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# (Grade .5)

Instrumentation Flute C Flute Oboe (Opt. 2<sup>nd</sup> Flute) Bb Clarinet Oboe Bb Bass Clarinet (Opt. Flute 2) Eb Alto Saxophone Bb Tenor Saxophone B Clarinet Eb Baritone Saxophone Bb Trumpet Horn in F **Bass Clarinet** Alternate Horn in F – Only written C-D-E-F-G-A Trombone/Euphonium/Bassoon Alternate Trombone – No Low C Baritone T.C. Alto Tuba Saxophone Timpani (Optional) Mallet Percussion (Bells) Tenor Percussion 1 Saxophone (Snare Drum, Bass Drum) Baritone Percussion 2 Saxophone (Maximum 2 players) **Specifications** B<sub>b</sub> Trumpet **Length:** 40-64 measures (one-page parts only) Rest at appropriate times for young embouchures. Horn in F Keys: Bb - Use of only the first 6 notes of the Bb major scale -Bb, C, D, Eb, F, G – Alternate Horn (written) C, D, E, F, G, A - Alternate Trombone and Horn parts are NOT separate parts for use as harmony etc. Alternate Horn in F **Time Signatures:** 2/4, 3/4, 4/4 2/4 & 4/4 should be the most used. Trombone/ Euphonium/ Rhythm: Whole, Half, Quarter and only two repeated Bassoon eighth notes in the winds. Percussion can have more eighths, within reason Alternate Trombone **Other Considerations:** Tuba

- Oboe, Horn and Timpani must be written as optional parts.
- Double Horn in F with Tenor Sax to place both in better range at this level.
- All low brass and low woodwinds should be in unison. Many bands do not start students on Tuba.
- 4. Avoid awkward leaps in any part. Keep stepwise a majority of the time.5. Timpani is optional, use only TWO pitches that do not change during the piece.
- 6. Percussion parts should be musically appropriate but active, avoid constant percussion lines in the snare and bass and allow for some space.
- Limit use of articulations and dynamics to only what is essential to bring out the musical idea.







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# (Grade .1)

#### Instrumentation Flute C Flute Oboe (Opt. 2<sup>nd</sup> Flute) Bb Clarinet Oboe Bb Bass Clarinet (Opt. Flute 2) Eb Alto Saxophone Bb Tenor Saxophone B<sub>b</sub> Clarinet Eb Baritone Saxophone Bb Trumpet Horn in F Trombone/Euphonium/Bassoon **Bass Clarinet** Baritone T.C. Tuba Timpani (Optional) Mallet Percussion Alto Percussion 1 Saxophone (Snare Drum, Bass Drum) Percussion 2 Tenor (Maximum 2 players) Saxophone **Specifications Baritone** Saxophone **Length:** 40-75 measures (one-page parts only) Rest at appropriate times for young embouchures. B<sub>b</sub> Trumpet Keys: Bb, Eb (and minors) Basically a Bb major scale with the following accidentals E - F# - Ab - DbHorn in F Time Signatures: 2/4, 3/4, 4/4**Rhythm:** Whole, Half, Quarter and simple eighth note patterns Trombone/ NO Syncopation Euphonium/ Bassoon Tuba **Other Considerations:**

- 1. Oboe, Horn and Timpani must be written as optional parts.
- 2. Double Horn in F with Tenor Sax to place both in better range at this level.
- 3. All low brass and low woodwinds should be in unison. Many bands do not start students on
- 4. Avoid awkward leaps in any part. Keep stepwise a majority of the time.
- 5. Timpani is optional, use only TWO pitches that do not change during the piece.
- 6. Percussion parts should be musically appropriate but active, avoid constant percussion lines in the snare and bass and allow for some space.
- 7. Limit use of articulations and dynamics to only what is essential to bring out the musical idea.









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# (Grade 1.5)

#### Instrumentation Flute C Flute Oboe (Opt. 2<sup>nd</sup> Flute) 1st Bb Clarinet Oboe 2nd Bb Clarinet (Opt. Flute 2) Bb Bass Clarinet 1st Clarinet Eb Alto Saxophone B<sub>b</sub> Clarinet Bb Tenor Saxophone Eb Baritone Saxophone 1st Bb Trumpet 2nd Bb Trumpet **Bass Clarinet** Horn in F Trombone/Euphonium/Bassoon Baritone T.C. Tuba Alto Timpani (Optional) Saxophone Mallet Percussion Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, **Tenor** Bass Drum) Saxophone Percussion 2 (Maximum 2 players) **Baritone** Saxophone **Specifications** 1st Trumpet **Length:** 40-75 measures (one-page parts only) Rest at appropriate times for young embouchures. B<sub>b</sub> Trumpet Keys: Bb, Eb, (F, Ab - less common) – (and minors) Horn in F Time Signatures: 2/4, 3/4, 4/4**Rhythm:** Whole, Half, Quarter and simple eighth note patterns Plus dotted quarter notes. Very simple syncopation only. Trombone/ Euphonium/ Eighth note triplets are possible within reason. Bassoon Tuba

### **Other Considerations:**

- 1. First clarinet can play over the break, but should not cross the break awkwardly. This is similar to what you find at the end of book one of most methods. 2nd clarinet still stays below the break.
- 2. Oboe, Horn and Timpani must be written as optional parts.
- 3. Double Horn in F with Tenor Sax to place both in better range at this level.
- 4. All low brass and low woodwinds: Some independence is acceptable.
- 5. Avoid awkward leaps in any part. Avoid awkward notes like B natural in the Trombone.
- 6. Timpani is Optional Only 2 notes and no changes mid piece.









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# (Grade 2.0-2.5)

Instrumentation

C Flute
Oboe (Opt. 2<sup>nd</sup> Flute)
1st Bb Clarinet
2nd Bb Clarinet
Bb Bass Clarinet
Bassoon
Eb Alto Saxophone
Bb Tenor Saxophone
Eb Baritone Saxophone
1st Bb Trumpet
2nd Bb Trumpet
Horn in F

Horn in F Trombone Euphonium Baritone T.C. Tuba Timpani Mallet Percussion

Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)

Percussion 2

(Maximum 2 players)

Flute

Oboe (Opt. Flute 2)

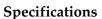
B<sub>b</sub> Clarinet

**Bass Clarinet** 

Alto Saxophone

Tenor Saxophone

Baritone Saxophone



**Length:** 40-80 measures (one-page parts or adequate time for turns) Music in 3/4 or 2/4 may have more than 80 measures.

Bb Trumpet

Keys: Bb, Eb, F, (Ab - less common) – (and minors)

Time Signatures: 2/4, 3/4, 4/4 (Simple Cut time)

**Rhythm:** Whole, Half, Quarter and simple eighth & sixteenth note patterns plus dotted eighth-sixteenth. Can use eighth and quarter note triplets.

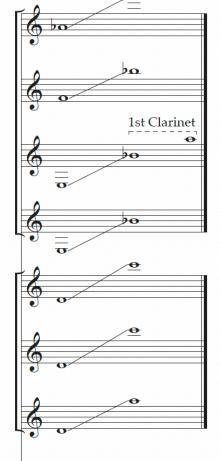
Horn in F

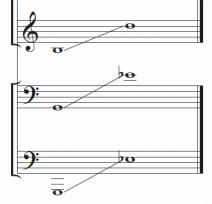
Trombone/ Euphonium/ Bassoon

Tuba

#### **Other Considerations:**

- 1. 2nd Clarinet still stays below the break
- 2. Still avoid awkward leaps in most parts.
- 3. Low brass can still be weak at this level keep that in mind.
- 4. Timpani (3 Drums max, allow time for tuning)





1st Trumpet







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# (Grade 3.0-3.5)

### Instrumentation

1st C Flute 2nd C Flute Oboe 1st Bb Clarinet 2nd Bb Clarinet 3rd Bb Clarinet Bb Bass Clarinet Bassoon 1st Eb Alto Saxophone 2nd Eb Alto Saxophone Bb Tenor Saxophone Eb Baritone Saxophone 1st Bb Trumpet 2nd Bb Trumpet 3rd Bb Trumpet 1st Horn in F 2nd Horn in F 1st Trombone  $2^{nd}$  Trombone Euphonium Baritone T.C. Tuba Timpani Mallet Percussion Percussion 1

## Specifications

Percussion 2

**Length:** 2 – Page parts – approx. 120 measures

Keys: Bb, Eb, F, Ab, (C) and minors)

(Snare Drum, Bass Drum)

(Maximum 2 players)

**Time Signatures:** 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8, and cut time

**Rhythm:** Within reason for grade 3

#### **Other Considerations:**

- 1. Piccolo is an option (especially for marches)
- 2. Cross Cue extensively especially for solos.
- 3. Timpani (4 Drums) Allow time for tuning.

**Flute** 

Oboe (Opt. Flute 2)

B Clarinet

**Bass Clarinet** 

Alto Saxophone

Tenor Saxophone

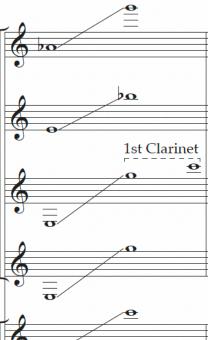
Baritone Saxophone

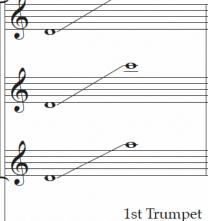
B<sub>b</sub> Trumpet

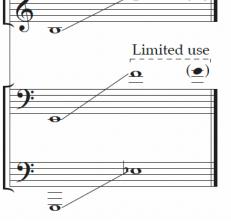
Horn in F

Trombone/ Euphonium/ Bassoon

Tuba







Limited use







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#### (863) 213-3100 • www.excelciamusic.com (Grade 4+) Instrumentation Flute Piccolo 1st C Flute 2nd C Flute Oboe 1st Bb Clarinet Oboe (Opt. Flute 2) 2nd Bb Clarinet 1st Clarinet 3rd Bb Clarinet 0 Bb Bass Clarinet B<sub>b</sub> Clarinet Bassoon 1st Eb Alto Saxophone 2nd Eb Alto Saxophone Bb Tenor Saxophone **Bass Clarinet** Eb Baritone Saxophone 1st Bb Trumpet 2nd Bb Trumpet 3rd Bb Trumpet Alto 1st Horn in F Saxophone 2nd Horn in F 3rd Horn in F 4th Horn in F 1st Trombone Tenor 2nd Trombone Saxophone 3rd Trombone Euphonium Baritone T.C. Baritone Tuba Saxophone Timpani Mallet Percussion Percussion 1 1st Trumpet (Snare Drum, Bass Drum) B<sub>b</sub> Trumpet Percussion 2 (Maximum 2 players) Limited use **Specifications** Horn in F **Length:** Within reason for grade level. Avoid long works past 6 minutes. Limited use **(•**) Trombone/ **Keys:** Within reason for grade level ( Euphonium/ Avoid less common keys) Bassoon **Time Signatures:** All - (Within reason for grade level) Rhythm: Within reason for grade 4+ 263 Tuba

#### **Other Considerations:**

1. Ranges can be increased within reason for grade level difficulty.