

## Commissioned by the Causey Middle School PTSA and Dedicated to the Causey Middle School Band, Mr. Chester Bean, Director

# **Bellingrath Gardens**

#### RALPH FORD

#### **INSTRUMENTATION**

- Conductor
- Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 2 Bassoon
- 4 1st B Clarinet
- 4 2nd B Clarinet
- 2 B Bass Clarinet
- 5 E Alto Saxophone
- 2 By Tenor Saxophone
- 2 E Baritone Saxophone
- 4 1st B<sub>b</sub> Trumpet
- 4 2nd B Trumpet
- 4 F Horn

- Trombone
- Baritone
- 2 Baritone Treble Clef
- 4 Tuba
- Mallet Percussion (Bells, Vibraphone)
- 1 Timpani (Tune: E, B, A, F)
- 2 Percussion 1 (Snare Drum/Bass Drum)
- 3 Percussion 2 (Crash Cymbals/Suspended Cymbal/Triangle)
- 2 Percussion 3 (Cabasa/Wind Chimes)

#### WORLD PARTS

Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in E

Trombone in B Bass Clef Trombone in B, Treble Clef Baritone in Bb Bass Clef Tuba in El Bass Clef Tuba in El Treble Clef Tuba in B Bass Clef Tuba in B♭Treble Clef

#### **PROGRAM NOTES**

"Bellingrath Gardens," named after a sprawling estate in Alabama, is a lively and spirited original piece for the young concert band. Located approximately 14 miles southwest of Mobile, Alabama, the 60-acre gardens and accompanying grand homes were originally purchased by Walter Bellingrath in 1917 at the advice of his doctor. Known as Bellcamp for the first 15 years, this "fish camp" was gradually turned into a grand estate by Mr. Bellingrath and his wife. Bellingrath Gardens officially opened in 1932 to a far greater response than was ever imagined—with cars lined bumper-to-bumper from Mobile. Architect George B. Rogers, who had already received acclaim for his homes and buildings throughout Mobile, designed the Bellingrath home.

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A carefully articulated and majestic fanfare opens the piece, followed by a contrasting lyrical melody on top of a flute ostinato. Note that solos for trumpet and baritone are to be played lyrically throughout this section each time it appears in the piece. Although the tempo moves along steadily throughout, be sure to interpret clearly the contrasting lyrical and stately sections. I hope you, your students, and your audiences enjoy "Bellingrath Gardens," a bright and cheerful addition to any performance.

-Ralph Ford



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