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Today of all Days

Wind Band (grade 2)

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Winds:

1 Piccolo
2 Flute 1&2
2 Oboe 1&2
2 Bassoon 1&2
1 Clarinet Eb

Clarinet Bb (1, 2&3)
1 Bass Clarinet Bb
2 Alto Saxophone 1&2 Eb
2 Tenor Saxophone 1&2 Bb
1 Baritone Saxophone Eb

Trumpet Bb (1, 2&3)
Horn F (1&2)
Trombone (BC) (1,2,&3)
Euphonium (BC)
Tuba (BC),
Double Bass

Percussion (5 players):

Timpani
Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Cymbal)
Percussion 2 (Tambourine, Cymbal, Triangle)
Mallets 1 (Glockenspiel)
Mallets 2 (Xylophone)

Composer's Note

Optional parts which can be omitted include: Piccolo, Bassoon 2, Clarinet in Eb and Double Bass.

Written in rondo form the piece starts with a bright and lively feel, Allegro circa ♩ = 132. This feel is carried along by the tuba and percussion on a recurring bass motif (a), with staccato notes and a light syncopated rhythm. The opening theme from the euphonium (b) incorporates slurs and small intervals which is imitated by the horn and oboe in the following bars:

a. Tuba 

b. 

The main theme of the piece is more rhythmic than a melodic (c):

c. 

This theme flows throughout the piece, often varying as the piece progresses, as you will see if you turn to rehearsal mark B, in the oboe. The themes are recurrent through various instrumentation in the band circulating harmonically from Ab major to C Major.

The piece makes use of national values from eight notes (quavers) to whole notes (semi – breves), simple themes, simple rhythms, staccatos, slurs, ties and light syncopation in a fun to play feature for concert/wind band.



22 **B**

Picc. *mf*

Fl. 1 *mf*

Fl. 2 *mf*

Ob. 1 *f*

Ob. 2 *f*

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Eb. Cl. *mf*

Cl. 1 *f* *mf*

Cl. 2 *f* *mf*

Cl. 3 *f* *mf*

B. Cl. *f* *mf*

A. Sax. 1 *f*

A. Sax. 2 *f*

T. Sax. 1 *f*

T. Sax. 2 *f*

Bari. Sax. *f* *mf*

B

Tpt. 1 *mp* *f*

Tpt. 2 *mp* *f*

Tpt. 3 *mp*

Hn. 1 *f* *mf*

Hn. 2 *f* *mf*

Tbn. 1 *f* *mf*

Tbn. 2 *f* *mf*

Tbn. 3 *f* *mf*

Euph. *f* *f*

Tba. *f* *mf*
arco

Db. *mf*

Timp. *f*

Tri.

Cym.

Perc. 1 *f* *mf*

Tamb. *f*

Glock.

Xyl.