

This eight movement suite contemplates the infinite connections that unite people, ideas and the natural world. Much has been noted lately about how the world is getting smaller as time moves on. These bonds are ever present with the instantaneous sharing of digital information, in our heightened sense of interdependence when natural disasters occur.

Despite these occasions, people around the globe share meaningful associations. *Colors: The Ecology of Oneness* connects the dots, so to speak, through the working concept of colors. In each movement I explore various themes by linking a color to a concept, event or idea.

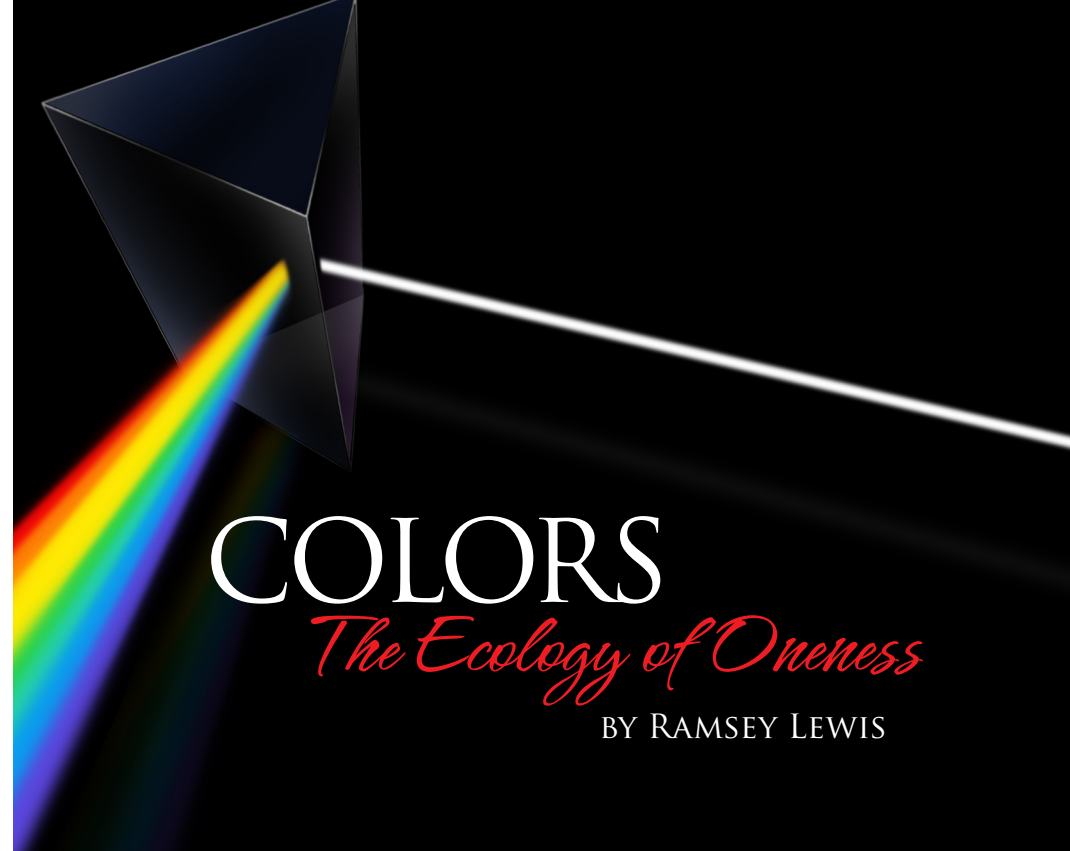
The musical palettes I used are well known: jazz, European classical, gospel and blues. The piece also features certain quotes (found inside this program) that I feel are relevant to each movement. Music, words and moving visuals combine to amplify the perceptual experience.

If colors themselves are derived from the spectrum of light, then this new composition seeks to articulate the light within all of us; a force that, like music itself, saturates our senses, links us together and propels us toward our greater good.



Credits

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COLORS

The Ecology of Oneness

BY RAMSEY LEWIS

Orange: Beneficence *Humankind*

"I'd rather be kind than right. You can always be kind." – Tenzin Gyatso, 14th Dalai Lama

"People may forget what you did, they may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel."
– Maya Angelou

"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." – Mark Twain

"Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair but manifestations of strength and resolution." – Khalil Gibran

Aqua: Equipose *Water*

"I really don't know why it is that all of us are so committed to the sea, except I think it is... because we all came from the sea. And it is an interesting biological fact that all of us have, in our veins the exact same percentage of salt in our blood that exists in the ocean, and, therefore, we have salt in our blood, in our sweat, in our tears. We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea, whether it is to sail or to watch it, we are going back from whence we came." – John F. Kennedy

"The future which we hold in trust for our own children will be shaped by our fairness to other people's children."
– Marian Wright Edelman

"Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you." – H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."
– Mother Teresa

Blue: Perchance *Sky*

"A mind is like a parachute; it only works when it is open." – Lily Tomlin

"I am where I am because I believe in all possibilities." – Whoopi Goldberg

"Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." – Abraham Lincoln

"We all have possibilities we don't know about. We can do things we don't even dream we can do." – Dale Carnegie

"It takes someone with a vision of the possibilities to attain new levels of experience. Someone with the courage to live his dreams." – Les Brown

Red: Quiescence *Time*

"With the past I have nothing; nor with the future. I live now." – R.W. Emerson

"Misplaced gold is easily recovered; misspent time is lost forever." – Anonymous

"Mindfulness is simply being aware of what is happening right now without wishing it were different; enjoying the pleasant without holding on when it changes (which it will); being with the unpleasant without fearing it will always be this way (which it won't)." – James Baraz

"The present moment is filled with joy and happiness. If you are attentive, you will see it." – Thich Nhat Hanh

Green: Efflorescence *Plants*

"If we have no peace it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." – Mother Teresa

"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can."
– George Bernard Shaw

"Our mission in this new century is clear. For good or ill, we live in an interdependent world. We can't escape each other. Therefore, we have to spend our lives building a global community of shared responsibilities, shared values, shared benefits." – Bill Clinton

"Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community." – Anthony Burgess

Purple: Blessings *Earth*

"The greatest degree of inner tranquility comes from the development of love and compassion. The more we care for the happiness of others, the greater is our own sense of well-being." – Tenzin Gyatso, 14th Dalai Lama

"Love many things, for therein lies the true strength, and whosoever loves much performs much, and can accomplish much, and what is done in love is done well." – Vincent van Gogh

"We have before us the glorious opportunity to inject a new dimension of love into the veins of our civilization."
– Martin Luther King, Jr.

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, then there will be true peace." – Sri Chin Moi Gosh

Yellow: Jubilation *Animals*

"Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy." – Thich Nhat Hanh

"Joy is the holy fire that keeps our purpose warm and our intelligence aglow." – Helen Keller

"Joy is not in things, it is in us." – Richard Wagner

"To get joy, we must give it, and to keep joy, we must scatter it." – John Templeton

White: Oneness *Reprise*

"Our life is our message." – Mahatma Gandhi

"To be what we are and to become what we are capable of becoming is the only end of life." – Spinoza

"What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters to what lies within us." – Ralph Waldo Emerson