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by Ira Novoselsky Bio





Jazz Suite for Clarinet and Wind Ensemble

by Bill Liston

Album Title:COLLAGE

Recording: Drake University Wind Symphony Robert Meunier, conductor Publisher: Mark Masters 8658-MCD

The Drake University Wind Symphony is one of the Mid-West's musical jewels and it continues to luminously shine. Works for clarinet, trumpet, bass trombone & saxophone are featured on Collage along with two brief works for wind ensemble. The works for wind ensemble are Windsprints (Richard Saucedo) and Dusk (Steven Bryant); the titles of these compositions say it all and if you haven't heard either work you're in for a treat. The Rivers (John Fitz Rogers) is the saxophone feature which flows through the performance by soloist James Romain. Steve Wright is the composer of the jazz laden Concerto for Trumpet & Wind Ensemble, Andrew Classen is the soloist. Hungarian composer Frigyes Hidas has written some marvelous works for wind ensemble; his Rhapsody for Bass Trombone & Wind Band, played by Grady McGrannahan is another fine offering. Clarinetist Clarence Padilla is given the assignment of the Jazz Suite for Clarinet and Wind Ensemble (Bill Liston). One can easily imagine the clarinet & symphonic jazz orchestra works of Gould, Bernstein & Stravinsky throughout this piece. High marks across the board for Collage.



Tent in the Sun By Daniel Kellogg

Album Title: A TENT FOR THE SUN: WIND MUSIC OF CARTER PANN & DANIEL KELLOGG Recording: University of Colorado Wind Ensemble Alan McMurray, conductor Takacs String Quartet Carter Pann, piano Patrick Mason, actor Publisher: KLAVIER K11179

This most professional recording features four contrasting works for wind ensemble that will intrigue & delight the listener. The first and third compositions are by Carter Pann. Serenade for Winds has the melodic influence that might parallel the music of Brahms or Schumann yet retains the stylistic sounds & writings of the 21st century. Pann is the soloist in his Concerto Logic for Plano & Wind Ensemble; the inspiration for this work coming from games of logic, strategy and chance past & present. Of interest is a nod to a certain Beethoven piece in the third movement entitled Rondo Capriccio: Rage over a Lost Pawn. Daniel Kellogg is first represented by A Tent for the Sun for String Quartet & Wind Ensemble. This is a three movement portrait based on the composer's fascination with the splendor of Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park area and the descriptive words of the Nineteenth Psalm. The final work is Pyramus & Thisbe for Actor & Wind Ensemble and the word "Actor" is specifically designated as a mere narrator could not do justice to this incredible musical tale! A first rate CD.

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Khan by Julie Giroux

Album Title: THE MUSIC OF JULIE GIROUX

Recording: University of Texas El Paso Wind Symphony Ron Hufstader, conductor Publisher: Mark Masters 8724-MCD

A recording of Julie Giroux's music has been overdue but this solid collection by the UTEP WInd Symphony was worth the wait. Giroux's works have been receiving plenty of attention in the programs of bands & wind ensembles everywhere. While Giroux's earlier works are in the catalog of Southern Music Company, this recorded collection of more recent works are in the catalog of Musica Propria, Inc. The compositions featured are Vigils Keep, La Mezquita de Cordoba, Journey Through Orion, Glenbury Grove, the appropriately named Let Your Spirit Sing and a most descriptive work entitled KHAN. Also included are a pair of Giroux's most popular compositions To Walk With Wings: Fanfare & Overture and the Finale from the three movement suite Culloden. The listener will find Giroux's style very appreciable, imaginative and free from the clutter, cliches, and tedium of so many other composers in their writings for school, community and professional bands. Ron Hufstader and the UTEP Wind Symphony have outdone themselves with this ideal recording of Giroux's music. I eagerly await Volume 2!!



Album Title: WOLF ROUNDS

Recording: Frost Wind Ensemble at the University of Miami Gary Green, conductor

Glenn Basham, violin Tim Conner, trombone

Publisher: Naxos 8.572439D

Wolf Rounds is a trilogy of mature music for wind ensemble, each having a little something different in the instrumentation. The program opens with Ladder to the Moon from the prolific pen of Michael Daugherty; the music inspired by American artist Georgia O'Keefe. The interesting scoring of this work calls for solo violin, the "classic" wind octet (0222 2000), string bass and perussionist. Another very prolific composer, David Maslanka, offers his Concerto for Trombone & Wind Ensemble (or orchestra minus most of the strings). This concerto is a memorial to a friend of Maestro Green and is very idiomatic of Maslanka's works. While the trombonist is the featured player a solo cello can be heard as an integral voice to the composition. The title piece is by Christopher Rouse and while the composer toyed with calling the work Loops, the latin word lupus came into mind; lupus meaning wolf. The imagery of wolves circling their prey was responsible for the title Wolf Rounds and the "circular" musical structure can be detected in the music. Just like the previous works, the instrumentation is a bit different; Rouse limits the saxophones to baritone & bass, eliminates the euphonium and calls for an amplified string bass. Sheer professionalism is on display by the soloists & ensemble throughout this fine recording.

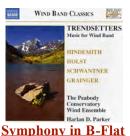
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by Paul Hindemuth

Album Title: TRENDSETTERS

Recording:Peabody Conservatory Wind Ensemble Harlan D. Parker, conductor

Publisher: Naxos 8.572242

Symphony in B-Flat (Hindemith), First Suite in E-Flat (Holst), ...and the mountains rising nowhere (Schwantner), Lincolnshire Posy (Grainger): what else could you call this magnificent collection other than Trendsetters? Each of these four compositions has made a major impact in the repertoire of wind bands throughout the world. For those newcomers to band music this recording can be a valuable primer. There are few collections that can offer a better audio introduction to classic band literature than the first rate program on Trendsetters. When Harlan D. Parker and the Peabody Conservatory Wind Ensemble release a recording you can expect the finest in musical quality & professionalism. Even if you already have these compositions on different recordings you'll be impressed with the performances



Concerto for Saxophone and Orchestra

By Michael Kamen

Album Title: CONCERTO FOR MARIENTHAL

Recording: University of Las Vegas Wind Orchestra Thomas G. Leslie, conductor

Eric Marienthal, saxophone Publisher: Klavier K-11178

It's always nice to hear the UNLV Wind Orchestra with their professionalism and unique programs. The cornerstone on Concerto for Marienthal is the Michael Kamen Concerto for Saxophone and Orchestra. This nearly half hour concerto was written for famed soloist David Sanborn and Zane Douglass transcribed the work for wind ensemble with another famed soloist at the helm, Eric Marienthal. The recording opens with Morton Gould's Fanfare for Freedom, written during the same period as a certain Aaron Copland fanfare. The mood shifts after the Concerto to the somber sounds of in Memoriam Op. 30 (Halvorsen/Bourgeois) with its references and usage of the Norwegian National Anthem. This is the Day by Clark McAlister is taken from the composer's Pascha: Iconostasis for Wind Orchestra. The composer has extracted & developed three pieces from this symphony, one of which is heard on this recording. Takayoshi "Tad" Suzuki & Anthony La Bounty are two names associated with the UNLV Wind Orchestra; Maestro Suzuki conducts a sensitive setting of None but the Lovely Heart Op. 6 No. 6 (Tschaikovsky/Kimura) and Dr. LaBounty offers his original Prayer for Asia. The recording comes to a thrilling close with Tam O'Shanter Overture (Arnold/Paynter).

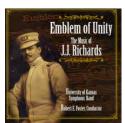
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University of Kansas March

by J.J. Richards

Album Title:EMBLEM OF UNITY: THE MUSIC OF J.J. RICHARDS Recording: University of Kansas Symphonic Band, Robert E. Foster, conductor Publisher: Walking Frog Records WFR 198: Old Comrades: A Classic CD Revisited

J.J. Richards was anything but a "one hit wonder" and this marvelous collection will definitely convince you. One could easily divide the recording into three parts. First comes the circus band days as illustrated by a trilogy of galops; Con Celerita, Visalia, & Geneva. When Richards left the circus, he continued writing such marches as recorded here: Hail Miami, Golden Bear, University of Kansas, Salute to Sterling, Crusade for Freedom, Hutchinson Field, and his most famous work Emblem of Unity. Not only was Richards a superb composer of marches, he also wrote Triad for Cornet Trio & Band... a work that preceded a certain Leroy Anderson work by three years!! As an arranger, Richards put together a march medley in honor of his publishing company's (C.L. Barnhouse) golden anniversary entitled March of Time (No. 1) featuring marches by their composers and Richards himself. Not included on this recording is a followup for the C.L. Barnhouse 55th anniversary called March of Time No. 2. The last work on this recording needs some clarification; Selections from Andrea Chenier by Umberto Giordano. J.J. Richards is credited as the arranger of this hallmark transcription but, in reality, he edited & revised the G. Vannietti version from the Sousa Band library. You'll truly enjoy the superb performance by Robert E. Foster and the University of Kansas Symphonic Band.



Fanfares from Libuse By Vaclav Nelhybel

Album Title: FANFARES & OVERTURES

Recording: Rutgers WInd Ensemble William Berz, conductor

Publisher: Naxos 8.572230

While the Rutgers Wind Ensemble recordings are usually available from Mark, Naxos has released a separate program on their label. For those new to the Rutgers Wind Ensemble, here is your chance to experience an extraordinary musical group. The music of H. Owen Reed has been well documented by Rutgers before, this recording features Renascence, Overture-1940 (arranged by the conductor) and a most unusual Fanfare for Remembrance (for trumpets, percussion and narration done by Nicholas Farco). Music for Prague 1968 (Karel Husa) is a staple of wind music and Rutgers performs this work with sensitivity & precision. Also included is Husa's Smetana Fanfare with its references to Bedrich Smetana's orchestral work Wallenstein's Camp. Smetana also composed the opera Libuse and it's from here that Vaclav Nelhybel's Fanfares from Libuse gets its material. The recording concludes with George Washington Bridge (William Schuman), another hallmark composition in the band's repertoire.

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Ears Before Books!

by Fred Sturm & David Pelow Bio Vol. 6, #1, p.14 (August - October 1990)

Aural Techniques for Teaching Jazz Improvisation

The instructional techniques that follow are intended to introduce the abstract nature of jazz improvisation from a totally aural perspective. The concepts range from simple imitation to "free" group improvisation, providing the instructor with a variety of avenues from which to address jazz as a unique musical language.

The aural techniques can be applied gradually in school jazz ensemble rehearsals or sessions. The modular design of the method offers flexibility and considerable space for the instructor to shape the activities to the level of the group involved. Directors with little or no jazz experience will find the information highly accessible.

1. Body Rhythms

Activities: Establish a constant pulse and instruct all participants to tap their feet to the beat. Accent the first of every four beats to establish the feeling of a 4/4 measure. Clap a measure-long motive and ask the group to imitate the pattern in the bar that follows; repeat the motive until the group responds accurately. Gradually alter the patterns, presenting more complex rhythms, altering the dynamics, and shifting accents in the measure. Ask individual students to serve as lead clapper and point out the improvisational role they will play as they generate original patterns.

Repeat the process in 3/4 time. Advanced music students will also benefit from repetitions in odd meters. When the group is comfortable responding to one-measure patterns, expand the motives to two bars and eventually four.

Objective: This technique will guide the student in establishing an internal basic pulse while responding in direct imitation to a second level of rhythms related to the pulse. By reducing the activities to the common denominators of hands and feet, we stress "time" and simple rhythmic/dramatic response.

When a student serves as leader, stress creating a variety of rhythms, accents, and dynamics that comfortably fit the structure of the measure(s) and illustrate how the motives must be presented clearly in order to be imitated readily by the group.

2. Call and Response

Activities: Instruct the group drummer to play a repeating medium-tempo swing pattern. Inform the group that you will use only concert Bb and one 4/4 measure and ask them to repeat your motive in the second measure. All participants (including bass, guitar, keyboards, and drum set snare drum) imitate the bar-long motive verbatim with all articulations, inflections and dynamics.

Eventually expand phrase length to two measures and even four, continuing to use only concert Bb and carefully mixing the dramatic effects. Ask individual students to serve as call leaders.

Expand the tonal field to TWO pitches (Bb and C) over one, two, and four bar phrases. Continue to employ various dramatic effects and call upon students to act as leaders.

Gradually employ added pitches of concert D, F, and G (resulting in scale tones 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 in Bb or Bb pentatonic scale). Expand by adding Eb (4) and A (7) to fill out Bb major scale. You can similarly employ other scales and modes as you see fit.

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Variation: When students are comfortable with direct imitation, explain how an individual might respond to the leader's "call" with an improvised "response." One can (1) "paraphrase" the call by slightly embellishing or ornamenting it, (2) mirror the rhythms of the call but offer different tones, (3) use the tones presented in the call but create new rhythms, or (4) improvise a response like one might follow a question with an answer when speaking.

Objective: As an obvious sequel to the first technique, the call and response activity expands the pulse beyond the internal body level and places the "time" mechanism in the hands of the drummer. The group is now expected to respond on predetermined pitches and reflect the nuances of the jazz language presented in the "call" by the leader (bends, scoops, falls, growls, vibrato) as well as basic dramatic variations of dynamics, articulation, and accents. As the tonal fields grow to incorporate more than three tones, outline larger intervals with step-wise lines before attempting to execute large leaps.

The object of the variation (improvising the "response") will be to fashion some musical connection between the two ideas; while the "call" will be essentially improvised, the "response" should be musically related to the call but independently generated by the imagination of the responding player.

3. Find My Pitch

Activities: On any instrument, play any pitch for the group for three to five seconds. Ask the group (place drummers and percussionists on mallet keyboards) to imitate the pitch VOCALLY (in any comfortable octave). Then instruct all to search for the note on their respective instruments (again in any comfortable octave). Repeat the process until all participant have found the pitch.

Select arbitrary pitches to follow and repeat the process. Ask for tones from all of the different instruments in the group (players will ordinarily have more difficulty imitating pitches generated by the lowest and highest instruments) .Expand to incorporate two pitches. Begin with smaller, constant intervals.

Objective: This technique will exercise the ear and improve the student's ability to discriminate pitch and imitate played sounds. The activity will also dramatically improve relative pitch.

Jazz soloists must be able to technically configure sounds that they hear or imagine, and such exercises in pitch discrimination will improve the response time between the mind and the fingers.

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Conducting Behaviors - Discipline Problems

by Edwin Kruth Vol.11, #1, p.33 (August - September 1995)

Conducting behaviors that can cause discipline problems: Some reminders

- 1. Conductor not prepared for rehearsal-has no systematic plan for rehearsal.
- 2. Tries to learn the music at rehearsal.
- 3. With arms and baton in conducting position, he talks at length.
- 4. Late in starting rehearsals.
- 5. Lacks effective preparatory practices at beginning of rehearsal.
- 6. Confusing preparatory beats (in the character of the music).
- 7. Takes for granted that students are mind readers. Is not clear in explanation.
- 8. Talks too rapidly. Moves from one issue to another too quickly.
- 9. Changes mind as to where to start.
- 10. Lacks "pace" in rehearsal. Moves too slowly (this depends on the group in many cases.
- 11. Stops frequently, often without good reason: nothing is corrected-simply repeats hoping the problem will right
- 12. Works too long on problems of one section or one player-loses contact with the entire group.
- 13. Works too long on one problem. (law of diminishing return)
- 14. Wastes time rehearsing complete passages or a complete piece when spot rehearsals would be more efficient.
- 15. Lacks a system of breaking down a problem and drilling on the crucial aspects of the difficulty.
- 16. Lacks a working knowledge of all instruments, their individual problems, and fingering solutions to difficult passages.
- 17. Does not hear individual players-assuming that they all know their parts.
- 18. Blames a whole section or the entire group for an individual problem in performance or behavior.

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- 19. Lacks eye contact.
- 20. Is not consistent in correcting errors. Allows players to continue with bad habits.
- 21. Ignores problems or behaviors in single sections.
- 22. Lacks voice contact-does not speak loudly enough to reach all players.
- 23. Talks too much; not enough playing.
- 24. Folders not compete; missing parts. Some players are idle.
- 25. Lacks capacity to illustrate the correction of a problem.
- 26. Does not have a thorough understanding of fundamentals. Works on each number as such. Not enough carry over of basic principles of musicianship from one number to another. Too much rehearsal time is used in learning each piece without effective transfer.
- 27. Seems to "pick on" some students and ignores others.
- 28. Music is too difficult for the group.
- 29. Music not made interesting to the students through understanding
- 30. Wastes time on repairs etc. during rehearsal, losing attention.
- 31. Inadequate baton technique.
- 32. Inadequate body language (face, posture, movement, etc.)
- 33. Players cannot see the conductors eyes.
- 34. Conductors stand too high or too low. Players cannot see the beat.
- 35. Players stands too high or too low. Stands in the wrong position to allow them to see the conductor at all times.
- 36. Over-rehearsal allowing music to get stale prior to the performance.

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Networking

by Robert E. Foster Bio

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People who believe in a common cause or who share a common goal have a need to be together and to embrace each other. All people have a need to be nurtured personally, spiritually, and professionally.

While personal growth must always include personal study and self examination, there is a continuing need for interaction with others. And there is a need for intellectual and musical stimulation from others if we are to achieve maximum growth and development for ourselves and for our bands.

Networking is not new!

One of the buzz words of this era is the term, networking. Networking is not new, however. It has been one of the important activities among our best band directors, and among the leaders of the music industry, for years. Many of our most important and most successful professional organizations were established at least in part to accomplish this at one level or another. The American Bandmasters Association was founded specifically to accomplish this for one specific group of band directors. It created the opportunity to interact, to share, and to communicate. The list of networking organizations for various band related interest groups has flourished, and is well represented by many individuals at virtually every band directors' meeting or convention. The various elements of the music industry also banded together for professional stimulation and fellowship. We have seen the development of many of these professional organizations as they grew into major forces in the music profession in this and in other countries.

As these professional groups moved in their own directions, addressing the specific needs of their own constituency (and of their own part of the greater world of "bands") certain caring and fearless leaders saw a need for a higher level of communication and sharing. They defined a need for a means to bring these various organizations together to interact with each other, to share and to grow, and to enjoy the fellowship of other concerned professionals. Two new major structures emerged to accomplish this, and each addressed a different aspect of this networking or communicating.

The North American Band Directors Coordinating Committee was established 30 years ago through the efforts, vision, and foresight of Forrest McAllisher, and it brought together for the first time the leaders and spokespersons of virtually every major band organization, not only from the educational and performance side of the picture, but from the entire spectrum of band related industries. A new opportunity for sharing and communicating was created, and we continue to benefit form Mr. McAllister's dream and efforts.

The other group was the National Band Association which was created to be an "umbrella group", bringing together interested band people. Teachers, conductors, composers, arrangers, publishers, manufacturers, suppliers, amateurs and professionals finally had an organization through which any interested band person could participate and contribute to it through active participation.

Through NABDCC and NBA networking for band people had reached a new level, and we are all better off as a result.

Even as certain elements of our profession grew together through these organizations, parts of the band world became more polarized, and less tolerant and compassionate of others whose concepts of bands and band music did not happen to coincide with their own. An unfortunate sort of professional arrogance evolved, and instead of being a caring and sharing profession, in some cases we became a divisive and a divided profession, showing very little tolerance for other points of view or other types of programs if they did not fit the definition of band as defined by ourselves.

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Some traditional band persons looked with disdain on the wind ensemble conductors whose passion for new music, new discoveries of old music, and developing a distinctive wind literature led them into adventuresome programming. Some of the progressive wind ensemble conductors set themselves above the rest of the band profession, looking with disdain on those band directors whose programs did not follow their own personal preference or model.

Corps style marching band directors looked with disdain on traditional bands, while some traditionalists looked with fear and distrust at the rapidly developing corps-style movement.

We developed marching band directors who did not like new literature, and wind ensemble conductors who could barely tolerated marching bands. We had progressive wind-band conductors who made fun of our military bands, and military band leaders who were content to let others take the lead in the continuing development of a truly indiginous wind-band literature. We had school and military band leaders whose determination to stay in touch with their public musically and otherwise, were determined to the extent that it limited and/or prevented their personal musical growth. We had wind conductors whose determination to forge ahead led them to lose touch completely with their public, a situation that some took pride and pleasure in, while wondering why the public doesn't support their ensembles and music the way they wished that they would.

All of these things happened and continue to happen, and none of them are really good for our world of bands.

Someone said a few years ago, "What the band world today needs is another Sousa!" That is an interesting statement, but I personally disagree with it.

We need a lot of Sousas!

When Sousa came along he was a product of his times. He was one of a kind, and he was the dominant force in the world of bands and music in his era.

I believe that today we don't need one Sousa, we need a lot of Sousas...and we have them! We have extraordinary leaders and wonderful ensembles all over the world today, and they are scattered all over these United States.

What I think we need today is for all of us, regardless of our personal preference, to put our personal differences aside. We must put our personal and professional arrogance and disdain away. Forget our regional and musical selfishness, and all of us must work harder to make our own programs the best that they can be—meeting the musical needs of our own students, players, institutions, and regions (which are simply not going to be the same everywhere). We must lead musically and professionally, joining together with the other caring musical leaders in other areas and in other regions and other countries, working to our mutual growth, progress, and improvement. Let's stop making fun of people and bands which are not quite like ourselves. Let's all get together, joining hands locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally, and all of us "reach out and help someone!"

Let's "network" big time! Get together. Share ideas. Find out that that musical stranger whom you don't quite trust, is really an O.K. person who is doing the best that he or she can do, using the resources he or she has available.

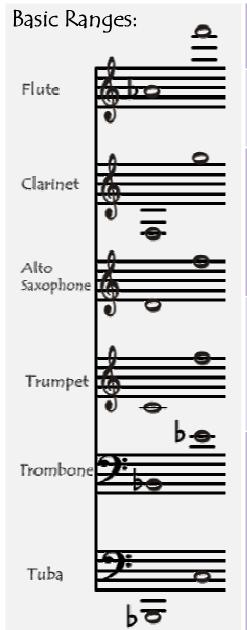
We CAN do this, and we can start today! Don't leave the reports and ideas shared at your meetings in your file cabinet. Circulate them among your friends and colleagues, and in your own professional organizations. Use them to be better informed, then help inform someone else. Let's break down our artificial barriers, and our professional ideological walls. Take a lesson from the East and West Germans who finally broke down their Berlin Wall; and embrace our own freedom, and the human good that we celebrate through bands.



Title: Oconee Sketches Composer: Gregory Day Publisher: IBG Music Performance Time: 2:32

Grade: 2.5





Keys:	0 b	Temp
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Time Signatures:

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Style: Programmatic

Notes:

Oconee Sketches was written for the Walhalla Middle School Band. It is a programmatic piece depicting the beauty of the Up State of South Carolina in Oconee County. Oconee, a county of many waterfalls, was named after a Creek Indian word meaning "great water"

Percussion Needs:

Bass Drum, Snare Drum, Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal, Triangle and Timpani

Comments:

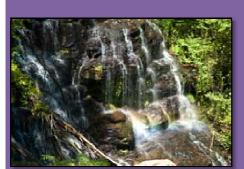
Although this piece is written with the key signature of Bb the tonal center is actually F minor and F Major. This is taken care of via accidentals. It is a great piece to teach different articulation styles.

Piece	Oconee Sketches	
Objectives	Students will review different articulation styles and gain a deeper understanding of our local history in Oconee County.	
Standards	Music: 2, 5, 8, 9 Social Studies: 6.4, 7.1, 7.3, 7.7 Math: 8.1 English Language Arts: 8.1	
Materials	Oconee student handout, Oconee sheet music, instruments, pencils	
Rehearsal Schedule	 The class will read the background information handout about the music. Ask students if any of them have been to Oconee County (two counties over). If so, when and what did they think? Students will have sheet music and the Exercises handout for Oconee out on their stands. Ask Students what key the piece is in. Answer – Bb – (f minor and major). Play the Bb Major Scale on the Exercise sheet. Students will count and clap rhythm patterns A through C.	
Assessment	I will constantly listen and critique the students throughout the rehearsal. I will correct mistakes if they occur.	

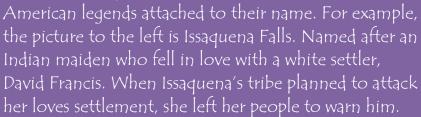


About the Music

Oconee County is named after a Hitchiti speaking Indian tribe. The Oconee or "Great Water" Tribe became part of the Creek and Seminole nations and moved Southwest after they gave up their lands in 1777.



There are several waterfalls in Oconee County with Native



Enraged at her betrayal warriors from her tribe were sent to hunt her down. Issaquena and David Francis fled, but her tribesmen found them. Issaquena led them to the falls



where she tricked them by jumping off the falls. The warriors believed she died and gave up the chase; however, she was hiding safely on an upper ledge of the falls behind a wall of water.



About the Composer

Composer and professor Greg Day has earned degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi and Furman University. He spent 15 years directing an award winning high school band. He has gained performance experience as a member of the 14th Army Band Ft. McClellan, AL. Today Mr. Day is the Director of Bands at Southern Wesleyan University. He continues to compose and assist local band directors by guest conducting as well as doing clinics.

































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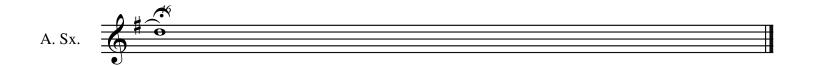




























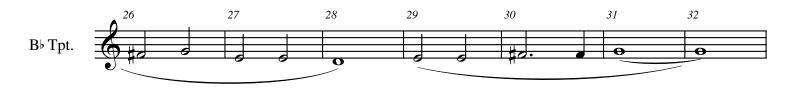






















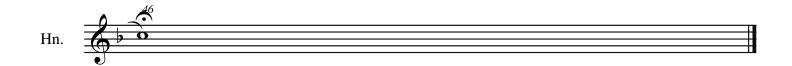














































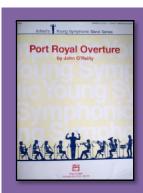
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Oconee Sketches Exercises





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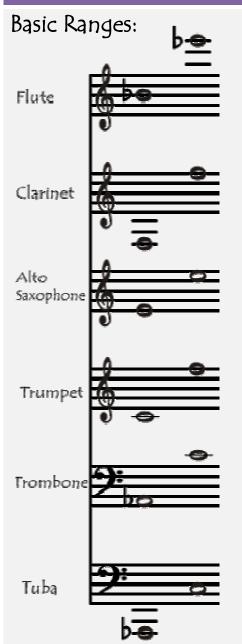
Composer: John O'Reilly

Publisher: Alfred

Performance Time: 3:35

Grade: 3





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Keys:	<u> </u>
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Tempos:

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Time Signatures:

Style:

Programmatic overture

Notes:

Port Royal Island lies just off the Southern coast of South Carolina. This island was the site of an important Naval battle during the civil war.

Percussion Needs:

Bass Drum, Snare Drum, Crash Cymbals, Timpani

Comments:

Port Royal is a great piece for teaching entrances on the "up-beat" and other more complex rhythms. There are some major percussion features, including timpani on the main melody line.



Piece	Port Royal	
Objectives	Students will gain a better historical understanding of Port Royal Island. Students will learn to enter on the "up-beat", new rhythms and percussion will have solo opportunities.	
Standards	Music: 2, 5, 8, 9 Social Studies: 7.3, 8.3 Math: 8.1 English Language Arts: 8.1	
Materials	Port Royal Overture student handout, Port Royal Overture sheet music, Instruments, pencils	
Rehearsal Schedule	 The class will read the background information handout about the music. Ask students if any of them have been to Port Royal Island, South Carolina. If so, when and what did they think? Students will have sheet music and the Exercises handout for Port Royal Overture out on their stands. Ask Students what key the piece is in. Answer – Eb Major. Play the Eb Major Scale on the Exercise sheet. Students will count and clap rhythm patterns A through E. 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 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 D.S. al Coda. Make sure each student knows to go back to measure 20 and then to the coda at measure 30. Sight read Port Royal Overture. 	
Assessment	I will constantly listen and critique the students throughout the rehearsal. I will correct mistakes if they occur.	



About the Music

Port Royal is an Island off the Southern coast of South Carolina. It was the sight of a major battle during the Civil War. Armed with 74 vessels, 36 cannons and 12,653 troops the United states Navy and



Army captured Port Royal in four days. Securing this port served two purposes, one to supply the Union forces in the South and two to help block Confederate Navy ships. Ironically, Union occupation spared the town from the destruction left by General Sherman.

Today, Port Royal is home to two military installations, Marine Corps Recruit Depot and

The Naval Hospital.





About the Composer

John O'Reilly graduated from the Crane School of Music, in New York. He also holds a Masters of Arts in Composition and Theory from Columbia University. Several years teaching experience in elementary through the college levels has provided Mr. O'Reilly with great knowledge about writing music for young to advanced bands. In addition to his compositions Mr. O'Reilly has co-authored three beginning musician method books.



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Port Royal Overture Exercises



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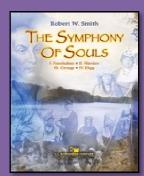






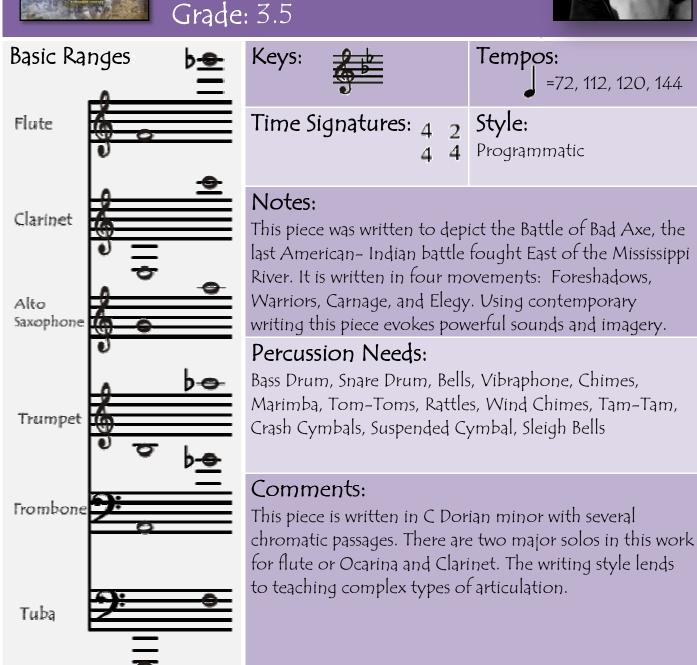






Title: The Symphony Of Souls Composer: Robert W. Smith Publisher: C. L. Barnhouse Performance Time: 7:12





Piece	The Symphony Of Souls
Objectives	Students will learn C Dorian minor scale and review the chromatic scale. Students will also learn stylized articulation and gain an understanding of the historical background of this piece. Each movement will be studied and sight read separately – this process may take two to three class periods.
Standards	Music: 2, 5, 8, 9 Social Studies: 7.1, 7.7 Math: 8.1 English Language Arts: 8.1
Materials	Symphony of Souls student handout, Symphony of Souls sheet music, instruments, pencils
Rehearsal Schedule	 The class will read the background information handout about the music. Ask students if any of them have been to Wisconsin. If so, when and what did they think? Students will have sheet music and the Exercises handout for Symphony of Souls out on their stands. Ask Students what key the piece is in. Answer – C minor Dorian. Discuss what modes are. Play the C minor Dorian Scale on the Exercise sheet. Each movement will be studied and sight read separately. Foreshadows. Students will count and clap rhythm patterns in the Foreshadows exercises. 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 for the first movement. Sight read the first movement Warriors Students will count and clap rhythm patterns in the Warriors exercises. When students are 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 for the second movement. After the melodic exercises are performed correctly, have the students locate the melody in the second movement. Sight read the second movement

6. Carnage

- a. Students will count and clap rhythm patterns in the Carnage exercises.
- b. When students can count and clap the rhythm patterns correctly then have them play each rhythm.
- c. Have students look in the band arrangement and find the specific rhythms in their parts.
- d. After the students play each rhythm pattern correctly play the melodic sections for the third movement.
- e. After the melodic exercises are performed correctly, have the students locate the melody in the third movement.
- f. Sight read the third movement

7. Elegy

- a. Play the melodic section for the fourth movement.
- b. After the melodic exercise is performed correctly, have the students locate the melody in the fourth movement.
- c. Sight read the fourth movement

Assessment

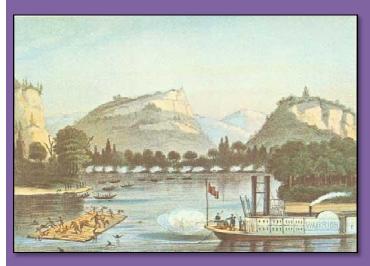
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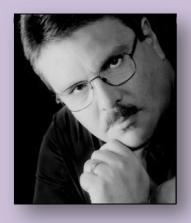
The Battle of Bad Axe was fought on the Bad Axe River near modern day Victory, Wisconsin. Two Native American tribes the Fox and the Sauk were led by Chief Black Hawk (see image left). Native Americans and the United States Army engaged each other on August 1, 1832. The encounter lasted until the following day when Black Hawk and most of his men had fled. The battle of Bad Axe marked the end of fighting between Native Americans and the V. S. settlers East of the Mississippi River.





About the Composer

With over 600 publications to his credit, Robert W. Smith is one of the most prolific concert band and orchestral music composers in America today. Much of his music is on state and festival lists all over the U.S. In addition to composing, Mr. Smith teaches at Troy University in Troy, Alabama.















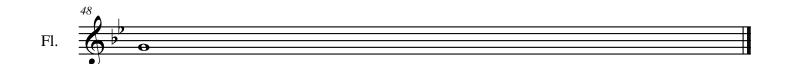






















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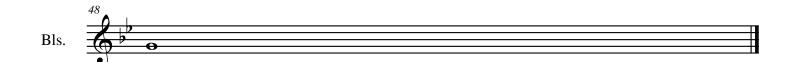






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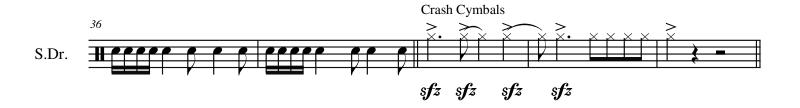


















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The Cornerstones for Program Success

by Tim Lautzenheiser Bio **Article excerpts from:**

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[Author's note:] We all know there is no guaranteed "instant success" formula in the field of music education. Everyone has to go through a pathway of self-discovery, and it is often not an easy journey. Our colleges and universities continue to prepare some of the finest aspiring young artists who have indicated they want to commit their lives to the world of band/choir/orchestra education. While some of these candidates do become lifetime members of the music world, far too many leave the teaching ranks after a very short tenure. WHY? After many personal interviews (with some of many of these one/two year veterans), it is apparent their choice to seek-a-newcareer had little to do with their love of music, but rather with their perceived sense of ineffectiveness in dealing with the overwhelming "off the podium" responsibilities. In most cases the beginning educator felt well prepared to embrace the rigors of "teaching music," and - in fact - pointed to this aspect of the teaching schedule as the best part of the school day. However, dealing with all else was simply more than they could bear...and, sadly, the passion for teaching music became secondary to vocational survival.

We have discovered there are many who have profited from a close association with a seasoned teacher who assumes the role of a mentor, a guide, a coach, a trusted listener, a loyal friend, etc. With this option at hand, the new teacher has a reliable source-of-information offering a tried-and-proven set of possible answers to a myriad of questions. Those who have been to the well have much valid advice to bring to the forum, and in many cases it has been the saving factor.

Please read the following thoughts knowing the data is derived from

"observing" many of the finest master teachers in the profession. By no means will a bird's eye view of five select cornerstone success-components shift the course of anyone's teaching habits, but it can alert the reader to the opportunities possible in every musical teaching/learning environment.

By definition: CORNERSTONE

- something that is essential, indispensable, or basic.
- the chief foundation on which something is constructed or developed.

Introduction

Why do we teach music? It is one the first philosophical inquiries serving as an introductory question for every music education student, and it is also one we all must revisit time-and-time again. Countless books, essays, and research documents have been devoted to this important query, and - perhaps - our challenge is to recognize the collective value of all these important contributions, and through this process we then develop and create our own sense of purpose.

Simply put:

We are educating students in the realm of music literacy so they can connect to and tap the unlimited potential of their creative minds. Our educational goal is to teach the mastery of musical skills, so our students can access quality music and experience the joy of an ever-evolving sense of aesthetic expression.

There are certainly many spin-off benefits garnered by the students who are involved in music learning and music making. By being in a first class music program, they develop better organizational abilities, they learn the value of teamwork, they have the opportunity to test their leadership talents, and they embellish many life skills that will serve them in every aspect of their personal and professional journey. These are ALL positive by-products generated via the music ensemble experience, HOWEVER they do not constitute the fundamental WHY of our efforts-andenergies.

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We teach music because it is, unto itself, a standalone academic subject. Music touches a part of our psyche that helps us regulate our lives. Music helps us understand and express our moods and attitudes. Music helps us reorganize our thoughts and feelings while keeping us on track. Music allows us to respond appropriately in social structure that is often confusing and complex. Participation in music avails the musician to the infinite journey of creative expression connecting to a language understood, communicated, and appreciated by all of mankind around the globe. MUSIC FOR THE SAKE OF MUSIC.

What role does the director/conductor/teacher/mentor play in bringing this philosophical blueprint to fruition? Why do some programs thrive while others struggle to survive? Isn't it a combination of the MESSAGE and the MESSENGER? We all know the immeasurable value of THE MESSAGE; let us begin to investigate the key elements of the successful MESSENGER. What have these MASTER TEACHERS (messengers) discovered, and what can we learn from their studying (and replicating) their templates-of-success?

Observation:

After four decades of working with some of the finest music programs in the world, it has become obvious there are marked likenesses that serve as part of the predictable framework of the successful band/choir/orchestra program, and much of it is directly linked to the director and his/her approach to the art of teaching music. Above all, these people are dedicated students of musical growth; never arriving, always seeking, searching, and learning.

The following pages of this text reveal FIVE CORNERSTONE (off-the-podium) teaching areas that are found in MANY/MOST of the outstanding music educators. While they all have a unique style, the following "cornerstones" are predictably evident in all.

* CORNERSTONE #1: CONTINUING EDUCATION

"I began my education at a very early age - in fact, right after I left college." - Winston Churchill, 1874 - 1965

With modern technology and the ongoing exchange of breakthrough data, the educational process (school) is not something we do, but it is something we CONTINUE TO DO throughout our lives; it is never-ending and it is gaining momentum at warp speed.

Veteran educators are clearly aware: "The more we know, the more we know we don't know." Therefore it is necessary to constantly seek out the latest trends, techniques, discoveries, improvements, and educational benefits. It can be both exhilarating and exhausting, but it is a condition that is HERE TO STAY.

It is so easy and tempting to ignore the latest contributions, from the newest literature to technological breakthroughs. It's far easier to "do it the way we've always done it," (and not complicate the agenda with all this "new stuff" that really has not stood the test-of-time, often a convenient rationalization) than it is to venture into the realm of the unknown. It is also much safer, but how can our students grow unless we grow? Shouldn't we be the role models of-and-for ongoing self-improvement?

Times are changing! Unlike days gone by, the teacher is no longer in a position of being THE ALL-KNOWING EXPERT. Our students (in many instances) are more technological savvy than we are.

The Winston Churchill quote at the beginning of this article is a wonderful bit of wisdom; we must heed the message within, "The completion of the college requisites and the celebration of our graduation merely provided the gateway to THE COMMENCEMENT [the commencing/the beginning/the start] of our REAL education." Today's master teachers are also today's master students as they embrace the responsibilities of their awareness.

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* CORNERSTONE #2: THE VALUE OF TIME

The one equalizing factor in this world is time. We all have twenty-four hours in the day - no more, no less. We can't bank it or save it, we either spend it or we lose it. It's not a matter of "trying to get more time," but rather "managing the time" we have. What are the secrets to effective/efficient time management?

* MAKE "TEACHER-ONLY" RESPONSIBILITIES A PRIOIRTY:

We often confuse "busy" with "productive." All too often we are BUSY, but not we are not necessarily PRODUCTIVE. It is easy to get caught in escape activities and, in turn, lose valuable time. It's important to focus on "teacher-only" tasks and develop a team of volunteers to take on other aspects of the work agenda.

Stuffing music folders, setting up the chairs and stands, taking attendance, etc., can be accomplished by a select group of student leaders and/or officers. It is beneficial to take the time to teach someone else the "right way" to prepare music folders and properly prepare the rehearsal hall/room for the upcoming class. The rewards are twofold; the students embrace more ownership of the ensemble's success, and the conductor/director is now free to spend his/her time learning-the-musical score along with other "teacher only" duties (areas where the educator expertise is wanted-and-needed).

All of this is so apparent, and yet most of us find ourselves (from time-to-time) living in a sense of urgency because we do not have enough time. Why does this dilemma exist in the first place? The world of psychology suggest we subconsciously avoid the more difficult responsibilities because:

- 1. Doing the less-challenging duties helps us avoid the disappointment we experience in unknown territory. In other words it is more comfortable and less taxing to stuff music folders and organize music stands than it is to analyze the thematic material of a new composition. We are not as likely to fail or feel as inadequate; it's an attempt to feed our sense-of-accomplishment, but the impact is short-lived. Avoidance is a human condition; it is not that we do not know what to do, rather, we simply do not want to do it; in turn we look for opportunities that will divert our focus and still keep us busy.
- 2. If we complete all the work there is to do, we might become dispensable...we will not be needed; therefore we must ensure we have a long list of responsibilities yet-to-accomplish. Subconsciously we really fear completion might jeopardize our perception of existence. Of course the irony is, the moment we finish one project, two new ones appear instantly. Every master teacher knows, the more we do, the more there is to do.

The review of these two described conditions suggests we are at the effect of our own choices. If so, we then have the wherewithal to shift our emphasis and dedicate our time, effort, and energy to the "teacher only" obligations/duties, so we can have the greater impact on our programs.

Acclaimed author and time-management consultant, Stephen R. Covey, offers several suggestions we can easily tailor to our teaching forum/s. The following checklist is adaptation designed to accommodate the music educator in supporting a healthy program.

- 1. What needs to be done right now? (What has to be accomplished immediately to meet a deadline and avoid a crisis situation?)
- 2. Does the task require personal attention or can it be assigned? (If it can be delegated to a responsible person, do so and move ahead to the next responsibility on the list.)
- 3. Is the energy being used within a personal sphere-of-influence to produce a positive result? (Beware of spinning your wheels; don't waste time if you don't sense forward motion.)
- 4. Is there an alternative way to create better results? (Avoid the "we've always done it this way" pattern-of-thinking.)
- 5. Does it feed the mission-of-excellence? (If it does not, do not do it.)

No, this prioritizing-template will not solve every problem, but it will clear up much of the confusion that prevents us from making logical choices concerning the investment of our time. It is also brings with it a tone-of-honesty so we are not tempted to fall in the all-too-familiar trap of: we don't have enough time.

* AVOID COMMUNICATION BOTTLNECKS:

In any ensemble (multi-person) class/rehearsal, we must measure quantum time. If there are fifty people in the room, and someone asks a question, the amount of time needed to respond (complete the conversation) must be multiplied by fifty. For example: Two minutes devoted to a verbal exchange concerning a misprint in the second clarinet part, is really one hundred minutes of used time. (2 minutes multiplied by 50 people = one hundred minutes of "product potential.") This is not to say the problem should be ignored, but if it can be resolved outside the priceless ensemble time, it will be to everyone's advantage.

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* ESTABLISH A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE:

From the moment the young musicians walk into the room until the end of the rehearsal, there should be a detailed plan for the most advantageous use of time. It is important to create, maintain, and support an attitude of positive learning through the establishment of a safe, challenging, encouraging environment reflecting-and-respecting the integrity of the musical art form. Unfortunately much time can be squandered because the EXPECTATION OF EXCELLENCE has not been properly explained (and reinforced) for the members of the organization. It is imperative we link self-discipline and group maturity to culture of the learning climate. (This is not to thwart the social aspect of the ensemble experience, however rehearsal time IS for rehearsal; let's use the time accordingly.)

- * CONERSTONE #3: EMPHASIZING THE WHY
- The good teacher tells.
- The excellent teacher explains and demonstrates.
- The master teacher inspires. (William Arthur Ward)

Mr. Ward's words ring true in every aspect of our educational community; and perhaps they are MOST vivid in the world of music education. If we analyze the wisdom of his quote, we can apply it to our daily teaching habits and help us create a healthy atmosphere supporting the entire spectrum of music learning, music making, and music listening.

THE GOOD TEACHER TELLS

THE WHAT

The very essence of educational process is, "passing information from one source/mind (teacher) to another source/mind (student)." This represents the WHAT in the curriculum. From WHAT year did Columbus land on the shores of America to WHAT is wrong with the intonation in the low brass section? We are all trained to bring to our classrooms and rehearsals rooms a library of evolving valuable data (WHAT) to expand and improve the lives of our students. Even as we continue our own education via workshops, graduate school, seminars, conventions clinics, etc., we add to our own informational library. WE KNOW MORE WHAT.

However, if all we do is TELL our students this important data without holding them accountable for integrating it into their lives, we may be nothing more than yet another source of facts-and-figures. The overriding question is, "Is the material communicated in a way our students will realize it has a positive impact in relation to their well-being,"? Rather, is it relevant to their lives, and does it have a lasting effect? Most certainly the WHAT is a crucial foundation block, but we certainly cannot stop at this point in the process.

THE EXCELLENT TEACHER EXPLAINS AND DEMONSTRATES

THE HOW

This area of music education is one of the most exciting, since our discipline begs for EXPLANATION and DEMONSTRATION. Successful music teachers know it is the "hands-on" learning-processes required for high-level achievement. We simply do not instruct WHAT to do, but we show our students HOW to do it. We are participants as we sing, play, or explain by performing a phrase on a chosen instrument. Not only do we address the HOW of each vital skill, we demonstrate the tone we are seeking, the needed style, and the musical picture we are trying to paint. The class/rehearsal requires so much more than simply "telling the students WHAT to do," it is a matter of discovering countless ways to EXPLAIN the various avenues of efficiently and effectively reaching the given goal.

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William L. Huff

DOB: January 16th, 1875 (Massieville, Ohio) DOD: November 5th, 1942 (Chillicothe, Ohio)

William L. Huff was known for most of his life as "Will Huff," which was also one of the eight pseudonyms used at the same time by Henry Fillmore.

At the age of 15, Huff organized his first band – "Kid's Band" – to raise money for music and instruments. At that time, he was playing cornet, but later learned all the instruments.

He moved around the country a great deal as a performing musician and composer. And, it seems that he formed a community or town band in every community he visited. He made a permanent move to Chillicothe in 1917 and became the assistant director of the Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) Band and later its conductor. Many have indicated that his best works were those that were unpublished.

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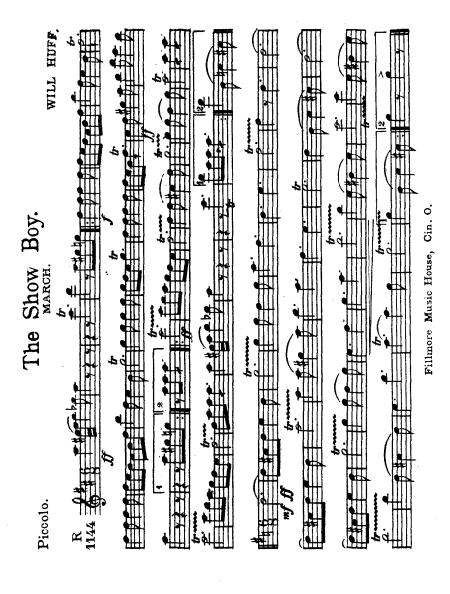
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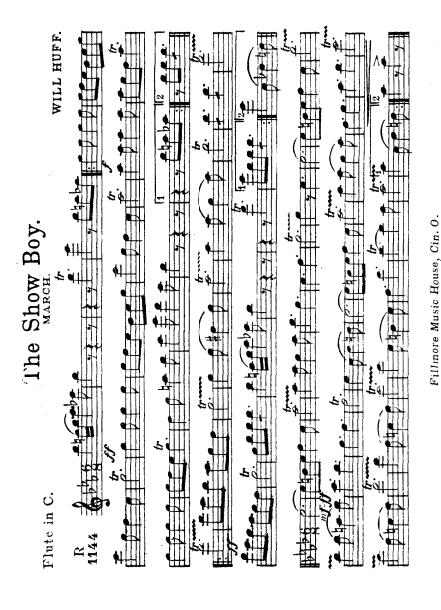
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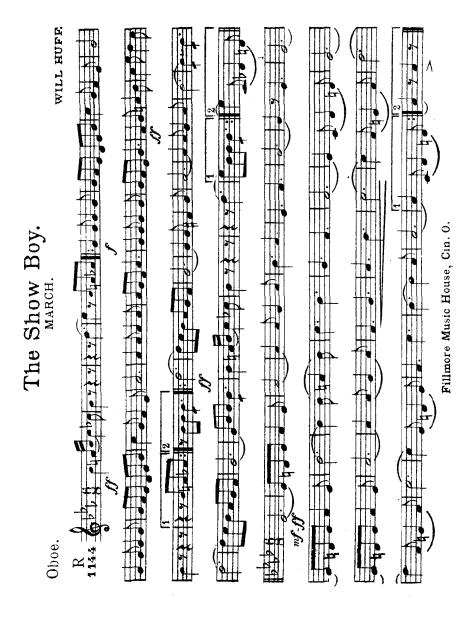
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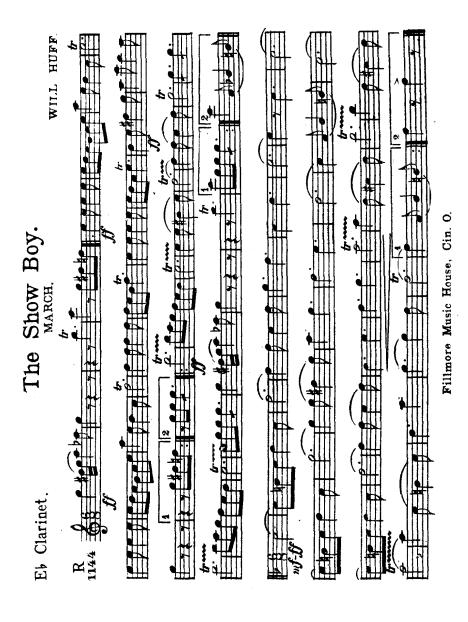
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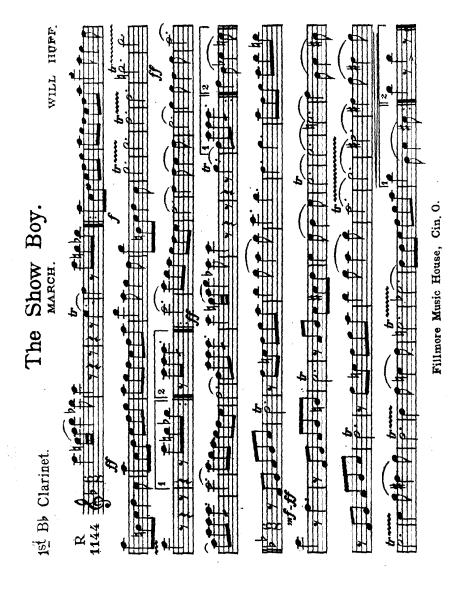
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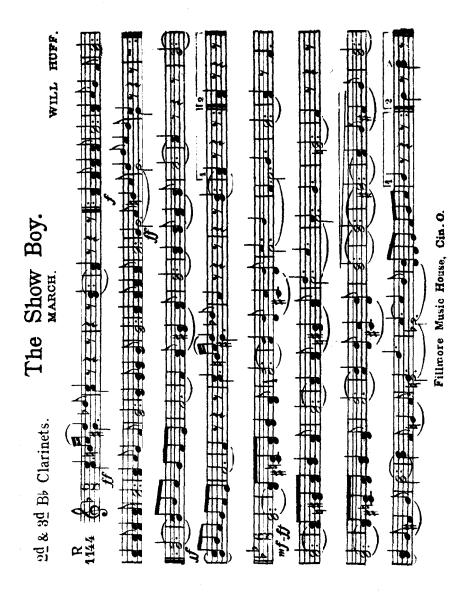
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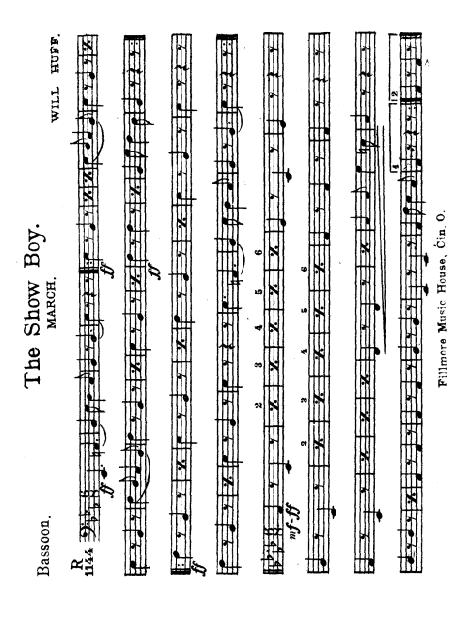
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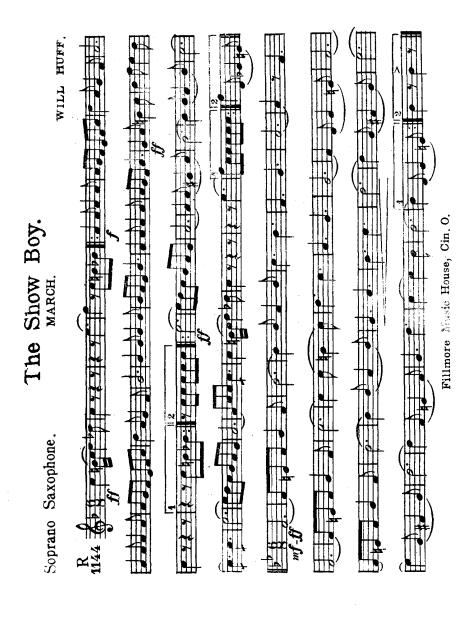
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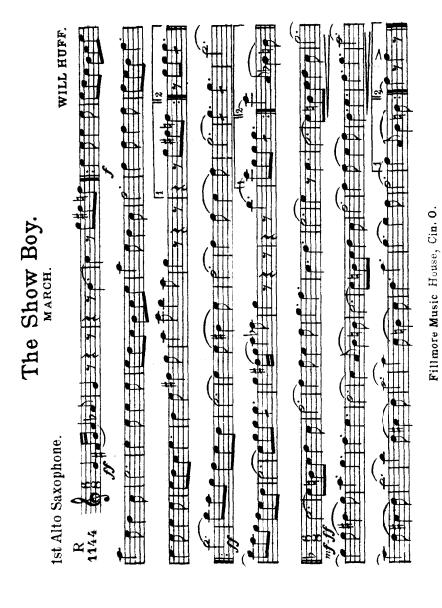
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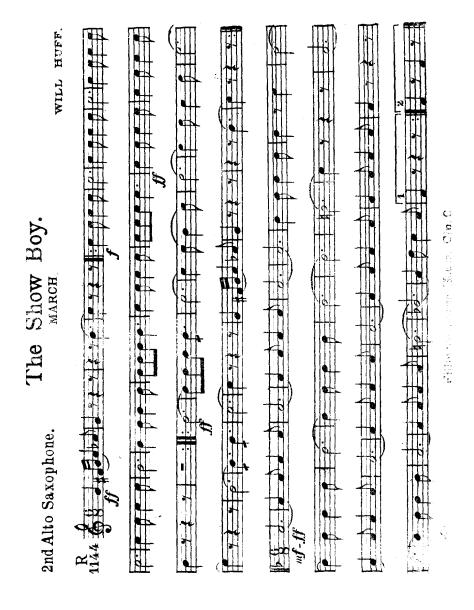
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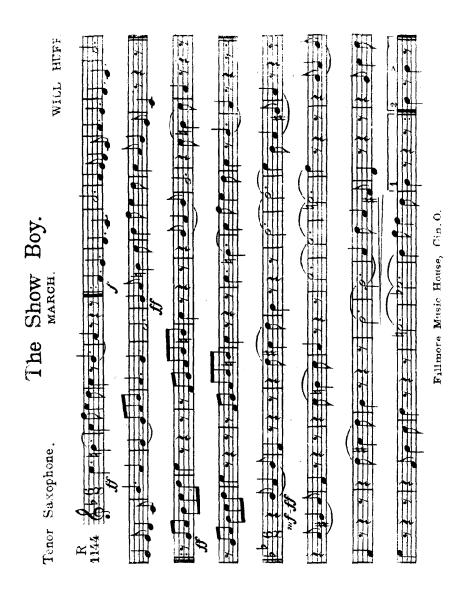
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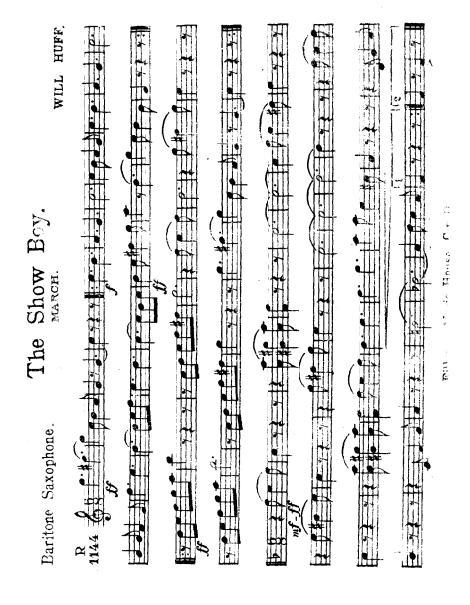
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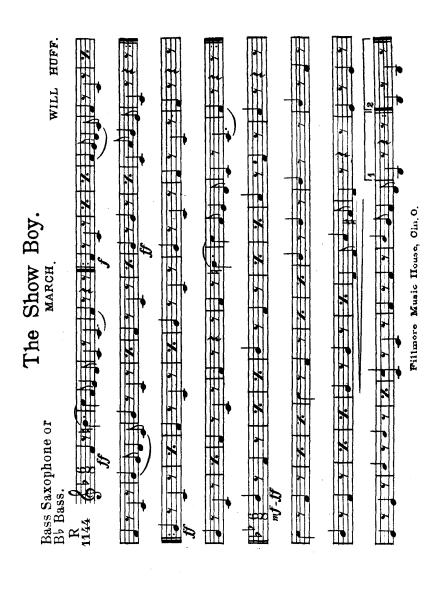
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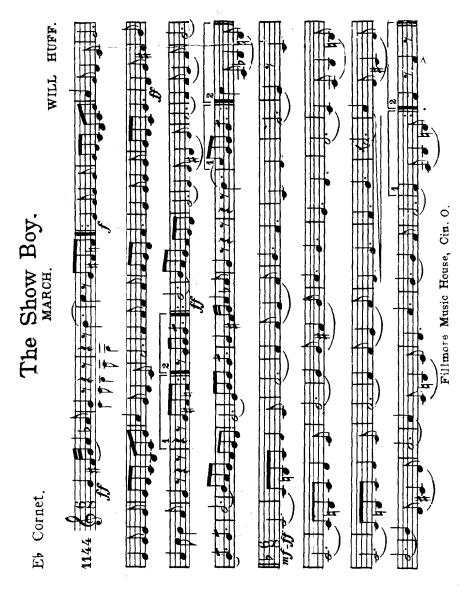
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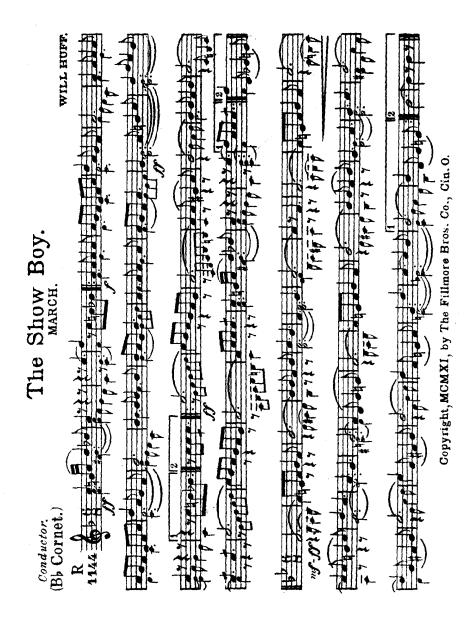
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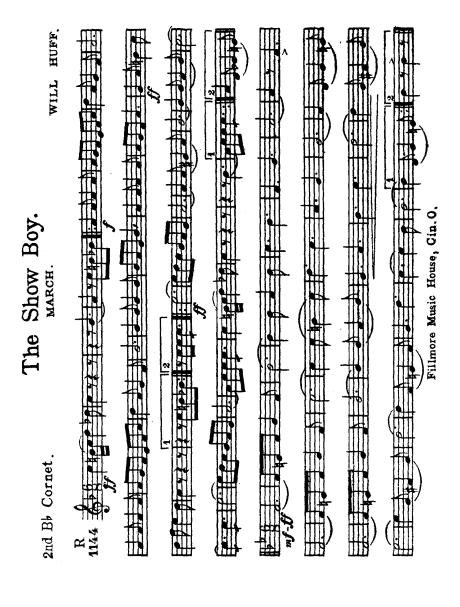
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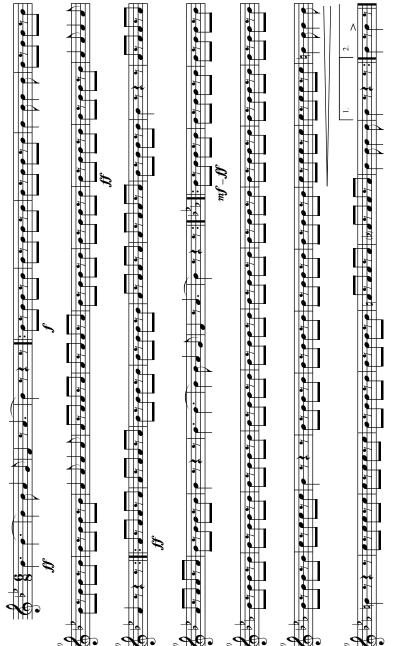
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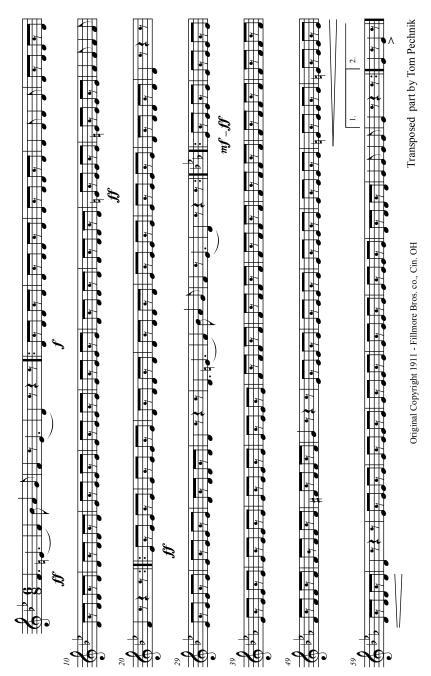
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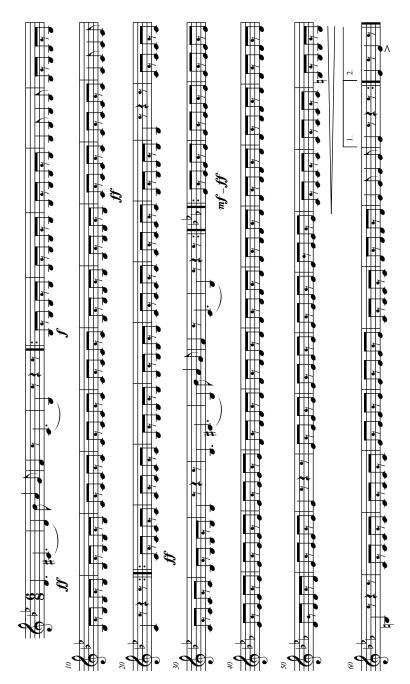
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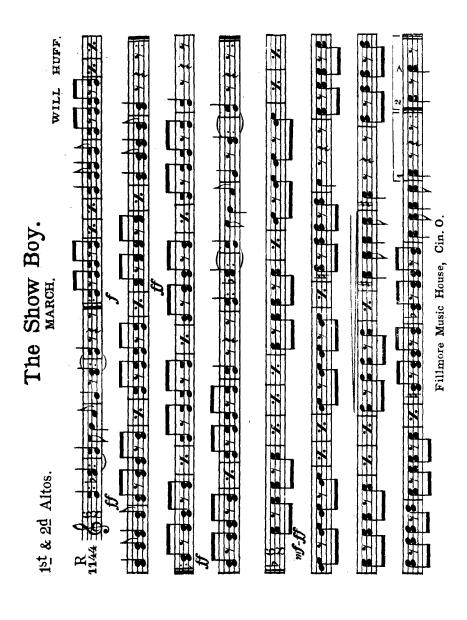
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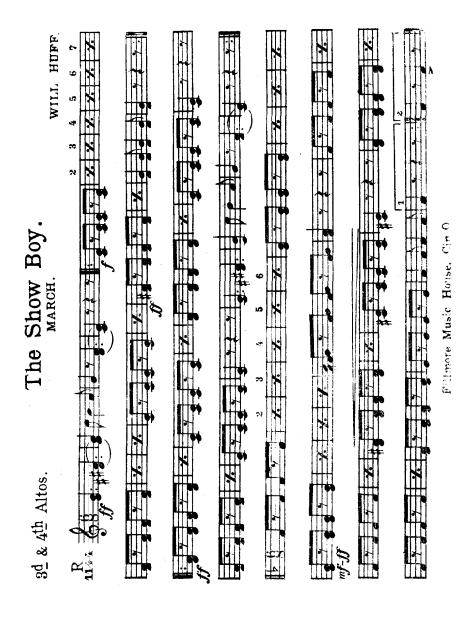


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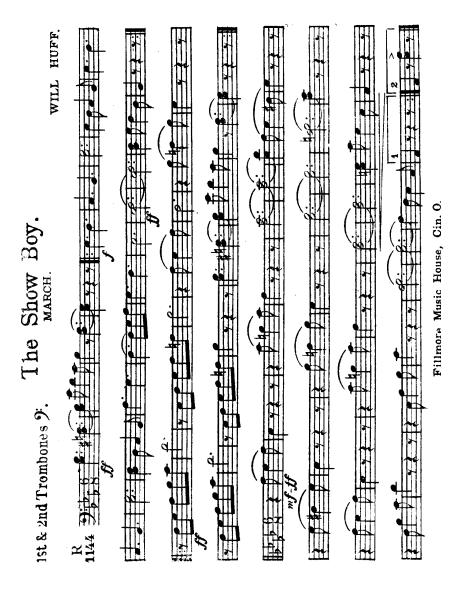
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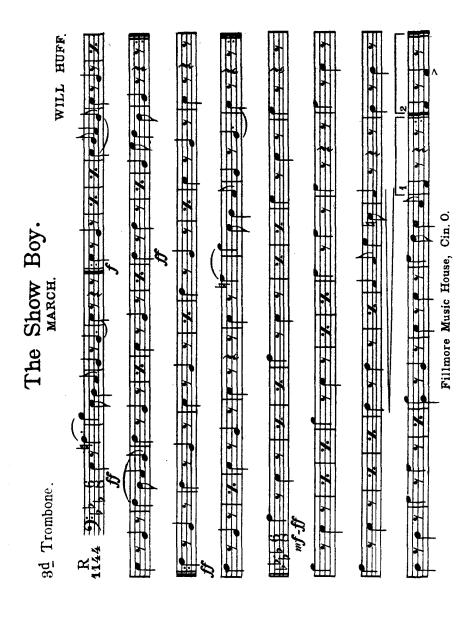
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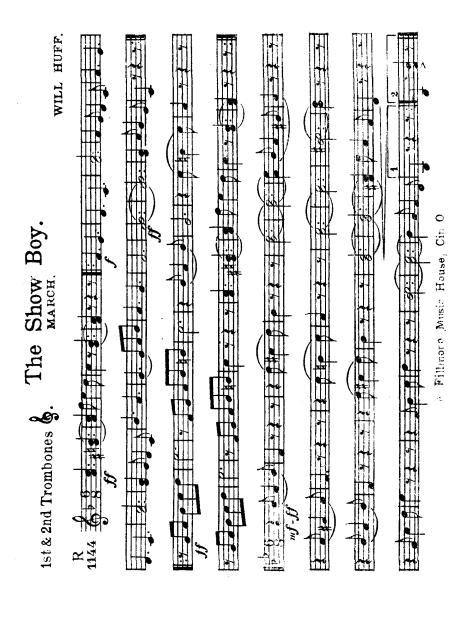
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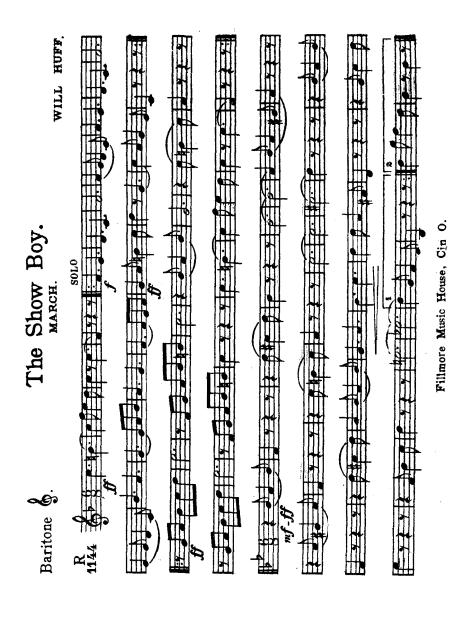
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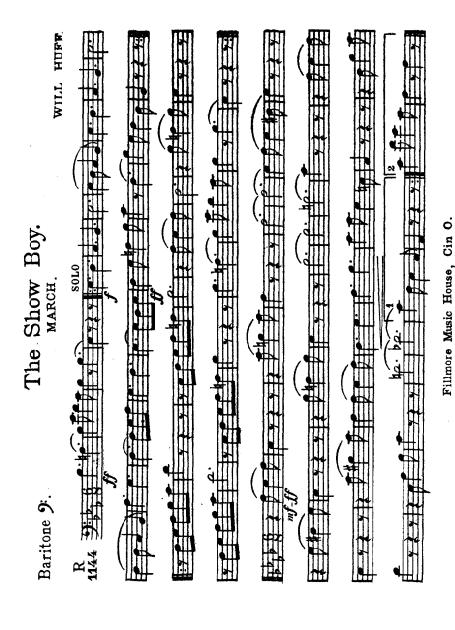
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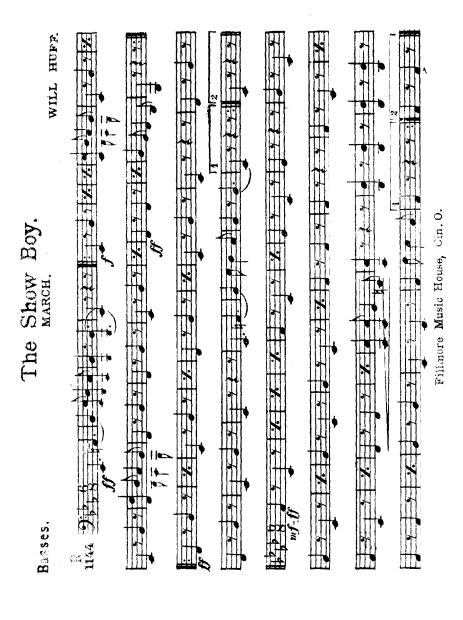
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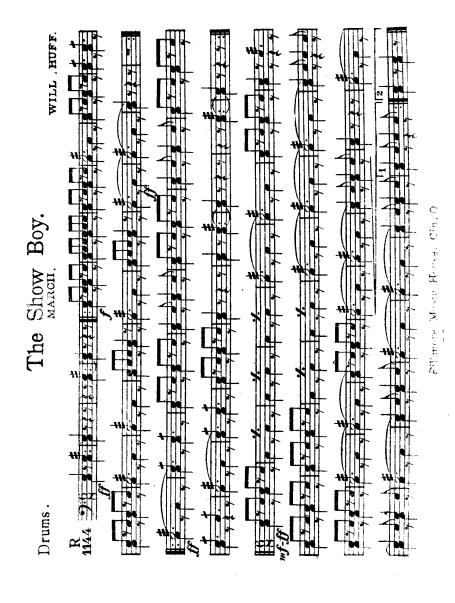
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BW 2010

The American Bandmasters Association



A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to a Band Rehearsal

by M. Max McKee Bio

Previous FUNNY

Next FUNNY

Hosting the National ABA Convention

In 1981, after being elected to the wonderful brotherhood organization, The American Bandmasters Association, I soon discovered the power of real family relationships with students and fellow band directors. I attended my first ABA in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1982, where I finally met the convention hosts, Al and Gladys Wright (who were on the Gunnison Music Camp faculty in 1956 when I attended as junior high school student). Over the next 5 conventions (in Kansas, Arizona, Wisconsin, Oklahoma and Tennessee), Nell and I knew that we'd like to have the opportunity to host the ABA convention in Ashland, Oregon. At the 1985 convention our bid was accepted and we launched a 4-year plan to discover how the ABA was run and what we could do to make our convention great and unique. Each year we'd spend hours behind the scenes asking questions of convention hosts and their staff. It really paid off in getting ready to host what is surely the most complex music event anywhere.

At the Tennessee ABA convention in 1987 we presented a special comedic video about coming out West. Our presentation included footage from old western movies showing the stagecoach being chased by a band of Indians (Not that kind of band!). The voice track described how much we were looking forward to welcoming them to Oregon.

And then the real work began as we planned to host over 500 people: The members, music industry and the performing bands. The performing bands included the University of Utah, Oregon State University, The U.S. Army Band and The U.S. Navy Band as well as the host school's Southern Oregon State College Alumni Band (SOSCWATCH).

When March 1988 arrived, we had a wonderful lodging package that included a room and full American breakfast for only \$42 a night in the motel known as Ashland Hills. There we hosted all the business meetings and final baquet dinner featuring Ashland Shakespeare Festival dances and entertainers with ABA President Johnny Long and his wife, Mary Lynn, as the King and Queen. The Court Jester (dressed appropriately) was John Paynter (Northwestern University and ABA Past President).

The opening speech, a special greeting to Ashland, featured the new SOSC President, Joseph Cox (who, in 1992, became the catalyst for the launch of American Band College masters degree program). Each evening featured at least one major concert either in the Music Recital Hall of Southern Oregon State College or at Hedrick Junior High in Medford. Our SOSCWATCH concert featured 143 musicians under 7 guest conductors that included John Paynter, Gladys Wright, Robert Musser, Frank Bencriscutto and Max McKee. Guest soloist for the evening was famed trumpet player, Bobby Shew, who performed Bencriscutto's Symphonic Jazz Suite.

Special trips for the 150 attending ABA members included a trip to the Redwoods and the Oregon Coast, a log-rolling competition and demonstract at Eagle Point High School and a play at the Oregon Shakeseare Theater.

Next time: Creating NBC or ABC?

The Bandworld Legion of Honor



Previous LEGION

Next LEGION



Brian Thorlacius

Brian Thorlacius has been a music educator with the Calgary Public School Board for the past thirty years. His philosophy is " I believe first and foremost that we need to be positve and encouraging with our students and try to instill the passion of music within each of them. We need to expose them to quality literature regardless of the genre. I feel that we should always work in a positive manner to build that relationship between the conductor and our players. I feel that we need to expand our curriculum to include those extras like tours and camps and workshops with professionals and expose them to professionals performances and recordings."

Brian has received numerous awards including: 1997 Tommy Banks Award from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Vondis Miller Legacy Award from the Alberta Band Association in 2009. UNder his leadership the Queen Elizabeth Bands have received overwhelming I ratings.

Brian says," I feel that having mentors such as Vondis Miller and Butler Eitel to help guide my performance years directly affected my decision to become a band director." He also continues to give back to his by profession by serving on the Alberta Band Association's executive Board. Throughout his teaching career Brian has been an active committee member in assisting the Calgary Board of Education music educators with the development and revision of the provincially approved, Locally Developed Music Courses.

A special award of

The John Philip Sousa Foundation

The Bandworld Legion of Honor was established in 1989 to honor, over the course of a year, eight of the finest band directors in our business.

Recipients have taught for at least fifteen years, have maintained a very high quality concert band program, and have contributed significantly to the profession through dedication to bands and band music.

Each is honored at the annual Sousa Foundation awards ceremony during the Midwest Band Clinic in Chicago, Illinois.

Chairman of the Legion of Honor Committee is Terry Austin,Virginia Commonwealth University.

Legion Laureates List Link



Tom Shine

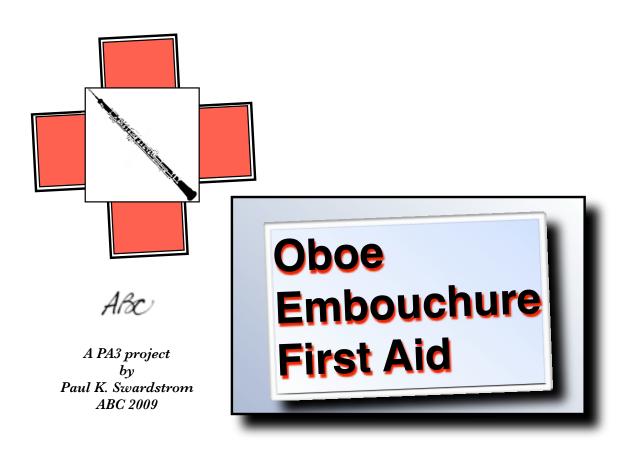
Tom Shine is in his 30th year as Director of Bands for the Duncanville Independent School District and his 40th as a Texas music educator. He received both his Bachelors and Masters in Music Education from the University of Texas at Austin. He received his Ph.D. From the Univ. of North Texas. Duncanville is Texas' only 5A school to finish in the finals every year since 1988.

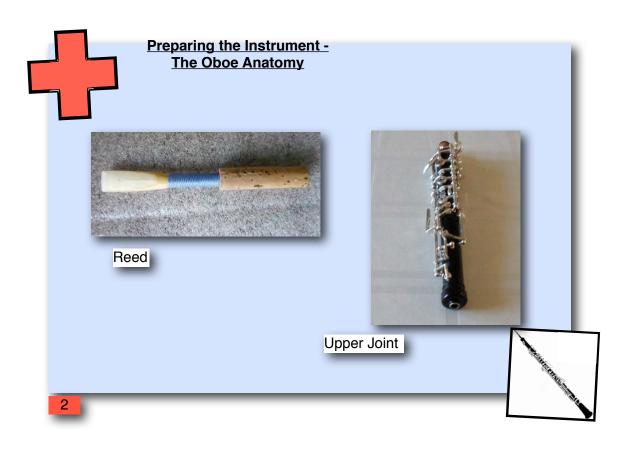
When Tom was asked about the factors that influenced him, he replied,"I have been fortunate to have some of the finest musicians imaginable as mentors and friends who have guided me throughout my career. In addition, the administrators in the Duncanville ISD allow each of us to be a true professional." He has used those influences to take his band to the Midwest twice. They have also received the prestigious Sudler Shield and Flag.

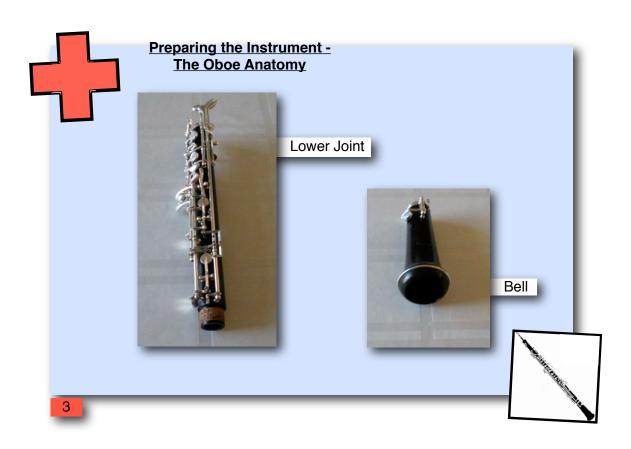
Tom Shine states his philosphy as, "Each of us was inspired by music at some point in our lives and we became music teachers because of that connection and love of music. I believe that it is our role as music teachers to instill that love of music and inspire the next generation of musicians in the same way."

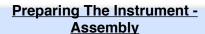
Tom continues to serve by being involved in professional organizations. He has served as the TMEA Region Band Chair for 25 years as well as serving as the Region Chairman.

Terry Austin Bio Legion of Honor Chairman









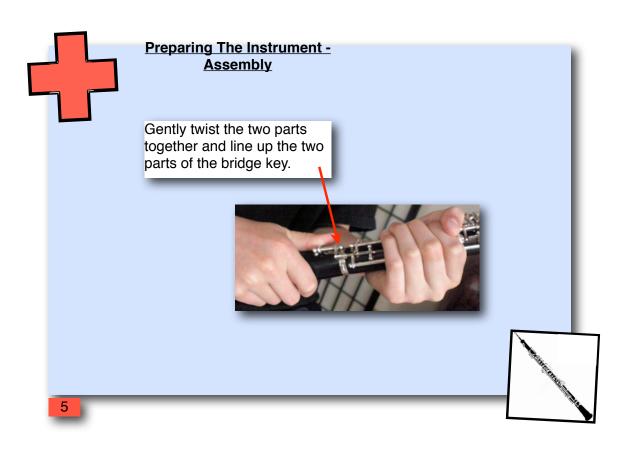
Bell and lower joint

Hold the bell in the right hand. Close the pad with the thumb so that the bridge key is raised. This is to clear the connecting lever on the lower joint.





Hold the lower joint in the left hand near its lower end so no pressure is applied on the keys and rods.





Preparing The Instrument Assembly

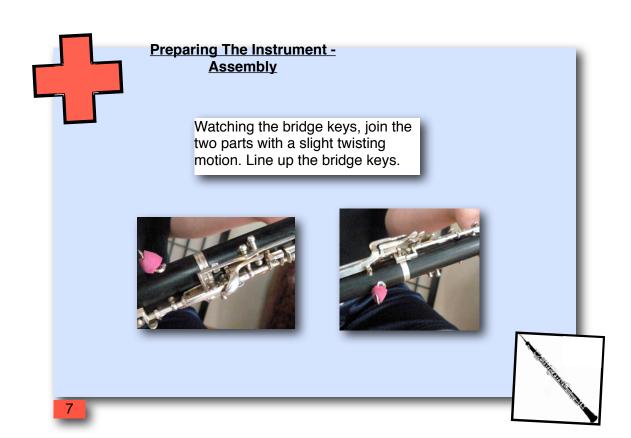
Upper and Lower Joints.

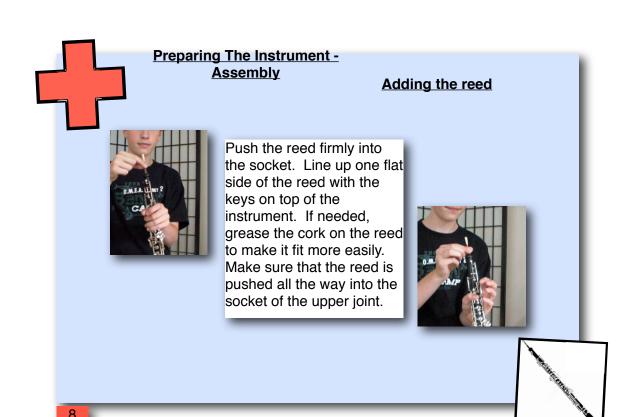
This part is done second to take more care with the bridge keys between the upper and lower joint. Hold the upper joint in the left hand. Hold near the top where there is the least amount of key and rod work. Hold the lower joint close to the bell so that the bridge keys are not raised.

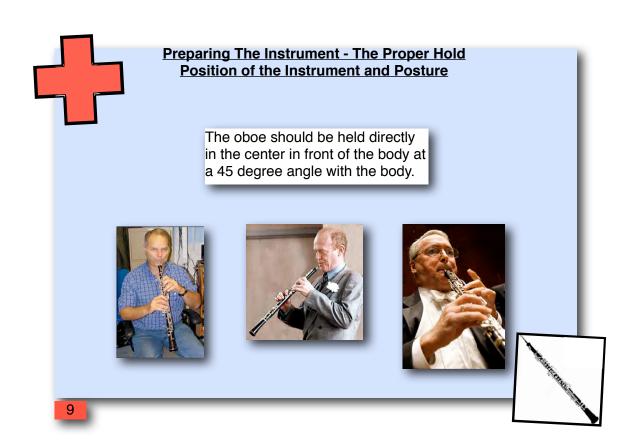
If the tenon joints are properly lubricated, you may simply press together, taking care that the bridge keys are lined up. If not, a slight twisting motion will help.

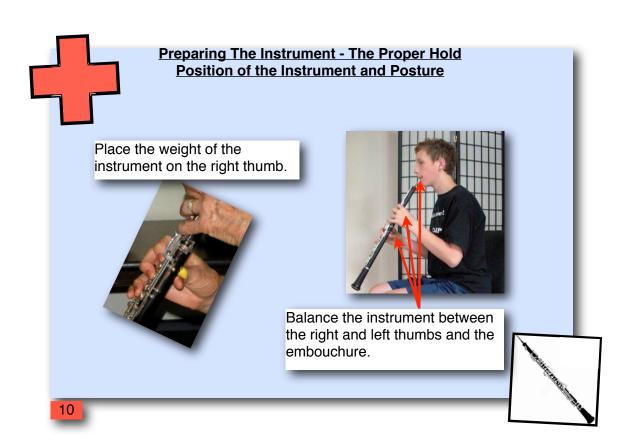














Preparing The Instrument - The Proper Hold Position of the Instrument and Posture

Do Not Do:

When the head is down, the reed comes into the embouchure straight rather than at the forty-five degree angle.



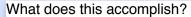




The Healthy Oboe Embouchure Formation

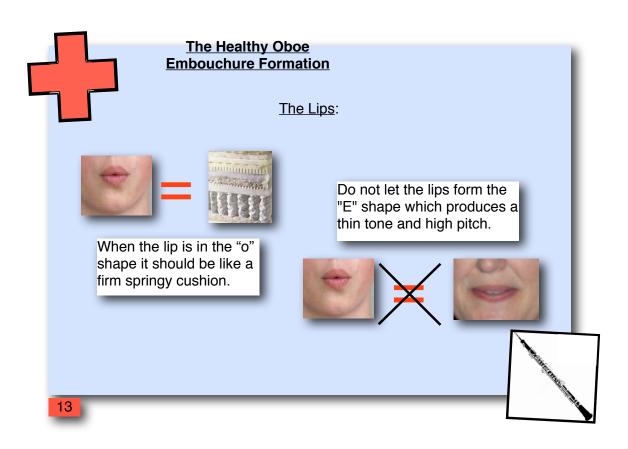
Say "No oboe."

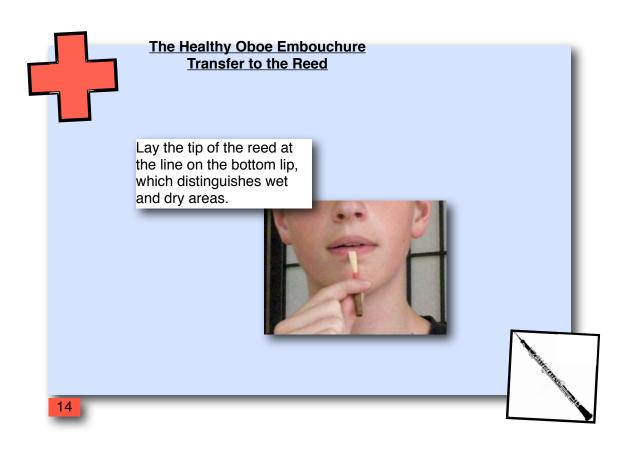
This works best if done in an English accent. This keeps the lips in the "o" shape after saying it.



- This brings the corners of the mouth firm and forward, against the teeth.
 The lips will be in the shape of an "o".
- The jaw will be separated.
- The chin will be down and firm.
- The tongue will be down.









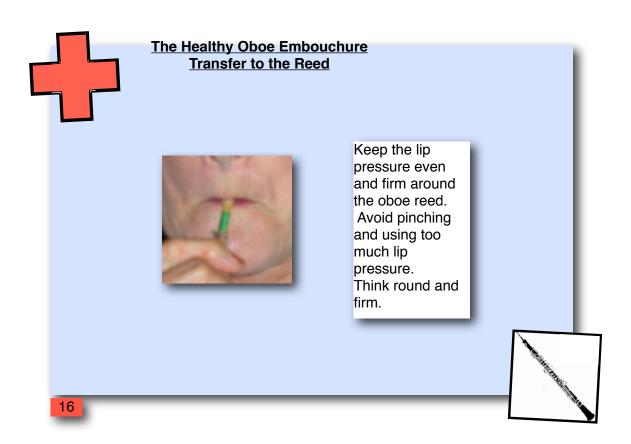
The Healthy Oboe Embouchure Transfer to the Reed

Gently roll the bottom lip in.
Only the tip of the reed
should enter into the mouth.

The top lip should cushion and seal the reed from above.

Like a draw string around a purse, pucker and pull the lips around the reed.







The Healthy Oboe Embouchure Transfer to the Reed

Blowing Into the Reed

Articulating with a soft "O" consonant may help initial experiments in the crow of the reed.
Before the reed is inserted into the instrument, the student should be able to produce and sustain a healthy octave crow.

Keep the reed anchored firmly on the bottom lip.

Breathe deeply and blow into the reed. Some initial "rushing air" noises may be heard until a proper amount of support and resistance find a balance.





