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Ellen Taaffe
ZWILICH
(b. 1939)

**Concerto for Violin
and Orchestra (1998) ¹**

- ① **Quarter note = ca. 62**
② **Quarter note = ca. 58**
③ **Quarter note = ca. 152**

**Rituals for five Percussionists
and Orchestra (2002) ²**

- ④ **I – Invocation**
⑤ **II – Ambulation**
⑥ **III – Remembrances**
⑦ **IV – Contests**

Pamela Frank, Violin ¹

NEXUS / IRIS Chamber Orchestra ²

Saarbrücken Radio Symphony Orchestra ¹

Michael Stern

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A unique voice in 21st century music, Ellen Zwilich is the recipient of numerous prizes and honors, including the 1983 Pulitzer Prize in Music (the first woman ever to receive this coveted award), a Guggenheim Fellowship, and four Grammy nominations. Zwilich's *Violin Concerto*, described by *The New York Times* as 'a love-song to the violin', is a wonderfully engaging work whose second movement is based around Bach's great *Chaconne*. The exotically scored *Rituals* is in four movements, each stemming from a ritual associated with percussion, but with the orchestral interaction providing an essential element in the musical form. In this remarkable work the composer makes use of instruments from around the world, creating a thrilling range of sounds and musical reflections of a spiritual dimension.

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