

Great Falls Fantasy

By Brant Karrick

- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 2 Bassoon
- 6 1st B_b Clarinet
- 6 2nd B[,] Clarinet
- 2 B_b Bass Clarinet
- 2 1st E Alto Saxophone
- 2 2nd E^J Alto Saxophone
- 2 B^b Tenor Saxophone
- 2 E[,] Baritone Saxophone
- 4 1st B[,] Trumpet
- 4 2nd B^b Trumpet
- 2 F Horn

- INSTRUMENTATION
- 3 1st Trombone
- 3 2nd Trombone
- 2 Euphonium
- 2 Euphonium T.C.
- 4 Tuba
- Percussion—6 Players:
- 2 Mallet Percussion (Chimes/Bells)
- 2 Percussion 1
- (Snare Drum, Bass Drum) 5 Percussion 2
- (Triangle/Suspended Cymbal/ Tambourine, Crash Cymbals/Cabasa) 2 Timpani

SUPPLEMENTAL and WORLD PARTS

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E♭ Alto Clarinet E♭ Contra Alto Clarinet B♭ Contra Bass Clarinet F♭ Horn

1st B) Trombone T.C. 2nd B) Trombone T.C. 1st B) Trombone B.C. 2nd B) Trombone B.C. B) Euphonium B.C. B) Tuba T.C. B) Tuba B.C. E) Tuba B.C. E) Tuba B.C.

String Bass

PROGRAM NOTES

Great Falls Fantasy was inspired by the majestic beauty of The Great Falls of the Potomac River, about 15 miles northwest of Washington D.C. Considered to be one of the most spectacular landmarks in the area, the river builds up speed and force as it cascades over a series of 20-foot jagged rocks before continuing its flow through the narrow Mather Gorge, dropping a total of 76 feet over less than a mile. In addition, the remains of the Patowmack Canal are preserved here and provide an excellent example of early-American canal systems, designed to link the east to the west and reduce and bypass navigation hazards in the river. George Washington helped fund the canal and often traveled to construction sites to help direct the process until he became president in 1789.

The music begins softly with a "Coplandesque" theme introduced by woodwinds and depicts the serene and slow movement of the river before the falls. The brass section soon joins as the music builds to a percussion fanfare, announcing a fast and spirited variant of the opening theme. A short second theme is introduced that reflects the surrounding nature and beauty as the river calms and continues its way through the gorge. A final statement of the main theme leads to a climactic ending, allowing the listener to imagine a ride down the rapids or propelling a keel boat down the canal while giving a grateful wave to Washington himself!



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