# Commissioned by and dedicated to the North Jersey Area Band Association for performance by the 1996 North Jersey Area Wind Ensemble To Dance in the Secret Garden 



## NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

To Dance in the Secret Garden was commissioned by the North Jersey Area Band Association for performance by the 1996 North Jersey Area Wind Ensemble. This select group of musicians premiered the work in January of 1996 under the baton of the composer. The title is derived from the state of New Jersey's nickname... The Garden State. It is intended as a lighter work for both festival and concert performance.

The opening flourish in the woodwinds should be as brilliant as possible. Following the introduction, the woodwinds should be very light in contrast. I would suggest teaching the melodic statement at bar 23 in cut time to insure a relaxed, half-time feel. This "halftime feel" continues throughout the piece as this melody is developed. I would suggest conducting the return of the opening fanfare figures in four. The timbral exchange at bar 61 should be approached as consistently as possible between choirs. The staccato marking should be interpreted very lightly.

The flowing statement at bar 72 should be carefully balanced to insure the audible interaction between the melody in the horns/alto saxophones and the various countermelodic lines. The flute solo at bar 90 should be very freely interpreted with the horn accents and the percussion effects responding to the solo line. The dynamic effects at measure 96 should be exaggerated, yet very smooth. Feel free to adjust the dynamic markings to insure harmonic integrity in the accompaniment lines. The flute/bass clarinet duet should ritard as much as musically tasteful to insure a rather stark contrast to the tempo change at bar 104 .

The Presto at bar 144 should be performed with a renewed sense of energy. I would suggest adjusting the tempo if the ensemble begins to feel a bit frantic. The rallantando at bar 149 should not be overly exaggerated. In contrast, the final rallantando should be very dramatic.

I hope that you and your ensemble find To Dance in the Secret Garden a rewarding musical experience. Best wishes for a great performance.

Robert W. Smith

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Conductor-2



A. Cl
B. Cl

Bsn.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Tpts.
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Conductor-4


Conductor - 5


Conductor-6




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Bsn．

A．Sax．
T．Sax．
Bar．Sax．

Hn．in $F$
Tbns．
Bar．
Tuba



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Perc． 1

Perc． 2

Perc． 3

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A. Cl.
B. Cl.

Bsn.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Tpts.

Hn. in F


Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3



Tbns.

Bar.
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Fls.

Obs.

Cls.

A. Cl .
B. Cl .



Perc. 2
Perc. 3
Perc. 1
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Conductor-13



Fls.
Obs.

A. Cl .
B. Cl .
Bsn.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
Bar. Sax.


## Hn. in $F$

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Obs.

A. Cl .
B. Cl.
Bsn.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
Bar. Sax.

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Conductor-21



 Pno.
Mlt. Perc.
Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3


Conductor - 22




Tpts.


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MIt. Perc.

Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3

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Mlt. Perc.
Timp.
Perc. 1
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Conductor-27





A. Cl.
B. Cl .

Bsn.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.
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Hn. in F




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Tons.

Bar.

Tuba

## Pno.

 Mlt. Perc.Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3


1150 Presto Conductor - 33


Mlt. Perc.
Timp.
Perc. 1



Bsn.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
Bar. Sax.

Tpts.


MIt. Perc.
Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3


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