## ETERNAL FLAME BRIAN BALMAGES

## INSTRUMENTATION

1 Conductor Score
1 Piccolo
4 Flute 1
4 Flute 2
2 Oboe
2 Bassoon
4 Bb Clarinet 1
4 Bb Clarinet 2
4 Bb Clarinet 3
2 Bb Bass Clarinet
2 Eb Alto Saxophone 1
2 Eb Alto Saxophone 2
2 Bb Tenor Saxophone
2 Eb Baritone Saxophone
3 Bb Trumpet 1
3 Bb Trumpet 2
$3 \quad \mathrm{~B} b$ Trumpet 3

2 F Horn 1
2 F Horn 2
2 Trombone 1
2 Trombone 2
2 Trombone 3
2 Euphonium
2 Baritone T.C.
4 Tuba
1 Timpani
1 Mallet Percussion 1 (Bells)
2 Mallet Percussion 2 (Chimes, Marimba, Xylophone)
2 Percussion 1
(Snare Drum, Low Tom, Bass Drum)
Percussion 2
(Crash Cymbals,
Triangle, Tambourine, Suspended Cymbal)



THE COMPOSER

Brian Balmages is known worldwide as a composer and conductor who equally spans the worlds of orchestral, band, and chamber music. His music has been performed by groups ranging from professional symphony orchestras to elementary schools in venues such as Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, Sydney Opera House, Toronto Centre for the Arts, and many more. He is a recipient of the A. Austin Harding Award from the American School Band Directors Association, won the 2020 NBA William D. Revelli Composition Contest with his work Love and Light, and is an elected member of the prestigious American Bandmasters Association. Balmages was awarded the inaugural James Madison University Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Visual and Performing Arts. In the same year, he was commissioned by his other alma mater, the University of Miami, to compose music for the inauguration of the institution's 6th president, Dr. Julio Frenk. His music was also performed as part of the 2013 Presidential Inaugural Prayer Service, which was attended by both President Obama and Vice President Biden.

As a conductor, Mr. Balmages enjoys regular engagements with all-state and regional ensembles as well as university and professional groups throughout the world. Notable guest conducting appearances have included the Midwest Clinic, Western International Band Clinic, Maryborough Music Conference (Australia), College Band Directors Conference, American School Band Directors Association National Conference, numerous state ASTA conferences, Teatro dell'Aquila (Italy), and others. Currently, he is Director of MakeMusic Publications and Digital Education for Alfred and MakeMusic.

## ABOUT THE MUSIC



When I was approached by Artistic Director David A. Turrill about writing a piece in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Zanesville (Ohio) Memorial Concert Band, he told me it would be amazing if I could somehow tie the piece into the local community. The band does a summer concert series at Zane's Landing Park, a beautiful outdoor venue. I soon learned that Zane's Landing Park is also home to Zaneville's Eternal Flame, the only eternal flame memorial in the United States dedicated to Medal of Honor recipients. Almost immediately, the concept of the piece came into focus.

The opening feels much like an olympic fanfare, immediately invoking the heroic actions that often lead to a Medal of Honor, the highest military award for valor. While the piece is not overtly patriotic, it does include subtle nods to America (My Country 'Tis of 'Thee), beginning with the lyrical, stately theme that occurs after the opening fanfare. As the music develops, various phrases from America continue to be referenced without there ever being a full setting of the theme.

The piece concludes with a restatement of the opening fanfare, this time in a completely different tempo and time signature, yet it feels remarkably similar to the opening. This is juxtaposed with a flurry of woodwind activity spilling over from the previous section, drawing everything together into a powerful conclusion.

It was an honor to be able to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this fine ensemble and also write music that pays tribute to the powerful memorial that resides in the very same park. The two share an important aspect: both continue to be lights that burn brightly and inspire those who visit Zane's Landing Park.

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20

Cls.

B. Cl
O
A. Saxes
T. Sax.
B. Sax.











Timp.
Perc. 1
Merc. 2



93

Cls.

A. Saxes
T. Sax.
B. Sax.







123


Cls.














