

# **The Forbidden City**

BASED ON A TRADITIONAL CHINESE FOLK SONG Arranged by MICHAEL STORY (ASCAP)

#### **INSTRUMENTATION**

- 1 Conductor
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B♭ Clarinet
- 2 B<sub>b</sub> Bass Clarinet
- 6 El Alto Saxophone
- 4 By 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
- 1 Optional Timpani (Tune: B<sup>1</sup>, F)
- 4 Percussion 1 (Snare Drum and/or Tom-Tom, Bass Drum)
- 3 Percussion 2
  (Wind Chimes/Tambourine,
  Suspended Cymbal)
- 2 Percussion 3 (Gong/Triangle)

#### WORLD PARTS

Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in E

Trombone/Baritone in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in Eb Bass Clef Tuba in Eb Treble Clef Tuba in Bb Bass Clef Tuba in Bb Treble Clef

## **PROGRAM NOTES**

The Forbidden City is an ornate palace located in Beijing, China. It was built in the early 15th century during the Ming Dynasty and was the home to Chinese emperors and their families for hundreds of years.

The basis of this piece is "Jasmine Flower," a popular Chinese folk song written in the 18th century. The music is presented from the perspective of a person traveling towards the palace, with the grandeur, beauty, and spectacle gradually increasing with each step taken.

### **NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR**

The Forbidden City is partially based on the Chinese folk song "Jasmine Flower." There should be a general sense of increasing dynamics and intensity throughout the piece.

The opening flute passage from measures 3–10 may be performed by one player. In any case, the entire section should play at measure 11.

There are four percussion parts designed to be played by six percussionists, with the percussion 3 part playable by one person. If you have additional percussionists, you may double the snare/tom-tom part on multiple drums.

I hope you and your ensemble find of *The Forbidden City* to be an exciting and rewarding musical experience!

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