration: 10 minutes

Score is transposed

Note for performance with training bands and choir:

The **training bands** should be arranged behind the main band in antiphonal effect with Parts 1-4 on the left of the conductor and Parts 5-8 on the right. Parts 9-12 (percussion) can be placed where convenient and can be doubled as necessary (although not glockenspiel).

The **choir** should ideally be split into two, so that an antiphonal effect can be achieved at figures D and F by using 'stage left' and 'stage right'.

Innovation 216 was commissioned by Bristol800, part of 'The Art of Flight' series at St George's Bristol. It was first performed on Sunday 27 November 2016 at St George's Bristol by Lydbrook Band, City of Bristol Training Band, Lydbrook Training Band, Lydney Training Band, Gurt Lush Choir and UWE Singers, conducted by Ian Holmes

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