

For Clarinet and Tape

for clarinet and tape (1983)

by Martin Wesley-Smith

For Clarinet and Tape was originally intended as a piece for tape only. After I had been working on it for a while, however, I could see that one of its musical lines was taking on a distinct solo character that cried out to be played on clarinet. But before I had finished it I played what I had composed to marimba player Graeme Leak, who demanded it for marimba and tape. That is how the piece was first pushed out the door. Later I turned it back into its rightful clarinet version. Since then it has been played on bass clarinet by, amongst others, Harry Sparnaay

The tape part was prepared using a Fairlight Computer Musical Instrument in the Electronic Music Studio of The New South Wales State Conservatorium of Music in Sydney

Martin Wesley-Smith

Philip Glass has been described as "the poor man's Martin Wesley-Smith". Born in Adelaide, South Australia, in 1945, Wesley-Smith studied composition at the Universities of Adelaide and York (England) before moving in 1974 to Sydney, where he teaches computer music and composition at The New South Wales State Conservatorium of Music

Although he has composed in many idioms for many resources Wesley-Smith's main interest is in audio-visual works using computer music and multiple computer-controlled projectors. With his group WATT he has presented many concerts of such works in various parts of the world. He is also musical director of TREE, a group that presents spectacular environmental events at Wattamolla Beach in Sydney's Royal National Park

Wesley-Smith's works include the politically-inspired **UENCEREMOS!** and **Kdadalak (For the Children of Timor)**, both for tape & transparencies, **Who Killed Cock Robin?**, for a capella choir, and **Snark-Hunting**, for ensemble and tape - one of many pieces inspired by the works of Lewis Carroll. His full-length musical comedy **Boojum!** was performed at the 1986 Adelaide Festival of Arts. He will be the Australia Council's Don Banks Composer Fellow for 1987