

Grade 1

Music for Concert Band

BPS154F

Blue Ribbon Special

Aaron D. McMichael

INSTRUMENTATION

Flute	8
Oboe	2
Clarinet in B \flat	8
Bass Clarinet in B \flat	2
Alto Saxophone in E \flat	5
Tenor Saxophone in B \flat	2
Baritone Saxophone in E \flat	2
Trumpet in B \flat	8
Horn in F	3
Trombone	3
Euphonium	3
Bassoon	2
Euphonium T.C. in B \flat	2
Tuba	3
Mallet Percussion	1
Glockenspiel	
Timpani	1
Percussion 1	2
Snare Drum, Bass Drum	
Percussion 2	2
Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal	
Percussion 3	1
Triangle	



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Performance Notes

Introducing a confidence-building selection for young bands! This composition reinforces fundamentals, featuring a steady $\frac{4}{4}$ time signature and the accessible key of concert B \flat major. A strong opening statement leads to a pleasing clarinet and trumpet melody at m. 5. Measure 13 adds more harmonic depth and layers, while still maintaining the charming simplicity of the theme. Players should pay close attention to dynamics and articulations throughout the piece for a prize-winning performance.

About the Composer

Aaron D. McMichael (b. 1979). A proud alumnus of the Long Beach High School Band, Mr. McMichael achieved many accolades as a student performer. His influence to start writing music began when he would bring home the many free cassette tapes and CDs the band director would receive from various music publishing catalogs. He went on to study music at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jones County Junior College, and eventually earned a bachelor's degree (Cum Laude) from Troy State University. He was also a marching member of The Cavaliers and The Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps. Eventually, he would move to Texas where he has been teaching middle school and high school band for over 18 years. While teaching in Texas he has garnered many accolades: 6 Division Ones/Sweepstakes in a row, Sweepstakes w/ Harrell Middle School Band All-Region Brass students, All-Region Jazz Band Students, All-Region Middle School Band students, All-Region Middle School Jazz Band Students, Area G qualifying All-Region Students, and Numerous Division I brass students for Solo & Ensemble. Recently, his pieces have been featured at the Texas Bandmasters Association and the Bandworld Top 100 in the past two years. His piece "Angels In the Sky" was named an ATSSB Honorable Mention. His composition "The Brave Warrior" is a J.W. Pepper Editors' Choice selection and a J.W. Pepper Listeners' Choice Honorable Mention. He resides in Brownsville, TX with his wife, son, two dogs, and two turtles.

Allegro (♩ = 132)

5

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B♭

Bass Clarinet
in B♭Alto
Saxophone in E♭Tenor
Saxophone in B♭Baritone
Saxophone in E♭

Trumpet in B♭

Horn in F

Trombone,
Euphonium,
Bassoon

Tuba

Mallet
Percussion
(Glockenspiel)Timpani
(B♭, F)(Snare Drum,
Bass Drum)Percussion
(Crash Cyms.,
Suspended Cym.)

(Triangle)

Allegro (♩ = 132)

5

1

2

3

4

5

6

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.
in B \flat

B. Cl.
in B \flat

A. Sax.
in E \flat

T. Sax.
in B \flat

Bar. Sax.
in E \flat

Tpt.
in B \flat

Hn. in F

Tbn.,
Euph.,
Bsn.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

1

Perc. 2

3

Sus. Cym.

p

13

Fl. *f*

Ob. *f*

Cl. in B \flat *mf*

B. Cl. in B \flat *mp*

A. Sax. in E \flat *mp*

T. Sax. in B \flat *f*

Bar. Sax. in E \flat *mp*

13

Tpt. in B \flat *mf*

Hn. in F *mp*

Tbn., Euph., Bsn. *mp*

Tuba *mp*

Mall. Perc. *f*

Timp. *mp*

1 *mp*
Cr. Cyms.

Perc. 2 *mp*

3

21

37

[illegible]

45

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.
in B \flat

B. Cl.
in B \flat

A. Sax.
in E \flat

T. Sax.
in B \flat

Bar. Sax.
in E \flat

Tpt.
in B \flat

Hn. in F

Tbn.,
Euph.,
Bsn.

Tuba

Mall.
Perc.

Timp.

1

Perc. 2

3

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