# BOURRÉE FROM TERPSICHORE 

(French Dance)
MICHAEL PRAETORIUS
Arranged by MEKEL ROGERS

INSTRUMENTATION

| 1 | Conductor Score |
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| 8 | Flute |
| 2 | Oboe |
| 2 | Bassoon |
| 10 | Bb Clarinet |
| 2 | Bb Bass Clarinet |
| 4 | Eb Alto Saxophone |
| 2 | Bb Tenor Saxophone |
| 2 | Eb Baritone Saxophone |
| 8 | Bb Trumpet |
| 4 | F Horn |

SUPPLEMENTAL and WORLD PARTS
The following instruments and transpositions (all parts) are available to download from www.alfred.com/supplemental
Eb Alto Clarinet E. Contra Alto Clarinet Bb Contra Bass Clarinet EbHorn
Bb Trombone T.C.
Bb Trombone B.C.
Bb Euphonium B.C.
Bb Tuba T.C.
B. Tuba B.C.

Eb Tuba T.C.
Eb Tuba B.C.
String Bass

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Mekel Rogers has been involved in music education as a middle school band director since 1995. He is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Appalachian State University, a charter member of the Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps, and the founding conductor of the Union Symphony Youth Orchestra. Mekel is also active as a frequent guest clinician and adjudicator for concert band, marching band, and orchestral events.

Mekel's compositions for concert band and string orchestra have received several Editors' Choice Awards from J.W. Pepper and have been performed nationwide at various district and state honor band events, music educator association conferences, adjudicated festivals, and the Midwest Clinic in Chicago. International performances include concert band and orchestral festivals in Canada and Australia as well as world premieres in London and Paris.

Mekel was inducted into the American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA) in 2008 and is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP).

## ABOUT THE MUSIC

In Greek mythology, Terpsichore is the goddess of dance. In 1612, the German composer, Michael Praetorius, published a collection of over 300 instrumental dances which he collectively named Terpsichore.

Among the hundreds of dances in Terpsichore is the very popular "Bourrée," a dance of French origin featuring a quick tempo and pickup notes at the beginning of most phrases.

This arrangement of Bourrée from Terpsichore is carefully adapted to preserve the authenticity of the original music while making it accessible to very young players. Pay careful attention to the various dynamic contrasts throughout the work for a more musical performance. Keep the tempo quick and steady while playing all eighth notes in a detached style to achieve a spirited dance feel.

For a cross-curricular instructional opportunity, consider designing a quick lesson on Renaissance dance music and collaborating with the social studies teachers as students learn about the other events of the Renaissance in their curriculum.

I sincerely hope you and your students enjoy rehearsing and performing this music.

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Perc. 2






