Alfred's Growing Band Series

Kaleidoscope

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DURATION — ca. 2:30

PROGRAM NOTE

One usually associates the word "kaleidoscope" with colors that change in never-ending variety. Rightly so, of course, but there is another characteristic of this interesting optical instrument that is equally fascinating since it also contributes to the logic with which the present music has been named: *design*. The colors do not just *change*; they change within the framework of perfect *symmetry*. The combination of contemporary melodic and harmonic materials with "kaleidoscopic" colors and a most imaginative use of the percussion section develops into a truly unique and dramatic work for young performers.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The A-B-A form is easily recognizable here. The A section (from the top thru 60) must be very carefully articulated, always with a slight separation between the dotted eighth and its sixteenth. The contrast in the B section (61 thru 92) is achieved by combining legato woodwinds with a staccato bass, over all of which is superimposed a horn and saxophone line articulated in the style of the A section. The constant shifting of tonalities and the piquancy of modern harmonies should serve to broaden the listening experience of young bandsmen as well as to challenge their proficiency as performers.

INSTRUMENTATION

1 — Full Score

6 — 1st Flute and 2nd Flute

2 — Oboe

2 — Bassoon

4 — 1st Bb Clarinet

4 — 2nd Bb Clarinet

4 3rd B Clarinet

2 — E Alto Clarinet

2 — B Bass Clarinet

l — 1st E Alto Saxophone

1 — 2nd E Alto Saxophone

1 — B♭ Tenor Saxophone

1 — E Baritone Saxophone

3 — 1st Bb Cornet

3 — 2nd B♭ Cornet

3 — 3rd Bb Cornet

2 — 1st Horn in F

2 — 2nd Horn in F

2 — 1st Trombone

2 — 2nd Trombone

2 — 3rd Trombone

2 — Baritone (B.C.)

1 — Baritone (T.C.)

6 — Tubas

1 — String Bass

1 — Mallet Percussion (Xylo., Bells)

2 — Percussion I (Sn. Dr., B.D., Cr. Cymb)

1 — Percussion II (W.B., Tamb.)



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