**Sharpie Program Note Mark Engebretson**

**Sharpie** was written for and is dedicated to the Thelema Ensemble of Belgium. The title reflects a fascination with those ubiquitous and absolutely essential implements that we find all around us (i.e., Sharpie markers). Sharpie markers are prized for their strong, clear lines and, having expanded from the original black, a brilliant and beautiful kaleidoscope of colors. Sharpies are bold, vibrant, edgy and they project pulsating energy.