

The Andromeda Connection

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INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B♭ Clarinet
- 2 B_b Bass Clarinet
- 6 E♭ Alto Saxophone
- 4 Bl-Tenor Saxophone
- 2 Eb Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B, Trumpet
- 4 F Horn
- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon

- 2 Baritone Treble Clef (World Part Trombone in B) Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba
- 3 Mallet Percussion (Bells/Hand Claps/Chimes)
- 1 Optional Timpani (Tune: G, C)
- 4 Percussion 1 (Woodblock/Snare Drum, Tambourine/ Bass Drum)
- 4 Percussion 2 (Shaker or Maracas/Optional Rainstick/ Triangle/Woodblock, Claves/Optional Wind Chimes/Tambourine)

WORLD PARTS

Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in El Trombone/Baritone in Bl Bass Clef Tuba in El Bass Clef Tuba in El Treble Clef

Tuba in Bb Bass Clef Tuba in Bb Treble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

The title of this piece, *The Andromeda Connection*, comes from the Andromeda Constellation, which is located in the northern sky. Often referred to as the "Chained Maiden," the constellation gets its name from the ancient Greek princess Andromeda, the daughter of Cepheus and Cassiopeia. According to Greek mythology, Cassiopeia boasted that Andromeda was more beautiful than the Nereids (the daughters of the sea god Nereus). To punish Cassiopeia for her arrogance, Poseidon sent a sea monster. Cetus, to attack the coast of Ethiopia, where Cepheus and Cassiopeia's kingdom was located. Desperate to save his kingdom, Cepheus consulted the Oracle of Apollo, who declared that the king must sacrifice his daughter to the sea monster. Accordingly, Andromeda was chained to a rock by the sea and left unprotected against the monster Cetus. Fortunately, Andromeda, was rescued by Perseus (the son of Zeus and Danae, founder of Mycenae, and slayer of various mythological monsters) before the sea monster could attack. As the story goes, it was the goddess Athena who placed Andromeda's image among the stars, between Perseus and Cassiopeia, with the constellation Pisces lying between her and the sea monster Cetus.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The rainstick (measure 1) and wind chimes (measures 26 through 32) are optional.

All quarter notes should receive full value, and students should be encouraged to pay close attention to the "slur-two, tongue-two" treatment in measures that contain four quarter notes.

The "connection" in *The Andromeda Connection* refers to measures 26 through 32, in which various groups of instruments "trade off." In measures 26–27 and 30–31, for example, some instruments play on beats 1 and 2 while other instruments "answer" on beats 3 and 4. In measure 32, the trading occurs on every beat of the measure, with some instruments playing on beats 1 and 3 while others play on 2 and 4.

All players must count their quarter rests very carefully and play very accurately on the appropriate beat in order for connection to occur.

Finally, the dynamic levels in the last 3 measures are very important. The woodwinds should strive for a true piano dynamic level, making the following forte in the final 2 measures that much more dramatic.

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