

# **Christmas Concerto #3**

### **For Soloist and Band**

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#### **INSTRUMENTATION**

- 1 Conductor
- 10 C Flute/Solo Flute
- 2 Oboe/Solo Oboe
- 10 B Clarinet/Solo B Clarinet
- 2 Bl Bass Clarinet/Solo Bl Bass Clarinet
- 6 E♭ Alto Saxophone/Solo E♭ Alto Saxophone
- 4 Bl Tenor Saxophone/Solo Bl Tenor Saxophone
- 2 E♭ Baritone Saxophone/Solo E♭ Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B Trumpet/Solo B Trumpet
- 4 Horn in F/Solo Horn in F

- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon/Solo Trombone/Solo Baritone/Solo Bassoon
- 2 Baritone Treble Clef/Solo Baritone Treble Clef
  (World Part Trombone in B) Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba/Solo Tuba
- 3 Mallet Percussion/Solo Bells
- 1 Optional Timpani (Tune: G/D)
- 3 Percussion I
  (Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Triangle
  Wind Chimes)
- 3 Percussion II (Crash Cymbals, Sleigh Bells, Suspended Cymbal)

#### WORLD PARTS

Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in E♭/Horn in E♭

Trombone in B Bass Clef/Baritone in B Bass Clef/Solo Trombone in B Bass Clef/

Solo Baritone in Bl Bass Clef
Tuba in El Bass Clef/Solo Tuba in El Bass

Tuba in El Treble Clef/Solo Tuba in El

Treble Clef Tuba in BI Bass Clef/Solo Tuba in BI

Bass Clef

Tuba in B, Treble Clef/Solo Tuba in B, Treble Clef





#### NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

"Christmas Concerto #3" was written specifically to address multiple National Standards for Music Education while providing a performance vehicle for the developing band. Content Standard #2 stipulates that our students will play "alone and with others." This publication was created with the hope that all students in your ensemble, including percussionists, will be interested in playing the solo or one of the three solo sections of the work. The rehearsal and performance of this work addresses the following standards:

Content Standard #2—Playing (alone and with others)

Content Standard #5—Reading and Notating

Content Standard #6—Listening Content Standard #7—Evaluating

Content Standard #9—Connecting With History and Culture

Other rehearsal options include singing the solo and accompaniment during the preparation process and allowing students to adapt the solo to fit their own individual strengths. Also, I suggest selecting visual images that reflect the period and style of the original carols, presenting those images during the rehearsal, and leading a discussion on how the band can interpret the music for a more effective performance. These three rehearsal/preparation strategies address these additional standards:

Content Standard #I—Singing (alone and with others)

Content Standard #3—Improvisation

Content Standard #4—Composition and Arranging (within specified guidelines)

Content Standard #8—Connecting to Other Fine Arts

I suggest distributing the parts well before the first reading to allow all students to prepare the solo and accompaniment parts. Following the initial rehearsals, I further suggest that a rehearsal be devoted to the solo parts and their performance for the rest of the band. I have had great success with entire rehearsal periods devoted to "solo auditions," which allow individual students to perform solos "alone" for the band. Following the performances, I usually select multiple students to perform in the concert. In this particular case, it would be appropriate for as many as three students to solo with the band.

It is important to note that I have scored the three segments to allow different musical strengths to be featured. The first section, based on "Deck the Halls," is most effective with a student who is comfortable with varying articulations, allowing for a more musical performance. The middle section of the piece, based on "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," features longer phrases and a smooth, flowing melody. The final section, based on "lingle Bells," is accessible to all students at this level. A sense of humor would be a plus!

Please note that the dynamic markings notated throughout each solo section will require adjustment based on the instruments that have been selected for solo performance. Please feel free to adjust as needed for a successful performance.

I hope you find the rehearsal and preparation strategies useful and educationally effective. In addition, I hope your students and audience find "Christmas Concerto #3" to be a rewarding musical experience. Best wishes for a wonderful performance.

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