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Amazing Grace by William Himes

Album Title: If Thou Be Near

Recording: Concordia University Wind Symphony Richard R. Fischer, conductor

Kapelle Charles P. Brown, conductor Schola Cantorum Maurice Boyer, conductor,

Publisher: Mark 7881-MCD

The Concordia University WInd Symphony continues to provide excellence in their performance whether the literature is sacred or secular. The title work If Thou Be Near is one of the most beloved melodies of Johann Sebastian Bach. The transcription is from the esteemed Bach series done by Alfred Reed. Reed also composed the Exultation from Hymn Variants, which concludes the recording. The recording opens in dynamic fashion with Ron Nelson's Mayflower Overture (based on Old Hundredth). Amazing Grace is performed in the setting by William Himes and features the choir with the Wind Symphony. Also included on the recording is On a Hymnsong of Lowell Mason (David Holsinger), Keep Silence (David Gillingham), Reformation Fanfare (Nicholas Stark) and more. Another very nice program from Concordia.



Locomotive from "Four Factories" (excerpt)

By Carter Pann

Album Title: Canciones Y Danzas Recording: University of Florida WInd Symphony David A. Waybright, conductor

Publisher: Mark Masters 8639-MCD

Some of Florida's best "audio sunshine" comes from the University of Florida WInd Symphony. The CD begins with Canciones Y Danzas by Paul Basler. This is an extended work originally written for piano which portrays the vast gamut of human emotions & feelings through song & dance. Next is a pair of compositions by Carter Pann; Four Factories (a sound portrait of various industrial engines and machinery with their individual types of energies) and The Wrangler (bursting with loads of Western flavor & spirit) Two transcriptions by H. Robert Reynolds of music by Dmitri Shostakovich follow; the solemn Prelude in E-flat minor and the rollicking Folk Dances (an original band work by Shostakovich). The recordings concludes with the Geschwindmarsch from Symphonia Serena (Paul Hindemith) and Entry March of the Boyars (Johan Halvorsen/Clifford Barnes & Frederick Fennell). Great stuff here, you won't be disappointed.

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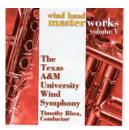
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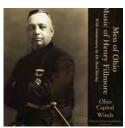


Lola Flores (Excerpt) by Sadel & Tucci/Krance

Album Title: WIND BAND MASTERWORKS VOLUME V Recording: Texas A&M University Wind Symphony

Timothy Rhea, conductor Publisher: Mark Masters 8515-MCD

ÊThe series of Texas A&M recordings (Tradition:Legacy of the March & Wind Band Masterworks) are among the finest and most consistent you could ask for. The fifth volume of Masterworks is no exception and features an assortment of standard and new literature for band. David Maslanka provides two of the more recent works with Mother Earth: A Fanfare & Give Us This Day; the other work is Symphonic Prelude by Mark Camphouse. Some fine transcriptions of Berlioz, Bach & Shostakovich adorn this collection as well as a pair of hallmark original works; Symphonic Movement (Nelhybel) and The Sinfonians (Clifton Williams). Two works of special interest include a long overdue recording of the paso doble Lola Flores (Sadel & Tucci/Krance) and the "complete" seven movement Autobiography for Band (Robert Russell Bennett). This work is sold in two parts; movements 1-3 as part one and movements 4-7 as part two. Another winner from Texas A&M!!



Playfellow By Henry Fillmore

Album Title: MEN OF OHIO: MUSIC OF HENRY FILLMORE

Recording: Ohio Capital Winds
Catherine Hope-Cunningham, conductor; Dr. Paul Bierley, commentary

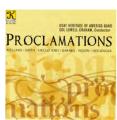
Publisher: Mark 8450-MCD

Please do not pass this off as "just another march recording"; this collection is something special. Dr. Paul Bierley is a well respected band historian with several published books and is definitely an expert on the music of Henry Fillmore. Dr. Bierley's commentary is presented before each of the eleven works and will provide the listener with some interesting and rarely heard stories about the compositions. There are two works on Men of Ohio that may be new to some listeners; a march entitled Playfellow and a clarinet solo with band called Lightning Fingers. The trombone smear is Shoutin' Liza Trombone and you'll enjoy Dr. Bierley's musings on this particular piece. I also applaud the inclusion of Military Escort, composed under the pseudonym Harold Bennett but it deserves its place here. The combined efforts of Dr. Bierley, Catherine Hope-Cunningham and the Ohio Capital Winds will make you believe Fillmore himself was on the podium.

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Fiesta Del Pacifico (Excerpt) by Roger Nixon

Album Title: PROCLAMATIONS

Recording: USAF Heritage of America Band Colonel Lowell Graham, conductor

Publisher: Klavier K11175

This is another reissue culled from past recordings of the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band. Danse Folatre by Claude T. Smith was one of three works the composer had commissioned by the U.S. Air Force Band and is still an exhilarating piece for today's top bands. The same excitement holds true for To Tame the Perilous Skies by David Holsinger. James Barnes' Fantasy Variations on a Theme by Nicolo Paganini has become one of the finest examples of "theme & variations" for band and Fantasies on a Theme by Haydn (Norman Dello Joio) is a classic work that has become a staple of band literature since its premiere thirty years ago. Sadly, the opening processional march The Patriots (Clifton Williams) has not enjoyed the success of his most famous march The Sinfonians but is a fine work regardless. The remaining work on PROCLAMATIONS is Fiesta Del Pacifico by Roger Nixon who passed away October 13. It is only fitting to acknowledge his most beloved band composition with the solid performance given by the USAF Heritage of America Band.



Lost Gulch Lookout (excerpt) **By Kristin Kuster**

Album Title: MILLENNIUM CANONS Looking Forward, Looking Back Recording: University of Georgia Wind Ensemble

John P. Lynch, conductor

Publisher: NAXOS 8.572231

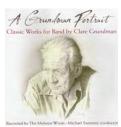
Millennium Canons (Kevin Puts/Mark Spede) is the title work for this interesting program by an established wind ensemble with a very experienced conductor. This piece is a compilation of flowing lines, trumpet fanfares, a lyric saxophone duet, and other phrases with touches of Baroque and modern. My Hands Are a City (Jonathan Newman) is a timepiece of the Lower East Side of Manhattan with its essence of Allen Ginsburg poetry & persona, traces of bebop music and atmosphere. A "metropolitan" sound still prevails throughout the work. Lost Gulch Lookout (Kristin Kuster) is a picture of the composer's birthplace in Colorado and illustrates nature's glory and majesty past, present, and possible future. John Mackey's Kingfishers Catch Fire is an imaginative two movement portrait of a picturesque bird with its awakening and soaring journey. Hammersmith by Gustav Holst really doesn't need an introduction to most listeners. I will say Dr. Lynch takes a cue from Chef Emeril and kicks the opening tempo up a metronomic notch yet it does no harm to this hallmark composition. The final work is Awayday by Adam Gorb; this "fun" work is becoming popular with bands & audiences as this superb recording will illustrate

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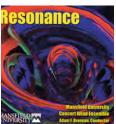
<u>Two Moods</u> by Clare Grundman

Album Title: A GRUNDMAN PORTRAIT-Classic Works for Band by Clare Grundman

Recording: The Midwest Winds

Michael Sweeney, conductor
Publisher: Boosey & Hawkes/Hal Leonard 48019835

Clare Grundman was a true legend in the world of band music with a vast, unparalleled catalog of original works and quality transcriptions. The eleven pieces on this recording range from Two Moods (1947) to Concord (1988) yet still capture a sense of timelessness. So many bands and audiences grew up with such works as American Folk Rhapsody No. 1 & No. 2, The Blue and the Grey, Hebrides Suite, Little Suite for Band and more Grundman gems. Also included are An Irish Rhapsody, Kentucky 1800. Little English Suite and Fantasy on American Sailing Songs. The Midwest Winds give this music a performance that perfectly illustrates the simple effectiveness of Grundman's compositions. Hopefully there will be a followup to this recording as A Grundman Portrait just scratches the surface of the composer's wealth for band. It would be nice to hear some of Grundman's solos with band as well as his transcriptions in the future. This is a MUST for your band listening library.



Rhythmic From "Concerto for Alto Saxophone & Wind Orchestra" (excerpt) By Mike Mower

Album Title: RESONANCE

Recording: Mansfield University Concert Wind Ensemble Adam F. Brennan, conductor

Publisher: Mark 8595-MCD 2 disc set

Resonance is a pair of recordings that feature standard band literature interspersed with music commissioned for the Mansfield State University Concert Wind Ensemble. Disc number one contains an interesting Symphony in Three Movements by John Stevens and a jazz influenced Concerto for Alto Saxophone and Wind Orchestra by Mike Mower (Joseph Murphy is the soloist). Also included on this disc is Alleluial Laudamus Te (Alfred Reed) and March of the Belgian Paratroopers (Leemans/Wiley). Disc number two begins with Fanfare for Brass & Percussion (Andrew Walters), followed by a pair of recent additions to the band's repertoire: New Century Dawn (David Gilingham) and A Hymn for the Lost and the Living (Eric Ewazen). The second disc concludes with two more commissioned works; Orpheus and Eurydice (Andrew Boysen Jr.) and the conductor's own piece Dream. This is an unusual idea of giving the listener a couple of well-played concerts mixing commissioned works with established compositions.

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Percussion Maintenance

by Lynn Cooper Bio Vol. 5, #3, p.9 (January - February 1990)

Every band or orchestra director has experienced the frustration of finding percussion instruments, mallets and equipment which have been damaged by careless or inappropriate use. The cost of repair or replacement places a great strain on budgets already stretched to the breaking point.

Much of the damage or careless use can be the result of handling by students who do not own the instruments and therefore do not feel any great obligation to exercise care in their use. How can we remedy the situation? I believe that when students are made aware of the high cost of instruments and mallets and are taught proper preventive maintenance techniques, more "professional" attitude toward those instruments and mallets will result and much less damage will occur.

Let's teach our percussionists how to care for all of that expensive equipment and to make them responsible for its care. The first step is a program of instruction. This could be as simple as giving each percussionist a hand-out with maintenance suggestions. It will be much more effective, however, if a series of instructional sessions is scheduled to reinforce the maintenance hand-out, and which will give them some actual "hands-on" experience in maintenance techniques. We may want to ask them for their suggestions so that they will feel more like a part of the whole process.

I have found the following information an essential first step in a preventive maintenance program. It is brief, yet complete, so that junior high and high school students will take the time to actually read and study it. After the instructional sessions I have found it works best to assign every person in the section some specific duties so that these maintenance procedures are regularly followed on all school-owned instruments. It is amazing to see a sense of pride develop in young percussionists! It is equally gratifying to see how much money can be saved on the repair budget!

PERCUSSION MAINTENANCE AND MALLET INFORMATION

I. Care of sticks and mallets

- A. Sticks: no rough edges, not warped, clean beads.
- B. Mallets
 - 1. General
 - a. Don't touch the mallet heads: perspiration, dirt, etc. can damage them.
 - b. Don't lay them on the floor or stands and get them dirty. Use a trap table or drape a towel or carpet piece over the horizontal desk of a music stand.
 - c. Keep them in a mallet bag.
 - 2. Timpani (also some timp-tom mallets)
 - a. Never use on a suspended cymbal (use yarn mallets).
 - b. Don't rub felt heads: it causes them to pill and then they must be trimmed.
 - c. Keep mallet heads covered when not in use.
 - d. Mark the seams on the head covers and do not play on them.
 - 3. Keyboard
 - a. Rubber: keep the heads clean.
 - b. Plastic and brass: don't abuse them, do not pound with them.
 - c. Yarn and cord: don't touch the fabric or get it dirty, keep the heads covered when not in use and store them in a mallet bag, replace the yarn when it is badly worn.
 - 4. Bass drum, Timp-toms, Gong
 - Keep the heads clean by not touching them or laying them down on the floor or a stand.
 - 5. Chimes
 - Do not abuse or run down the edges of a rawhide mallet head.
 - 6. Wire brushes
 - a. These must be handled with extreme care-they are easily destroyed.
 - b. Store in a "closed" position or in a storage tube.

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II. Keyboard Instrument Care

- -A general rule: Never use a mallet which is harder than the surface being played.
- A. Chimes
 - 1. Use rawhide or lucite mallets only.
 - 2. Play ONLY on the caps of the chime tubes. Never play on the tube itself.
 - 3. Check all fittings every month for tightness and wear. Especially check the dampening mechanism.
 - 4. Replace roping when worn.

B. Orchestra Bells

- 1. Use brass, plastic or rubber mallets.
- 2. Use brass mallets carefully to avoid damage to the bars.
- 3. Be sure to keep the instruments covered when not in use.

C. Xylophone

- 1. Use wood, rubber or lucite mallets only-never brass.
- 2. Never strike the bars with drum sticks or any object other that those listed above.
- 3. Check all fittings every month for tightness.
- 4. Clean and polish the bars every month with a commercial furniture polish.

D. Marimba

- 1. Use yarn-, or cord-wound mallets or soft rubber mallets ONLY.
- 2. Marimba bars are easily abused. Use caution, care and only the mallets listed above.
- 3. Check all fittings every month for tightness.
- 4. Clean and polish the bars every month with a commercial furniture polish.
- 5. Be sure to keep the instrument covered when not in use.

E. Vibraphone

- 1. Use only yarn-wound or rubber mallets, NEVER brass or plastic: the bars will dent.
- 2. Check all fittings every month for tightness.
- 3. Oil the motor bearings, pivot pins, etc., every month with a light machine oil.
- 4. Check the tension on the drive belt every month and replace it if necessary.
- 5. Keep the instrument covered when not in use.

III. Membrane Instruments

A. Snare Drum

- 1. Keep heads clean and free of writing.
- 2. Tension the heads evenly (tensioning in rotation as you do when putting on a car tire.)
- 3. Tension snares evenly (leave snares on when the instrument is stored.)
 - Clean the snares off occasionally with a soft brush.
- 4. Lubricate all lugs with petroleum jelly when heads are changed.
- 5. Heads should be replaced when necessary (unusually at least every two years.)
 - a. When replacing a head clean off the shell rim completely (use emery cloth lightly) and lubricate lightly with vaseline.
 - b. Be sure to "seat" the head properly.
 - c. Tighten all inner fittings while the head is off.
- 6. When a snare strand becomes stretched or bent remove that single strand completely and promptly.
- 7. Do not abuse the drum. Handle and play it with care.
- 8. Clean the outside of the shell as needed by wiping with a damp cloth.
- 9. Do not set the drum on any hard, rough or sharp surface or object-this is especially a problem with marching drums.
- 10. Clean and polish the metal hardware only with a non-abrasive metal polish.
- 11. Always store the snare drum carefully.

B. Bass Drum

- 1. Keep even tension on the heads (see under Snare Drum)
- 2. Keep the heads clean and free of marks. A slightly damp cloth works well.
- 3. Tighten fittings and lubricate lugs with petroleum jelly once a year.
- 4. Play only with a covered mallet (never a snare drum stick.) Wooden bass drum mallets are rarely needed in concert band music.
- 5. Keep covered when not in use.

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- C. Bongoes, Timbales, Tom-toms, Tenor Drums, Timp-toms
 - 1. Keep hands clean and evenly and properly tensioned (see under Snare Drum.)
 - 2. Lubricate lugs with petroleum jelly once a year and tighten all fittings.
 - 3. Clean and lubricate the shell rim when replacing a head or as needed (see under Snare Drum.)
- D. Timpani
 - 1. Keep the heads evenly and properly tensioned.
 - 2. Keep the heads clean and free of writing.
 - 3. NEVER adjust the tensioning at the base of the timpani without instruction and permission. This knob only controls pedal tension.
 - 4. Tighten all fittings once a year.
 - 5. Lubricate the lugs every year.
 - 6. Clean the rim of the shell and lubricate when replacing the head or as needed (see under Snare Drum.)
 - 7. Be careful not to dent or scratch the bowl. Dents may be carefully removed with a large rubber hammer such as the type used in an automobile body shop.
 - 8. Lubricate the pedal once a year.
 - 9. Keep the timpani covered when not in use. Store the covers carefully when they are off the drums. Do not allow the fibre board (which touches the timpani head) to get dirty.

IV. Other

A. Cymbals

- 1. Polish as needed with a non-abrasive polish- never buff on an electric buffing wheel.
- 2. Use the proper stand (in good condition) for suspended cymbals.
- 3. Crash cymbals should be held by a proper rack\holder during rehearsals—they should not be placed on the floor or on a chair.
- 4. Store all cymbals in a cabinet or closet-do not leave them set up in the band room.
- **B.** Temple Blocks
 - 1. Use soft rubber mallets ONLY-never use snare drum sticks.
 - 2. Use care in playing and handling temple blocks.
 - 3. Store in their case (if available) or in a cabinet or closet.
 - 4. If painted: repaint them lightly when needed.

C. All stands

- 1. Keep the rubber and plastic guards in place for the protection of the instrument.
- 2. Use care with lugs and screws so that they are not stripped. Use a light lubricant as needed.
- 3. When placing a drum on a stand be careful not to puncture the snare head with the stand and be sure the stand is adjusted snugly to the drum.
- 4. Make sure a good pad and a plastic or rubber rod cover are used on the suspended cymbal stand.

D. Woodblock

- Use only a rubber mallet.
- E. Storage of all Equipment
 - 1. Never store instruments and equipment carelessly or on top of each other.
 - 2. Keep wood instruments stored together and metal together-NEVER mixed together.
 - 3. Organize your percussion storage cabinets or closets and label storage areas so that instruments may be quickly located and correctly stored. LOCK your cabinets or closets immediately after every rehearsal.
 - 4. Put away all instruments and equipment immediately after you use it.
 - 5. Never leave percussion instruments or equipment set up between rehearsals. Keep them away from "untrained hands."

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Why I Teach

by Ryan Simpson Bio
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I'm a band director. I teach young people to play musical instruments, but that is not my job. I teach young people to read music and give concerts, but that is not my job. I teach young people about important musicians, musical periods, art, history, science, and culture, but that is not my job. My job is to help shape the minds, attitudes, virtues, and values of the people that will one day control the world we live in. The way I do my job, is by teaching music.

Is the ability to play the school fight song from memory going to help my students in their adult lives? Probably not. Do I shout "Left, left, left, left-right-left" over and over because the ability to march to the beat on the correct foot is a necessary life skill? Nope. Do I make my students play the circle of fifths because it will help them get a respectable, credible, employment that will give them meaning and fulfillment in their adult lives. YES, that is exactly why I do it!

Most students decide right away what they think will help them later in life and what is a waste of their time. Ask student if playing the fight song from memory will help them in their college careers or their adult employment and I can just about guarantee the answer will be a stout "No." Ask them if marching in step will help them keep their job. Again, a hardy "No." Ask them if they'll be able to play the circle of fifths in ten years. The answer? "Probably Not."

So why do we do it? Well, if you're a music teacher the answer is obvious, but is it obvious to your students?

We don't make them memorize the fight song so that they'll be able to play at homecoming twenty years from now; we make them memorize it because memorization is one of many exercises that will improve their chances of making it in the real world. Not too many adults spend their work days marching in step down the middle of the street in a parade, but every respected, employed adult has at some point been a single member of a larger team that has had to unify toward a common goal. Very few adults get up in the morning, put on their work clothes, drive to the office and run through the circle of fifths during the morning staff meeting. But, every working adult in the world has had to learn the basic skills, patterns and techniques that allowed them to tackle a larger task. Students need to know that we are not just teaching them to play in the band, we're teaching them to be people who can survive and thrive in the real world!

Let me give you a specific example:

I don't make my students play at the home football games because the world will come to an end if they don't. If my second trumpet player decides to skip the game, what's the worst that happens? Well, the part is not covered. OK, I can live with that. What I CANNOT live with is the self-centered, irresponsible decision that trumpet player just made. That student doesn't get the big picture, and I need to help him. That student needs to understand that he didn't just skip out on the game, he let me, himself, and the entire band down.

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The scenario I just described happened to me this year. What did I do? I sat the student down and laid the word on him about a little thing called responsibility. When I decided that he understood the weight of his decision and the consequences and affects that it had on the band, I let him make it up to them. The student apologized to me and publicly apologized during class to the rest of the students in the band. He told them that he understood what it means to be a band member and that they would be able to count on him for the rest of the year. I think that by the end of his apology, a few students that hadn't thought through their commitment to the band before, understood it a little better. Students teaching students so that one trumpet player is already passing along the virtues he has learned to other people. That is what teaching is all about!!

Although it may sound a little crazy, the way I see it, providing a band at the football game and making sure the second trumpet part is covered is not my primary goal as a band director. My primary goal is to teach students responsibility, self-respect, self-discipline, and pride. I do that by having the band perform at football games. My job is not the end, it's the means to the end. That is where the teaching happens!!

Getting to influence the lives of the generations that will follow me is a privilege, an honor, and an incredibly important responsibility. I teach my students about the critical role that self-discipline plays in how successful they will become as adults. I teach them about being team players and being conscientious, crucial parts of the whole. I teach them about self-esteem and having respect for themselves and other people. I teach them about manners and how a person's actions and words portray a picture to the rest of the world. I teach them about responsibility, honesty, commitment, and integrity. Now, the best part is, I get to teach my students all of this stuff using music, melody, art, beauty, expression, creativity, performance and love.

Take the time to tell your students why you became a teacher and why you care about the choices they make. Let them know why you teach music, why you act the way you do, why you say the things you say, and why it is so important that they understand the big picture.

I am a teacher. A music teacher. I help shape the world by sharing what I love with the people that will someday change the world themselves. That is why I teach.

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Getting Results

by Mark Grauer Bio Vol. 15, #3, p.10 (January - February 2000)

Have you ever been assigned to work on a curriculum writing project in your school building or district? Did you think, "Why me?" or, "What does this have to do with teaching a kid to play clarinet?" Have you heard school board members talking about accountability in education? Have you been told to develop a plan for measuring the student's progress in your class? Did you then roll your eyes, tune out the discussion and pull out the latest issue of Bandworld that you brought along to the meeting? It's time to tune back into the meeting and let the group know that music educators have been using performance-based assessment for more than 60 years. Now you can show your administrator that a student's progress in your music class can be evaluated in a measurable way.

Where did the idea come from? In 1938, during what many have called the Golden Age of school bands, Gerald Prescott and Lawerence Chidester published a book called "Getting Results with School Bands." At that time Prescott was Director of Bands at the University of Minnesota and Chidester was Band Director at Tufts College. In 1927, Prescott developed the Technic System to offset the loss of private lesson teachers at Mason City (Iowa) High School. Prescott explained, "My lectures were the reflection of my work as band director at Ida Grove and Mason City, Iowa. In reality, the book is the text for the Prescott Technic System which was in formulation during my times at Ida Grove and Mason City."

The initial idea for the book came out of lectures that Prescott gave while Chidester was doing graduate work at the University of Minnesota. As Prescott would finish a chapter, he would send it to Chidester for his input and revisions. Chidester would return it to Prescott for final touches, and over several years the book was prepared for publication. For many years this book was used as the standard textbook for college instrumental methods classes. At first glance the book may be overlooked as antiquated by today's standards, but it still contains a wealth of ideas for organizing your band program, or as the authors describe it, "systematizing the curriculum". A teacher had recommended "Getting Results With School Bands" to me while taking an instrumental methods class in college. Then to my dismay, I discovered that it had been out of print since 1967. The university's library had a copy of the book that I was able to read and copy portions of for my notes (notes I had made of the sections dealing with the "Five Point Course" and the "Preparatory" new teacher).

How is the curriculum organized? Prescott organized the band program into three graded levels: Beginning Band, Second Band and First Band. Many band programs today still use this format, but this alone is not enough to insure the quality musical development of the individual student. "The band leader may have Beginning Band Classes, a Second Band, and a First Band and yet not have a definite, planned course of study for the individual student" wrote Prescott. How many band programs today have the same situation? A student may move from Beginning Band to Intermediate to High School Band, and yet that student may learn to play nothing more than the music for the next football game or concert.

"The Five Point Course" is Prescott's recommendation for correcting this deficiency. He believed that a balanced band program should consist of the following areas:

- Full Band experience
- · Sectional rehearsal
- Technique instruction
- Solo performance
- Ensemble performance

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This approach provides a well-defined course of study that helps to develop musical competency in the student. The first two levels of the program—Beginning Band and Second Band—have lists of attainable performance outcomes that are clearly spelled out for the student to follow. As band students work their way through these performance outcomes, they must demonstrate proficiency on their instrument as well as being able to demonstrate writing rhythms, scales, fingering charts and showing an understanding of basic musical vocabulary. These performance outcomes were spelled out in what were referred to as the "Preparatory Exercises", and were based upon skills that could be mastered by the average student during their first two years of study.

I have modified and updated many of these performance outcomes to reflect the changes in school bands over the years. Most of the changes I made were in the language used in stating the outcomes in order to make them easier for the student to understand. Here are a few examples of the revised outcomes for Beginning Band students to complete by the end of their first year of study:

- Play all assignments in your lesson book.
- Receive a grade of 100% on a written exam covering 25 common musical terms.
- Demonstrate proper technique for tuning your instrument to any given concert pitch.
- Receive a grade of 100% writing eight measures of 4/4, 3/4, 2/4 and 6/8; using the following types of notes and rests: whole, half, quarter, eighth, sixteenth, and dotted half. Prepare and play your assigned part in two ensembles. Perform 15 of the most common elementary rhythm patterns as listed by your teacher.

Each list has sixteen performance outcomes for a student to complete with separate outcomes for wind and percussion players. The outcomes to be completed by the end of the second year are appropriately more challenging than those for the first year. A student must not only demonstrate proficiency in performance skills, but also an understanding of the cognitive areas of music.

Which is your band? Most bands can be divided into three different types, according to Prescott, depending on their level of technical expertise.

Band #1 gets by on just what gets done during a minimum of rehearsal time. The students' only technique instruction came from the beginning band book they had studied before enrolling in the Intermediate or Advanced Band classes. There are a few individuals whose technical skills are above the group, but the band as a whole plays music of an elementary level.

Band #2's director spends some rehearsal time working on basics of technique in addition to band music. This band plays intermediate level literature, but still many students have not reached their fullest potential.

The students in Band #3 are able to play advanced level literature. This is not through playing large quantities of music, they are only able to do this due to their persistent work in developing the individual band member's technique.

How do I improve the skill level? All aspects of the "Five Point Course" are designed to build and improve the individual musician through developing strong technique skills. Prescott described technique instruction as the "heart of the whole band curriculum" and firmly believed that only "through attention given the individual" can a band become successful.

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Getting Results (concluded)

by Mark Grauer Vol. 15, #3, p.10 (January - February 2000)

So the Prescott Technic System, a course of study using edited versions of standard instrumental method books to be used in class lessons, was developed. Prescott felt that Beginning Band students receive their technique instruction through their method book, but students in Intermediate or Advanced Band classes needed to be studying in the standard method books for their instrument. The course provides a unified curriculum for band students, and permits students to progress at their own pace toward completion of the performance outcomes.

Harold Bachman, former band director of the University of Chicago, once described Prescott's "Five Point Course" in this way, "This is one of the most practical plans for organizing band instruction that has yet come to my attention.... It demands no more time than many schools now afford, and presents such systematic procedure that success is inevitable if long vision planning is followed."

And finally, why? The common objective we all share for music education is to provide our students with meaningful musical experiences. To achieve this goal, we must provide our students with a balanced curriculum, such as the Five Point Course that Gerald Prescott outlines in his book "Getting Results With School Bands." The Five-Point Course is easily adaptable to fit virtually any band program, and this course of study will provide young musicians with the opportunity to master the skills needed to grow and progress on their instruments.

I had the pleasure of talking with Gerald Prescott and listening to some of his insights regarding the "Five Point Course," He was still very active into his 90's, and the passion he has for teaching music to kids has not diminished with the years. His greatest joy was still hearing from his former students, many of whom are in their 60's and 70's now and still have great enthusiasm for the musical experiences they had in his bands.

When asked whether the "Five Point Course" was still relevant in music education he replied, "Without a doubt!" I asked Mr. Prescott what he wished most to share with today's teachers. After a pause, he continued with pride in his voice and said that he hoped young teachers would look at the basic five points of his curriculum and find tools to building a successful band program. He said the value of his curriculum is that it builds individual technique and "it gives the student the skills to play the music that they feel."

Perhaps Prescott's concept of how to get the greatest results from a school band is not outdated after all, and it is to our students best interests to try and apply the teaching concepts that produced quality performing groups in the past.

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This Could Be the Start of Something Big

by Tim Lautzenheiser

TOP TEN FOR MASTER TEACHERS

1. KNOW THE VALUE OF PERSONAL ENERGY

Music is energy supported by aural motion. Whether it is the energy the teacher exudes from the podium, or the energy required to sustain a rigorous class schedule, or meet the performance demands, or take care of the organizational obligations, the time-on-task for a music teacher is never-ending and we must face the fact the music teacher SETS THE PACE for all those students who are part of the various ensembles and classes. Our best energy source is: proper diet, ample rest, a personal sense of balance, and a positive approach to our professional mission.

2. EXPRESS APPRECIATION

In every situation we are either appreciating or depreciating our environment, our given climate, the atmosphere around us. When we appreciate a student, a colleague, an administrator, a parent, we lift ourselves as well as the recipient of the acknowledgment. In turn when we depreciate those around us with sarcasm or cynicism we also chip away at our own self-confidence. The successful educators are quick to recognize (and support) individual and group growth and development; simultaneously they are also focusing on areas where improvement is wanted-andneeded. Musical success is an ever-changing combination of positive reinforcement (appreciation) strategically mixed with the never-ending quest for EXCELLENCE.

3. EXEMPLIFY OPTIMISM

Every student wants to be a member of a quality organization. While there are certainly occasions when the rigorsof-learning require a mature and serious approach, the successful teacher always finds victories throughout the process. Music is a language of EXPRESSION that affords the learner to FEEL as well as THINK. To discourage (remove the courage) may push the student away from the goal; whereas encouragement (creating the presence of courage) will oftentimes serve as the needed momentum for the student to embrace the challenges-at-hand. We certainly must avoid FALSE PRAISE, but we can establish an optimistic approach to tackling the curricular objectives.

4. AVOID THE GAME OF COMPARISON

We live in a competitive society, and - like it or not - we have auditions for chair placements, elections for officers, tryouts for guard captains, etc., etc. Despite these built-in traditions, the successful educators focus on intrinsic motivation (the opportunity to learn and to make great music) rather than extrinsic motivation (the chance to score higher than the neighboring school at a festival). If the goal is to reach a high level of musical excellence, then the emphasis is on the process rather than the product, and if the process is supported by the theme of QUALITY MUSIC MAKING, the product/outcome will reflect the investment...and that might show up as a very high evaluation from a panel of adjudicators, or simply a sense of musical achievement from the members of the ensemble, all guided by the music teacher.

5. PUT PEOPLE FIRST

As noted author Stephen Covey says, "Choose to understand before being understood." Each day we have budding young artists sit in front of us with one burning question in their inquisitive minds," What will we do in MUSIC class/rehearsal today?" They chose to be in MUSIC because they want to play, to sing, or to dance; they want to EXPRESS. When they sense we are confident about their abilities (as well as our own) and that we CARE for them as fellow musicians, the possibilities are at the limits of our imagination. It's back to he old adage, "The students don't care how much you know, they want to know how much you care." Please indulge a personal editing that would read: "The students want to know how much you CARE and (when they do) they will then care how much vou know."

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6. BE WILLING TO FAIL

This paradoxical concept is one of the masked secrets of successful people. We know failure is part of the pathway to high-level achievement. Growth, in any aspect of life requires risk-taking; one must enter the realm of the unknown and be willing to be disappointed while refusing to turn back until there is a sense of satisfaction that only comes from attaining new understanding and a greater awareness of the possibilities at hand. To be in a state of creativity we must relinquish control and overcome fear...in essence we must persevere in our ongoing climb to a new summit of quality regardless of the number of times we stumble and fall. Only those who are willing to risk going too far will ever find out how far they can go. PERSISTENCE is our most important companion in this quest.

7. THINK CREATIVELY

We live in a fast-pace society, our students are programmed to move quickly, therefore we must open our minds to new ways of thinking and being. If we do not we are doomed to: remain-the-same; status quo, predictable, boring, simply going through the motions, STALE. Rich rewards go to those who stand back and see the bigger picture, those who seek new opportunities, and those who look for ways to create artistic and emotional beauty within the learning environment. Put meaning into everything by interpreting the present so it serves as a guide the future, it will determine whether you flourish of flounder. Creative thinking can be the turning point in bringing NEW LIFE to your entire program.

8. MAINTAIN A HEALTHY SENSE OF HUMOR

Unfortunately many have linked "sense of humor" with lack-of-substance. In the communication world, humor is the shortest distance between two people. Let's not confuse humor with flippancy, silliness or mere entertainment; humor is the way the human psyche creates emotional release. One of the traits of superior teaching is the ability to efficiently and effectively connect with students, and there are certainly times when a hearty laugh or an amusing interpretation will serve as the best teaching tool. And, above all, be able to laugh at yourself. Teachers are humans and humans make mistakes, so we must be willing to stub-our-toes and join in the laughter, then we can all take a deep breath and get back to work. Humor is a lubricant of the mind and soul; keep smiling, everything will run much smoother.

9. ASSUME THE POSTURE OF A LEADER OF THE ARTS

Stand tall for ARTS in your school. In our urgency to "prepare the music, give the lessons, direct the sectional, file the music, develop the budget, etc., etc., etc.," we fail to share the good new concerning the value of music to those who are part of our educational community. To garner the support of our administrators, our fellow teachers, the booster/parents, and, YES, the students who are in our classes we must be bring this compelling data to the forefront. People need-to-know WHY the FINE ARTS play such a crucial role in educational blueprint, and we (as music educators) want to be the messengers of this extraordinary message. Carry the flag for ARTS. We are not integrating art into education, we're educating through art.

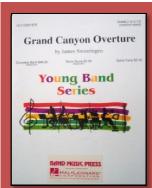
10. ENJOY TEACHING MUSIC

Certainly everything on the daily to-do list is not always pleasurable or fun; much of it can be mundane, utilitarian, and even mindless, however it seems like a small price to pay to have the opportunity to introduce a student to the priceless treasury of MUSIC. They cannot duplicate this KNOWING in any other facet of our educational community. There is no substitute for music; music itself is the reason to master the skills of music making. What greater gift could we possibly bring to a young impressionable mind? YOU ARE A TEACHER WHO MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

This is the time of year when patterns are being established and the standards are being set; these will dictate what lies ahead as you join hands with your students in an ongoing musical adventure. In the words of Albert Schweitzer,

"I don't know what your destiny will be but one thing I know. The only ones among you who will be truly happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

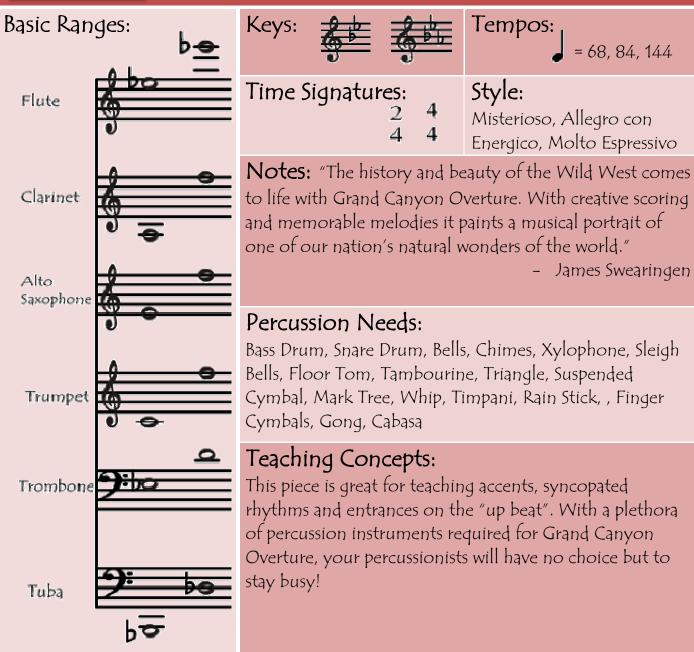
..let the music begin...



Title: Grand Canyon Overture Composer: James Swearingen Publisher: Hal Leonard Performance Time: 4:00



Grade: 2.5



Piece	Grand Canyon Overture
Objectives	Students will review accents and learn syncopated rhythms with entrances on the "up beat".
Standards	Music: 2, 5, 8, 9 Social Studies: 7.7, 6.4, Science: 6.5, 8.3 Math: 7.1 English Language Arts: 7.1
Materials	Grand Canyon Overture student handout, Grand Canyon sheet music, instruments, pencils
Rehearsal Schedule	 The Class will read the background information handout about the music. Ask students if any of them have even been to the Grand Canyon. If so, when, what did they learn? Students will have sheet music and the Exercises handout for Grand Canyon Overture out on their stands. Ask Students what key the piece is in. Answer – Eb and Bb. Play the Eb and Bb Major Scale exercises on the handout. Students will count and clap rhythm patterns A, B, C, and D. When students can count and clap the rhythm patterns correctly have them play each rhythm. Be sure to pay close attention to the dotted quarter note tied to the eighth note in pattern B. Have student look in the band arrangement and find the specific rhythms in their parts. After the students play each rhythm pattern correctly play the melodic sections. After the melodic exercises are performed correctly, have the students locate the melody in the band arrangement. Create a listening map on the board notating what section has the melody at each specific time. Before students sight read the band arrangement, discuss the tempo changes and make sure students are aware of specific speeds of the piece. Sight read Grand Canyon Overture.
Assessment	I will constantly listen and critique the students throughout the rehearsal. I will correct mistakes if they occur.



About the Music



The Grand Canyon was formed by the Colorado River eroding away the canyon walls over time. The first people to inhabit the canyon were cliff and cave dwelling Native Americans who



carved their homes into the canyon walls. Later, the Pueblo people, a Southwestern Indian tribe, considered the Grand Canyon a holy place and made special pilgrimages to the massive cliffs. Spanning 18 miles at its widest point, and over a mile in depth, the Grand Canyon is the largest canyon in the world. Most of this expansive 227 mile long canyon lies in Grand Canyon National Park. President Theodore Roosevelt created this national park in 1919 to preserve its grandeur for others to enjoy; little did he know that it would become one of our nation's most visited national parks.

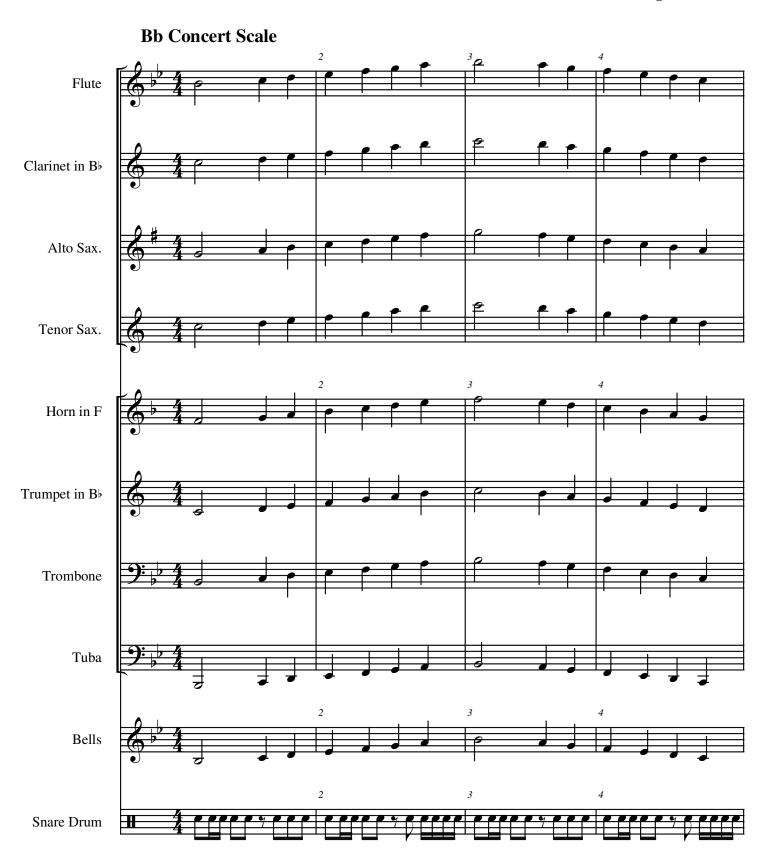




About the Composer

James Swearingen is currently a composer, arranger and Professor of Music at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. Prior to this position he spent over 18 years teaching instrumental music in the Ohio Public School System. Many of Swearingen's 450+ published works have been selected for contest and festival lists. James Swearingen's music is some of the most performed middle school and high school band music in the world.



















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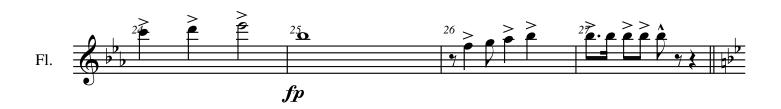








































































































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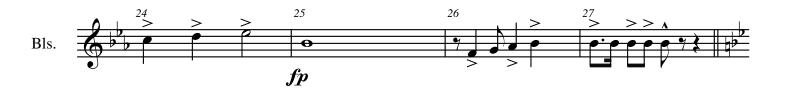
























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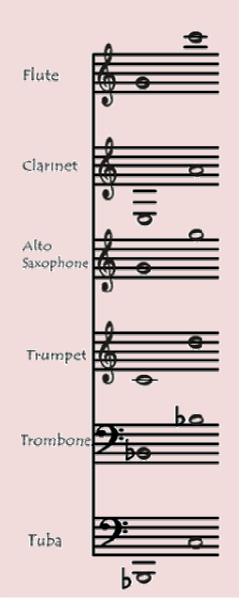


Title: Sousa The March king Composer: arr. Larry Clark Publisher: Warner Brothers Performance Time: 3:30



Grade: 2

Basic Ranges:



Keys:



Tempos:

= 120

Time Signatures:

Style:
March

Notes:

Sousa the March King is a medley of four different Sousa marches: High School Cadets, El Capitan, The Thunderer and Stars And Stripes Forever.

Percussion Needs:

Bass Drum, Snare Drum, Timpani, Bells, Crash Cymbals, Triangle.

Teaching Concepts:

This piece is an excellent choice for teaching students about John Philip Sousa and the nature of marches. Students can learn to play in a march style and associated syncopated rhythms.



Piece	Sousa The March King
Objectives	Students will gain an understanding about John Philip Sousa and why he is important to concert bands today. Students will learn syncopation.
Standards	Music: 2, 5, 8, 9 Social Studies: 7.3, 8.4, Math: 7.1 English Language Arts: 7.1
Materials	Sousa the March King student handout, Sousa The March King sheet music, instruments, pencils
Rehearsal Schedule	 The class will read the background information handout about the music. Ask students if any of them have heard of Sousa b. If so, what do they know about him? Students will have sheet music and the Exercises handout for Sousa The March King out on their stands. Ask Students what key the piece is in. Answer – Eb and Bb. Play the Eb and Bb Major Scale exercises on the handout. Students will count and clap rhythm patterns A, B, and C.
Assessment	I will constantly listen and critique the students throughout the rehearsal. I will correct mistakes if they occur.



About the Music

At the young age of 13 John Philip Sousa's father, a trombonist, enlisted Sousa as an apprentice in the United States Marine Band. Sousa had already begun violin and music composition lessons by age six and found out he had perfect pitch. In 1880 Sousa became the head conductor of the United States Marine Band. With 136 military marches to his credit it is no wonder why he was nicknamed "The March King".



VOCALAND INSTRUMENTAL SELECTIONS

OHN PHILIP JOUSE



El Capitan, written in 1896, was Sousa's first operetta and subsequently his most successful stage work. He wrote the

march version of El Capitan several years later.

Stars and Stripes Forever was written in 1896 after Sousa had left the Marine Band to form his own band. Sousa and his band were extremely popular as much of their repertoire was considered dance music as well as marches. Sousa's band was so

successful it began to tour outside of the United States.

About the Arranger

Larry Clark began his musical career teaching public school in the state of Florida. He



then served as the Director of Bands at Syracuse University. He has served two publishing companies, first Warner Brothers and now Carl Fischer. Larry Clark has 200+ compositions and arrangements to his credit, many of them are on state festival lists. When Mr. Clark is not composing or arranging he travels around the country performing clinics and guest conducting.



























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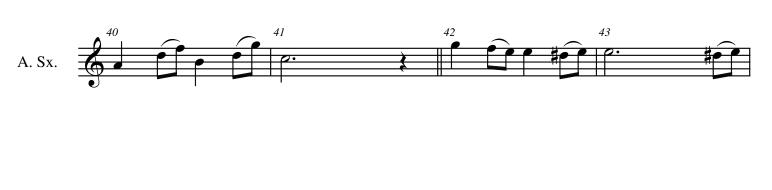








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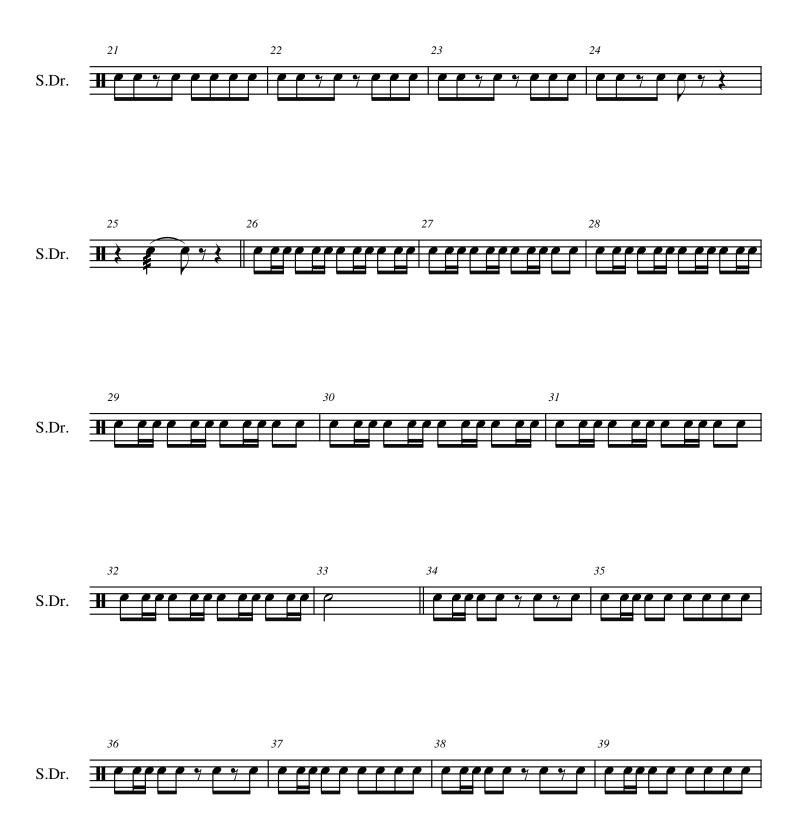












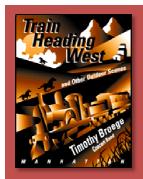


Bells

Sousa-The March King Exercises







Title: Train Heading West

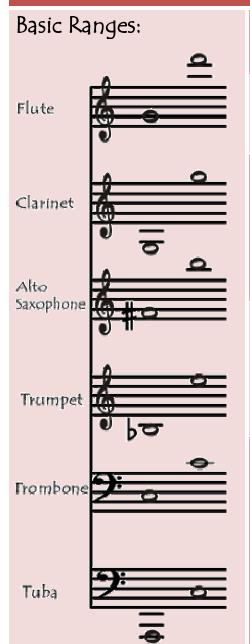
Composer: Timothy Broege

Publisher: Manhattan Beach

Performance Time: 4:30

Grade: 1.5





Keys:	*
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Tempos:

=92, 72, 66, 176

Time Signatures:

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Style:

Programmatic

Notes:

"Train Heading West, sub titled and Other Out Door Scenes, is a three-movement work portraying various outdoor scenes in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century America."

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Percussion Needs:

Bass Drum, Snare Drum, Timpani, Tom-Tom, Maracas, Cymbals, Xylophone, Tambourine, Bells, Triangle, Suspended Cymbal, Train Whistle

Teaching Concepts:

Mr. Broege did not put a key signature in this piece. He writes using accidentals. The first movement is in C minor and the second and third movements are in D minor. Due to some major shifts in tempo this piece lends itself to teaching a concept all band directors wish their students would do better – watching the conductor!

Piece	Train Heading West
Objectives	Students will learn the chromatic scale and review minor thirds.
Standards	Music: 2, 5, 8, 9 Social Studies: 7.1, 7.7 Math: 7.1 English Language Arts: 7.1
Materials	Train Heading West student handout, Train heading West sheet music, instruments, pencils
Rehearsal	 The class will read the background information handout about the music. Ask students if any of them have been on a train. If so, when and what did it sound like? Students will have sheet music and the Exercises handout for Train Heading West out on their stands. Ask Students what key the piece is in. Answer – Key signature is C but the tonality is C and D minor. Play the chromatic scale exercises on the handout. Students will count and clap rhythm patterns rain and train motif. When students can count and clap the rhythm patterns correctly then have them play each rhythm. Have students look in the band arrangement and find the specific rhythms in their parts. After the students play each rhythm pattern correctly play the melodic sections. After the melodic exercises are performed correctly, have the students locate the melody in the band arrangement. Create a listening map on the board notating what section has the melody at each specific time. Before students sight read the band arrangement, discuss minor thirds and play the minor third exercise to make students comfortable with the interval. Also discuss what makes this work a suite. Sight read Train Heading West.
Assessment	I will constantly listen and critique the students throughout the rehearsal. I will correct mistakes if they occur.



About the Music



<u>Prairie Ritual</u> - A prairie, also referred to as the Great Planes, is mostly flat or slightly rolling hills in the Midwestern part of the country. One

dominant characteristic of these lands is the tall strong prairie grass. These Western lands once held countless herds of buffalo and were inhabited by

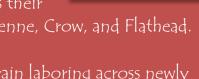
nomadic Native American tribes. Later this land became more pasture than prairie as settlers continued to move West.





Rain on the Mountains- The Rocky Mountain Range runs from the Southwest United States up into Canada. Many Native American tribes made these mountains their

home, such as Apache Blackfoot, Cheyenne, Crow, and Flathead.



<u>Train Heading West</u> – This final movement depicts an early train laboring across newly laid tracks. The East Coast is left far behind as the Western frontier is just over the horizon.





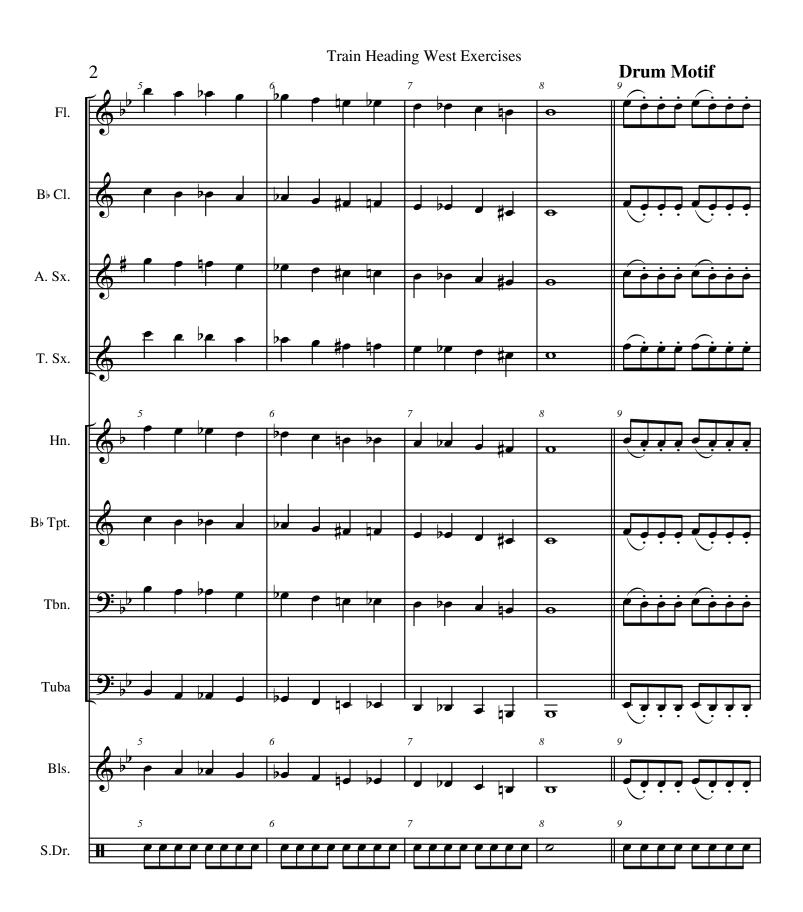
About the Composer

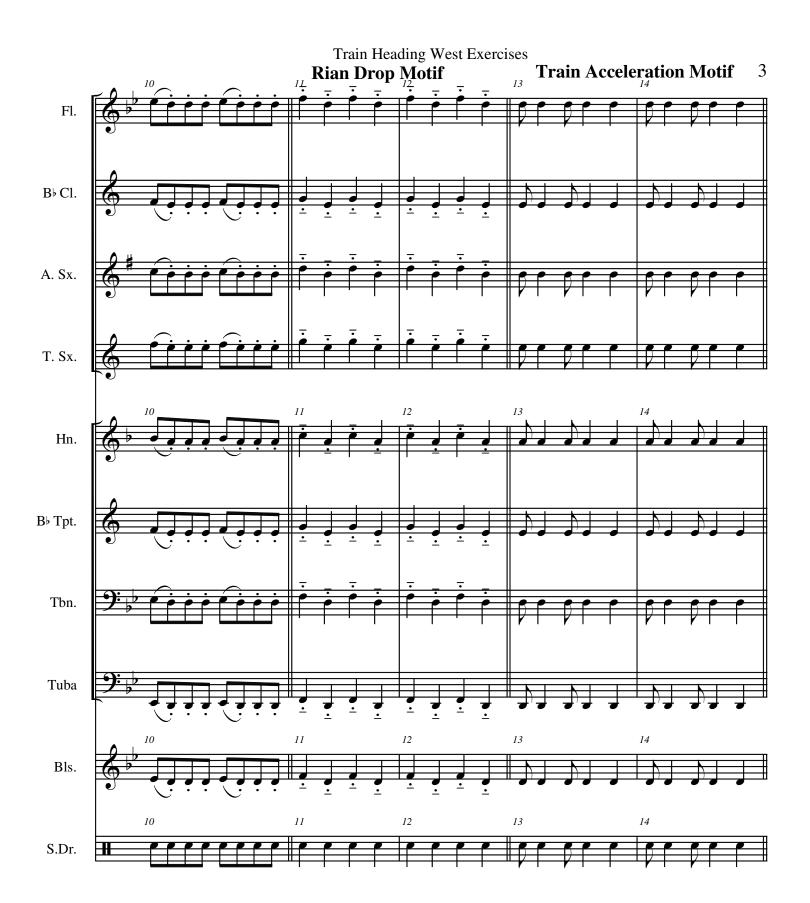
Timothy Broege is a New Jersey native with a background in piano. He earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Northwestern University in 1969. He spent several years teaching public school in Illinois and New Jersey. Today he is an organist and a professor at Manmouth Conservatory of Music. He has over forty published works to his credit.

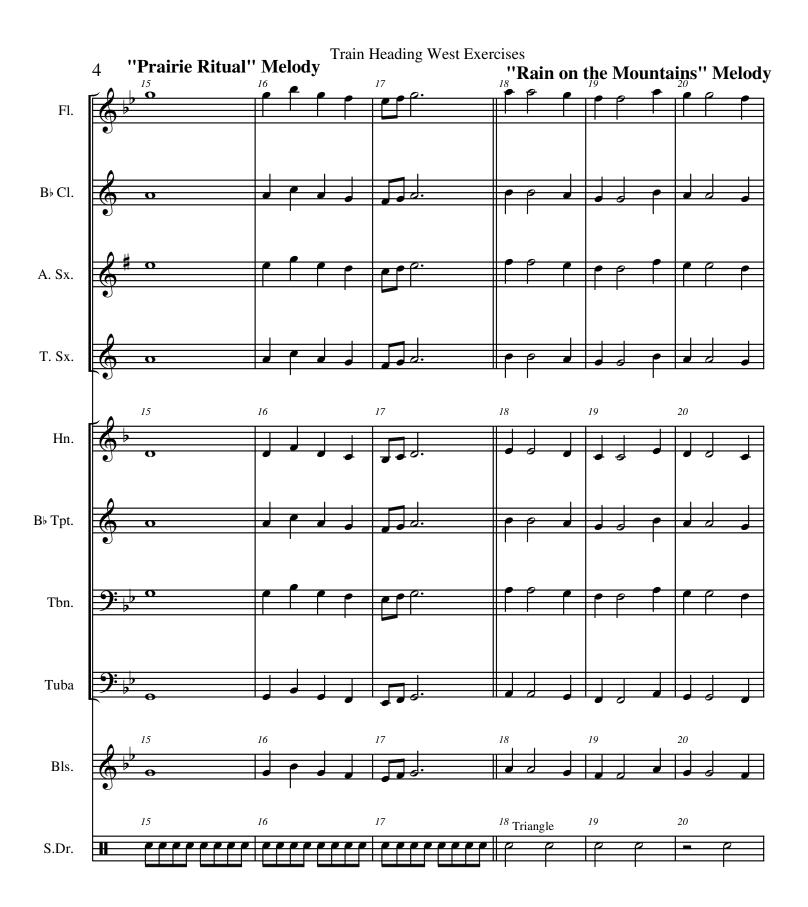




















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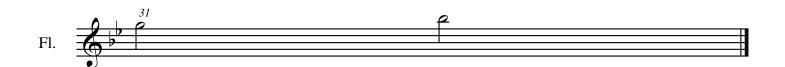












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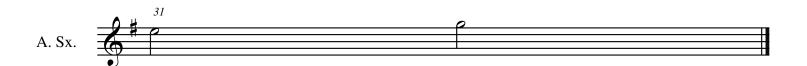




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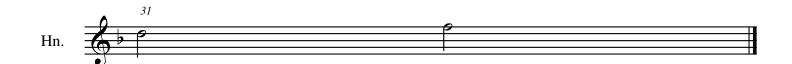












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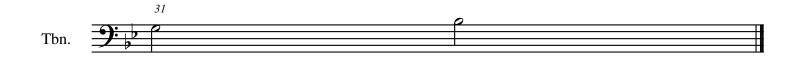










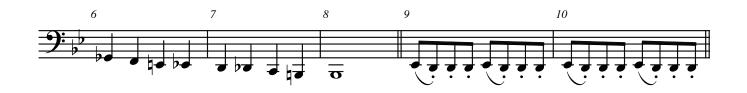


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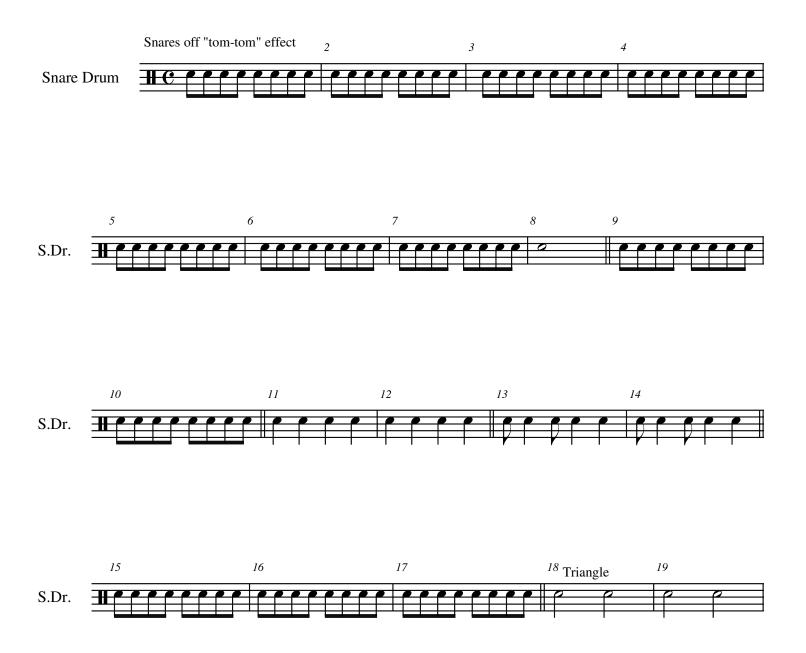




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The Future of the Bandworld More Bass!

by M. Max McKee

As I travel around the world listening to bands and as I assess master's projects of the 200-plus directors from 40 states and several foreign countries in our American Band College program, it becomes increasingly clear to me that many ensembles have little or no bass line. Having suffered the same problem myself in the early years of my teaching at Southern Oregon University, it soon became clear to me:

> If you are going to have a band that sounds like a band, you simply have to have a strong bass voice.

Often I hear, "Well, you know, we have only 22 students in our band and no one wants to play tuba." Or, "We don't own a tuba; can't afford one.'

My answer always remains the same: It's your job to fill the instrumentation. Immediately. How many trumpets do you have? 5 or 6? Enthuse one of them to move to tuba. Only 3? Then, how many flutes do you have? Transfer one of the smartest students in your band. Besides, it's a GREAT common transfer based on the similar lack of resistance and air supply. These students not only do well on tuba, they soon find out how important their job is and really love playing tuba. (I'm a clarinet player and always played tuba in the secondary instrument bands of our undergraduate American Band College program. I loved every second of it AND I learned a whole bunch of things about what you simply can't ask a tuba player to do!)

'We don't have any money to buy a tuba." That's simply misplaced priorities. I've heard that statement from programs that raise tens of thousands of dollars a year to go on a trip to Disneyland. Believe me, if you tell your parent group that you must have two tubas or we're never going to sound like a band should sound, that group will help you out.

They won't? Well, then, do it yourself. I taught at a school that almost never had money for equipment. We simply focused on what we needed and got it through band auctions, performance dollars, etc. If you tell me your fund raisers will never earn that kind of money, I'd ask, "So, how much do you make on each fund raiser?" We never did anything that raised less then \$5000 and it was usually double or more than that. Just look around and see how to completely avoid all the traditional, mini-money operations. You'll be amazed what you can do with your band via a few performances. Much more fun. Even a band auction concert is a hundred times more fun than a car wash.

If you are still without a tuba, then think about the alternatives. Got 10 alto saxophones? (Even 4 is too many.) Switch one to bari sax; switch another to bass clarinet. In fact, switch to two or more bass clarinets. I even ask brass players to switch to low voice woodwinds. The parts are usually easy enough that they become instant stars in the woodwind section while eliminating the complete burial of woodwind sound in a brass-heavy band.

Always try to get two going at the same time: Two tubas, two bass clarinets, etc. They become friends, start doing duets AND you're covered when Tuba One's family moves out of town.

Still in trouble? Get your bass voice out of the percussion section. You CAN use a synthesizer IF you use great common sense about its function, how loud it is, and especially the style that is being played from those tuba parts. It does you no good if that bass voice sticks out and is obviously not a tuba or low end woodwind player.

The same is true about the use of electric bass. It can work really well if you get the student to play sensitively as part of the overall ensemble. If you have even one tuba, the synth or electric bass can play "inside" the wind player bass voice sound and make the listener believe you have 3 or 4 tubas. Even better: Get the already-playing electric bass player to play acoustic bass in your band. He or she will learn a lot and will provide a low that generates tons of overtones.

While on overtones, it is important to mention that having a strong bass voice is the only way you'll get depth and resonance. If you also tune off that bass voice, you'll subconsciously teach the rest of the band to tune down instead of across to other treble instruments. I'll guarantee you that your band will start playing better in tune with a more gorgeous overall sound the minute you develop the bottom voice.

The bottom line is literally that. More bass, my friends. It's the only way your ensemble is going to succeed. It's totally unlikely that you'll ever have too much bottom. MORE BASS!!



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What is the Overtone Series?

- It is especially important for brass musicians to know the OVERTONE SERIES.
- Each fingering or position on a brass instrument can actually produce up to 16 pitches depending on the setting of the embouchure.
- Knowing the series enables the musician to use alternate fingerings, switch instruments, or plan for pitch adjustments.

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- 1. You may want to ask a more advanced brass musician to demonstrate the different partials.
- 2. Discuss how songs such as "Reverie" or "Taps" use bugles without valves and are examples of songs that use the Overtone Series to make music.
- 3. Discuss and possibly demonstrate how a flute could be used as an example of how ALL instruments, not just brass, use the Overtone Series.

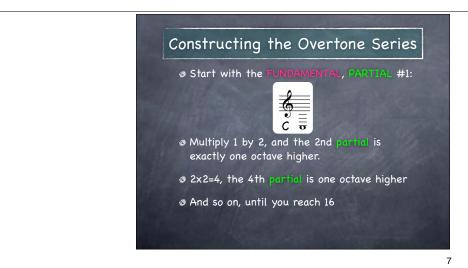
A student can play a low D, for instance, and over blow to achieve the different partials.



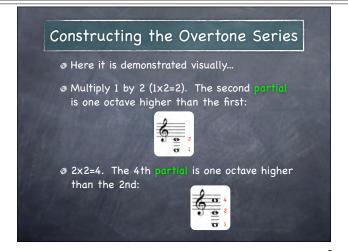
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- 2. Pause and check for understanding of the highlighted words.



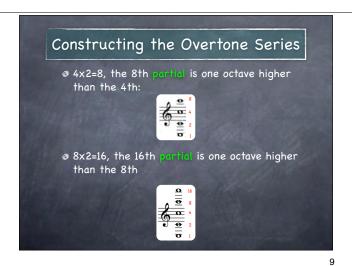
- 1. Have students offer answers to each question.
- 2. Remind students to be filling in their workbooks as you go through the slides.



1. There are 3 slides in this series that together will illustrate RULE #1.



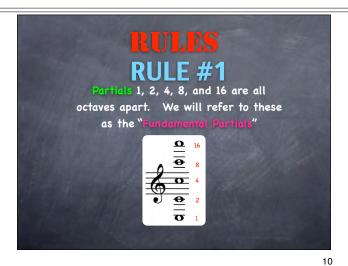
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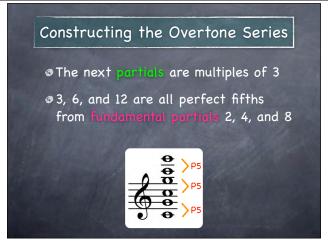
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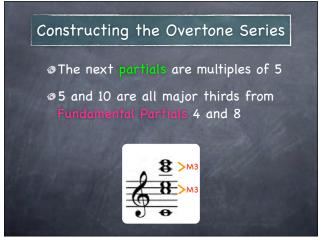
2. Check for understanding.



- 1. You may need to review with the students what a P5, or perfect 5th is. Explain to the students that you can find a perfect 5th by counting up 5 notes.
- 2. After discussing this slide, write on the white board underneath what is already there the following:
- 1 2 4 8 16 - Octaves 3 6 12 - - P5



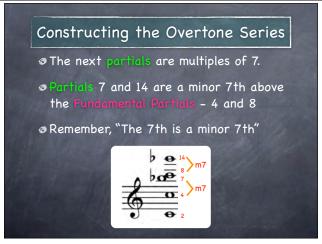
- 1. Have students fill in their work books on page 3 for each "Rule."
- 2. Check for understanding.



- 1. You may need to review with the students what a M3, or major 3rd is. Explain to the students that you can find a major 3rd by counting up 3 notes
- 2. After discussing this slide, write on the white board underneath what is already there the following:
- 1 2 4 8 16 - Octaves 3 6 12 -- P5 5 10 -- M3



- 1. Have students fill in their work books starting on page 3 for each "Rule."
- 2. Check for understanding.

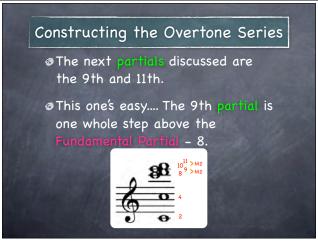


- 1. You may need to review with the students what a m7 or minor 7th is. Explain to the students that you can find a minor 7th by counting up 7 notes and flatting it.
- 2. After discussing this slide, write on the white board underneath what is already there the following:

1	2	4	8	16 Octaves
3	6	12		P5
5	10			M3
7	14			m7



- 1. Have students fill in their work books starting on page 3 for each "Rule."
- 2. Check for understanding.

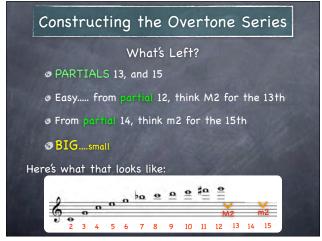


- 1. You may need to review with the students what a M2 or major second is. Explain to the students that a major second is one whole step.
- 2. Compare a second to a ninth by explaining that a ninth is the same as a second, plus one octave.
- 3. After discussing this slide, write on the white board underneath what is already there the following:

1	2	4	8	16 Octaves
3	6	12		P5
5	10			M3
7	14			m7
9				M2



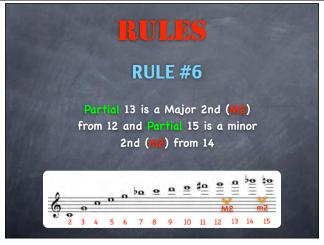
- 1. Have students fill in their work books on page 3 and 4 for each "Rule."
- 2. Check for understanding.

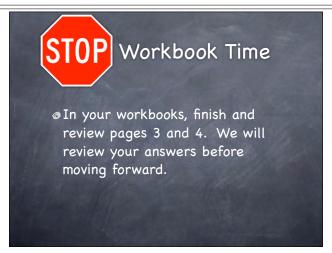


- 1. Click through graphics slowly!
- 2. ou may need to review with the students what a M2, m2, or major and minor 2nd are. Explain to the students that a major second is one whole step, and a minor second is a half step.
- 3. Explain to the students that partials above 10 are rarely used, so you won't be going into too much detail about the higher ones. It is important to be able to construct the entire overtone series, but for practical application, knowing up to 10, and knowing it WELL, is enough.

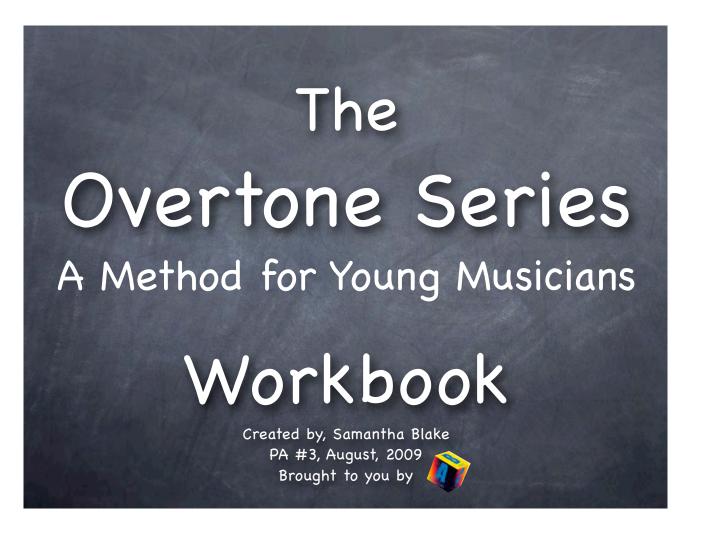


- 1. Have students fill in their work books on page 3 and 4 for each "Rule."
- 2. Check for understanding.





- 1. Have students finish what work they have done in their workbooks at this time.
- 2. Make time to walk through the class and work with individuals who need the extra help.



Name:	Period:	

This workbook is intended to provide supplementary material for the Keynote Presentation "Overtone Series, a Method for Young Musicians."

These worksheets should be done in accordance with instructions from your teacher.

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What is the Overtone Series?

<u>Directions</u> : Fill in the blanks with the correct answer.
1.) Within one pitch, there is actually a spectrum of, a whole set of different pitches.
2.) The evenly divided subdivisions are called
3.) Why is it important for brass musicians to know the Overtone Series? What can they do with this knowledge?
4.) The Overtone Series is made up of the plus 15
5.) The lowest note in the series, the, is often referred to as a
Constructing the Overtone Series
Overtone Series Rule #1:
Hint: The rules are referenced on page 6. Try to write them out from memory first, before you go looking Write out Rule #1:
6.)
Now draw in the notes for partials 2, 4, 8, and 16 and label them below:
7.)

Overtone Series Rule #2 and #3

Write out Rule #2:

Write out Rule #3:

8.)_____

10.)_____

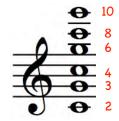
Now draw in the notes for partials 3, 6, and 12 and label them below:

Now draw in the notes for partials 5 and 10 and label them below:

9.)



11.)



Overtone Series Rule #4 and #5

Write out Rule #4:

Write out Rule #5:

12.)	 	 	 	

Now draw in the notes for partials 7, and 14 label it below:

Now draw in the notes for partials 9 and 11, and label it below:

13.)



15.)



Overtone Series Rule #6

Write out Rule #6 below:

16.)_____

REVIEW RULE #1

Partials 1, 2, 4, 8, and 16 are all octaves apart based from the Fundamental Pitch

REVIEW RULE #2

Partials 3, 6, and 12
are Perfect Fifths
(P5) from the
Fundamental Partials

REVIEW RULE #3

Partials 5 and 10 are Major 3rds (M3) above Fundamental Partials 4 and 8

REVIEW RULE #4

Partial 7and 14 are minor 7ths (m7) above the Fundamental Partial 4 &8

REVIEW RULE #5

Partials 9 and 11 are whole step (M2) above the 8th and 10th, respectively.

REVIEW RULE #6

Partial 13 is a Major 2nd (M2) from 12 and Partial 15 is a minor 2nd (m2) from 14

Time To Practice!

Before getting started, think about the following...

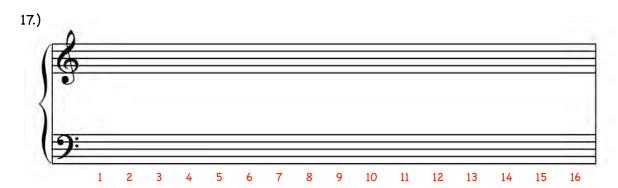
You only need to memorize the following partials:

Here's why.....

- 1 The fundamental partials are multiples of 2 and all octaves apart
- 3 The P5 Partials are multiples of 3 and are each a perfect 5th above one of the funamental partials.
- 5 The M3 Partials are multiples of 5 and are major thirds above the fundamental partials.
- 7 Multiples of 7, 7 and 14 are the m7 partials. They are each a minor seventh above one of the fundamental partials.
- 9 9th is a 9th! Or a major second (M2) from the fundamental. Rarely will you utilize any of the partials beyond 10

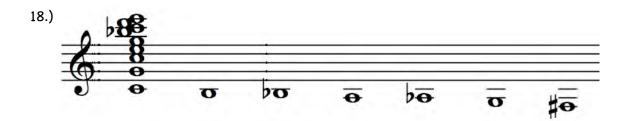
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3	6	12			Р5
5	10				M3
7	14				m7
9	11				M2

Your Turn...



- 1. Write in the fundamental partials on the grand staff above.
- 2. Now write in the P5 partials
- 3. Now write in the M3 partials
- 4. Now write in the m7 partials
- 5. Lastly, write in the M2 partials
- 6. What's left? 13 and 15 (M2 and m2)

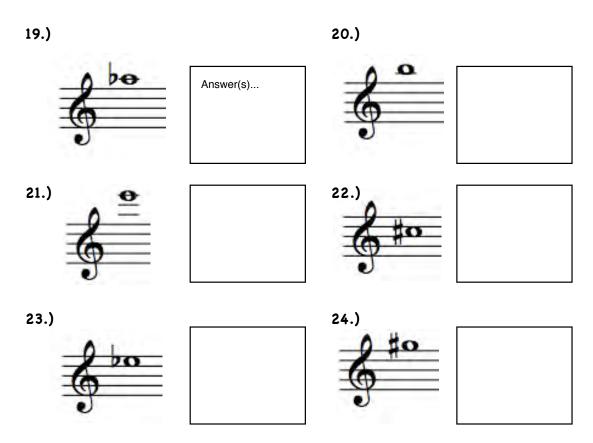
The Entire Harmonic Overtone Series...



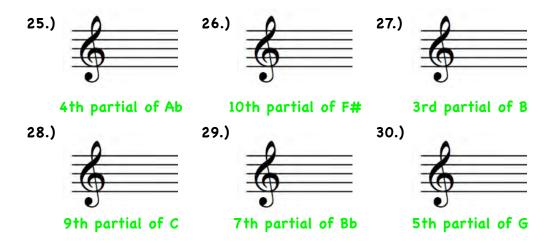
- 1. Using only partials 2 through 10, you will construct the entire harmonic overtone series. The first one is already completed for you.
- 2. Remember to follow the steps....
 - 1. Fundamental Partials (2, 4, 8)
 - 2. P5 Partials (3, 6)
 - 3. M3 Partials (5, 10)
 - 4. m7 Partial (7)
 - 5. M2 Partial (9)

Name That Partial

For each of the following notes, practice naming the different partials that are possible. Remember that there are sometimes up to three options...



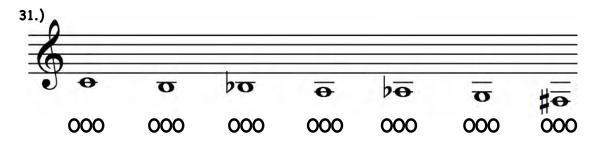
Now, in reverse, draw in the note that the directions ask for...



Applying The Knowledge...

Constructing the Trumpet Fingering Chart...

For the notes below, fill in the holes to show the correct fingerings for the trumpet.



For a complete fingering chart, fill in the rest of the partials for each fingering, up to partial 10.

Relating the Trumpet Fingerings to French Horn

rules....

QIF you know your Trumpet fingerings, you can then easily figure out your French horn fingerings.

The French horn, as played by most student and professional musicians, is a double instrument, meaning, there are actually two horns in one, and a thumb valve, or "trigger" switches from one to the other.

When the trigger is not engaged, the French horn is a Bb instrument. When the trigger is pressed down, the horn is actually shortened, making it an F instrument with an extended range. It's easier just to remember the

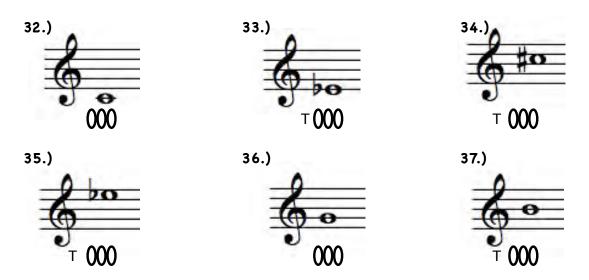
FRENCH HORN RULES

#1 - Without the trigger, think up a P5 and use trumpet fingerings.

#2 - With a trigger, think up an octave and use trumpet fingerings

Drill the above two rules to remember them! Then, without looking, fill in the correct fingering for French horn for the following examples...

("T" means that the trigger is engaged.)



Comparison to the Trombone...

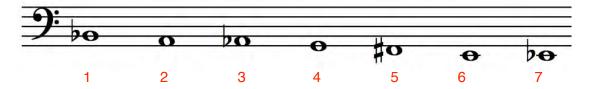
There are 7 positions on a trombone, and 7 fingering combinations on a trumpet. Overtone series is exactly the same!



Trumpet Fingerings - 7 Combinations



Trombone Slide - 7 Positions



Comparison to the Baritone and Tuba...



BARITONE RULE

#1 From the written Baritone Pitch, think up a M9 and use trumpet fingerings

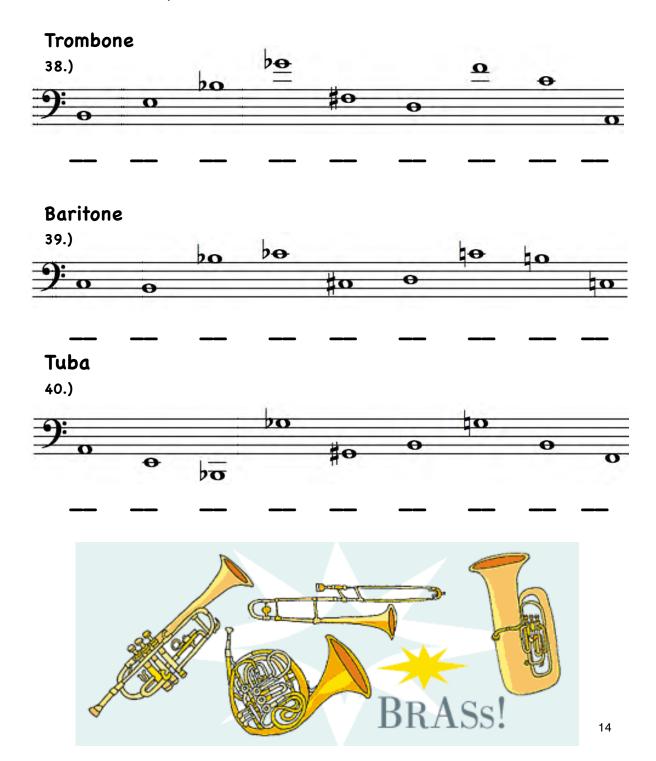
TUBA RULE

#1 From the written Tuba Pitch, think up a M9 PLUS an octave and use trumpet fingerings



Knowing the Fingering....

Write in the fingering or positions for the following notes.... Work as fast as you can, use the rules!



To Be a Better Musician

How can in depth knowledge of the overtone series and brass fingerings make you a better musician?

1 - Brass Family Knowledge

The ability to substitute on, or transfer to another brass instrument with ease will not only help your band if needed, but it also opens up opportunities for you as a musician.

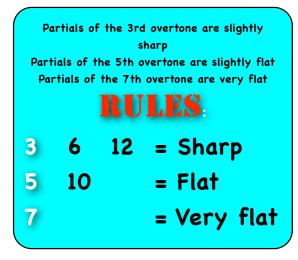
2 - Alternate Fingerings for Ease

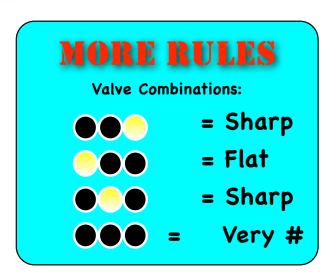
If you are asked to play music that seems impossible, chances are, there is an easier way to finger it. Knowing where the notes lay in other overtone series, helps you decide an alternate route.

3 - Albernate Fingerings for Pitch

Some of the partials are naturally out of tune. Some of the fingering combinations are naturally out of tune Knowing your overtone series helps you avoid problems

Rules of Pitch Tendencies...





Practice Alternate Fingerings

With the rules of natural pitch tendencies for both the partials and the valve combinations in mind, practice figuring out alternate fingerings for notes accordingly.

For the examples below, provide as many alternate fingerings as you can think of under every note, circling the most ideal one.

A couple of sentences to remember is:

- Choose the fingering with the least amount of valves.
- Avoid the 7th partial.
- Avoid the 3rd valve.









How to Use the Trombone Trigger:

- Think up a P4 from written note.
- Depress Trigger for that note
- Place slide at position that the new note.

When to Use the 4th Valve:

If a brass instrument has 4 valves, the 4th valve can be used for the following out of tune combinations to adjust pitch:

- · Instead of 1-3, just use 4
- Instead of 1-2-3, just use 2-4

Wrap Up

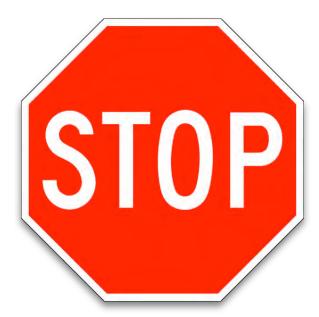
Now that you have an introductory knowledge of the overtone series and how is applied to brass instruments, it is important that you continue to practice so that it becomes an instinctual part of your music making.

Look at your music in your folder. If you are a brass musician, scan through your parts in preparation for your next rehearsal. Look for the following:

- Held out notes that are 3rd, 5th, or 7th partials
- Note patterns with tricky fingering maneuvers.
- Long passages of notes with either a 1-2-3 valve combination, or a 1-2, or a 1,3

After you scan your parts, identify the possible alternates and write them in with pencil. Try the new fingerings and see if you are more successful!

Each and every time you play music, think about the overtone series and how you can incorporate it into your life. It takes time, but the benefit of being fluent amongst the brass instruments far outweighs the effort required to practice it.





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A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to a Band Rehearsal

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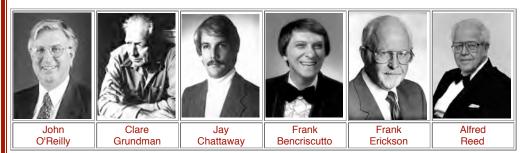
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The WIBC Commission Works

By the time our 5th Western International Band Clinic came along in 1983, we had decided to start a process to commission new works for band from our most outstanding band composers. For that year, we invited John O'Reilly to write a work for junior high and Clare Grundman to compose something for the high school level.

In each case we did not dictate what we wanted except that the work should somehow reflect on the Pacific Northwest and match the young band or high school band criteria. To make this work financially and to make it attractive to directors attending WIBC, we set a \$100 price tag on the new work with the understanding that each school could write a purchase order for a set of warmups or other music that we could provide immediately and thereby receive payment. For this, the sponsoring school would later receive an autographed copy of the work 6 months before it came available to the general public. In addition, each sponsor was noted on a list inside the front cover of the conductor score. The money raised allowed us to invite the composer to attend WIBC and, in all cases but one, conduct the world premiere.



John O'Reilly created the 3-movement "Northwest Suite and Clare Grundman composed "Northwest Saga." The Jason Lee Junior High Band from Tacoma, Washington premiered the O'Reilly work under the baton of the composer at the Thunderbird Inn-Jantzen Beach in Portland, Oregon on the opening day (Friday, November 18, 1983). On the final concert 2 days later, Col. Arnald Gabriel conducted the premiere of Clare Grundman's "Northwest Saga" with the WIBC Directors' Band. Clare Grundman was in the audience.

For the 1984 convention at Seattle, Washington's Red Lion Inn/Sea-Tac, Jay Chattaway wrote the young band work, which he entitled "Mazama." Frank Bencriscutto composed "Pacific Scene." The "Mazama" premiere was performed by the Oak Harbor Junior High School Band (Washington) conducted by Chattaway on Friday, November 16. Later that same day Frank Bencriscutto conducted the Klamath Union High School Band from Klamath Falls, Oregon for the world premiere of "Pacific Scene." Once again, the project had more than 100 sponsoring schools and individuals, allowing us to pay all expenses.

For the convention ever-after known to all as the "Big Snow Year," we again hosted WIBC at the Sea-Tac Red Lion. On the day the convention started (Thursday, November 21, 1985), Seattle received nearly two feet of snow that blocked the arrival of most WIBC staff members (who were stranded at the Portland Airport) and many locals who seldom had to drive in that kind of weather. Others, coming from snow climates, drove right in with directors taking over many staff duties until the rest of us (including the Organizing Chairman!) arrived on Friday afternoon.

On Saturday, the Curtis Junior High School Band from Tacoma presented the world premiere of Frank Erickson's young band work entitled "Northwest Passage" under the baton of the composer. That evening, the Pacific Symphonic Wind Ensemble from Vancouver, British Columbia, playing under composer Alfred Reed, premiered "Song of the High Cascades"

As WIBC moved on to other projects and methods of presenting new works at various conventions, all of us fondly remember the very special times we had with O'Reilly, Grundman, Chattaway, Bencriscutto, Erickson and Reed between 1983 and 1985 as well as so many other ways in the years to follow.

Listen to recordings of all six commissions

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Ray Cramer presents a clinic at WIBC for the attending directors.



Mike Bankhead, Dept. Chair at Sam Houston State Univ., and Boston Brass, take a bow after they perform at WIBC.



WIBC honor bands during a rehearsal over the weekend.



(l to r) Composer Frank Ticheli, organizing director, Scott McKee, and guest conductor, Frank Wickes relax during a sightreading session.



Guest conductor, Dario Sotelo, from Brazil, present the Brazilian flag to Paul Kassulke (left) and Scott McKee (right).



WIBC emcee, Larry Hudson, congratulates Tacoma Concert Band's conductor, Robert Musser for a fine performance at WIBC.



Guest conductors, Boston Brass, and WIBC directors pose for a group shot at WIBC-31 in Seattle, Washington.



WIBC staff members, Tiffany McKee, and Merilee Ott, visit with WIBC Board member, Tim Lautzenheiser.



Guest conductor, Frank Wickes, from Louisiana State University, rehearses one of the WIBC honor bands.



The State Honours Ensemble Program students, from Australia, congratulate the 2010 Pacific Honours Ensemble Program musicians.



Director, Chris Bruya, lead his Central Washington University Jazz Ensemble during one of the evening concerts at WIBC.



Honor Band Chairperson, Paul Kassulke relaxes with his wife, and WIBC Staff member, Kay Kassulke during on of the sightreading sessions at WIBC-31.



Guest conductor, Ray Cramer (Indiana Univ., Emeritus) works with one of the WIBC honor bands.



Guest conductor, Frank Ticheli (USC -Thornton School of Music), conducts his "Wild Nights" with one of the combined 300-member WIBC honor band.



The Boston Brass performs with one of the WIBC honor bands in Seattle, Washington on Monday, November 23, 2009.



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Douglas Armstrong

For the past 5 years, Douglas Armstrong has been the band director at Mountain View High school in Stafford, VA. He spent the first 20 years in middle and high schools throughout Virginia. He holds music degrees from Radford and Virginia Tech. In 2003 he was named Teacher of the Year for the commonwealth of Virginia.In the same year he was given the "Agnes Meier Outstanding Teacher Award" by the Washington Post.

Respected by his peers he currently serves as the President of the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association. He states his philosophy like this,"Teaching music and being a band director are about offering students a great opportunity to find success through music. To me, it is not about ratings or awards. It is what we do each day that leads us to success. If we all (director and students) give our best work at every rehearsal, then we should never worry about the outcome.

Armstrong goes on saying that his parents influenced him early.
"Both of my parents loved singing. As the youngest of five boys, all one year apart, I remember my parent's unique way of keeping us from fighting any time we were in the car - they would have us sing! And not just singing a melody. My father would teach us a new song and then encourage us to harmonize, or "find your own part. The love of music and the eartraining were a natural part of my life from as early as I can remember.'

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Donnie Owens

Donnie Owens has tried to retire twice - but is still teaching and directing band in Waxahachie, Texas. He has taught high school and middle school band all over the state of Texas since coming from Oklahoma and Kansas. Still going strong he was named the Teacher of the Year at Turner Middle Schol in 2007. He was also awarded the Meritorious Achievement Award by the Texas Bandmasters in 2008, Upon his first retirement the Dickinson H.S. Band Hall was renamed The Don Owens Band Hall in 1995.

Since 2003, his Turner Middle School Beginners - 6th band have only had their judges sheets marked "Outstanding of the Contest." Although these things are great Owens' core goal of teaching music is to provide students the types of experiences required in life in order to become an asset to society, rather than a liability.

Donnie Owens said, "This career has not always been an easy one. In fact, because of the low salaries paid to teachers, I almost changed courses after my second year of teaching. However, the notes, the rhythms, the instruments, and possibly, most of all, the students, had me firmly in their grasp. Looking back, I am reminded of a familiar phrase, "I wouldn't have missed it for the world," and without these giants of men, I just might have. I will be forever grateful for their time, their efforts, and, most of all, their belief in a kid that just loved the music..'

Terry Austin Bio Legion of Honor Chairman

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