

# Cryptic Variants

Frank McKinney (b. 1953)

Flute - 8  
Oboe - 2  
Bb Clarinet 1 - 4  
Bb Clarinet 2 - 4  
Bb Bass Clarinet - 2  
Eb Alto Saxophone 1 - 4  
Bb Tenor Saxophone - 2  
Eb Baritone Saxophone - 1  
Bb Trumpet 1 - 2  
Bb Trumpet 2 - 2  
F Horn - 2  
Trombone 1 - 2  
Trombone 2 - 2  
Baritone, Bassoon - 4  
Baritone Treble Clef - 1  
Tuba - 2  
String Bass - 1  
Timpani - 1  
Bells, Chimes, Xylophone - 3  
Snare Drum, Bass Drum - 1  
Triangle, Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals, Gong - 3

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A musical adventure of jaggedly contrasting variants! Flashes of frightening harmonies lead this suspenseful journey of variations through the keys of C minor, G minor, F minor, Eb Major and Bb Major. You'll enjoy some melodic acrobatics along the way as the ideas eventually evolve into an uplifting finish. With its wide dynamic ranges, tasty percussion and interesting musical lines, this intense composition presents wonderful opportunities for teaching expressive playing.

Preview

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After graduating from the Florida State University School of Music in 1976, Frank McKinney taught middle and high school band for thirty eight years in Florida and Georgia. Frank is now retired from teaching but is an active musician, clinician and composer, playing with the Georgia Wind Symphony, TriState Community Band of North Georgia, Young Harris College Band and his jazz combo, The Swing Set. Frank is a member of the National Association of Music Educators, the National Band Association, the Florida Music Educators Association, the Florida Bandmasters Association and the Georgia Music Educators Association. He and his wife, Cara, live near Blairsville, Georgia, where they enjoy the outdoors with their cat, Howdy.

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Larghetto ♩ = 66

2

5

6                    7                    8                    9                    10                    11 Andantino  $\text{♩} = 84$

Fl                      *p*                      *mp*                      *p*                      *mf*

Ob                      *p*                      *mp*                      *p*                      *mf*

Cl 1                      *p*                      *mp*                      *p*                      *mf*

Cl 2                      *p*                      *mp*                      *p*                      *mf*

B Cl                      *p*                      *mp*                      *p*                      *mf*

A Sax                      *p*                      *mp*                      *p*                      *mf*

T Sax                      *p*                      *p*                      *p*

B Sax                      *p*                      *mp*                      *p*

Tpt 1                      *p*

Tpt 2                      *p*

Hn                      *p*                      *mp*                      *p*

Trbn 1                      *p*

Trbn 2                      *p*

Bari Bsn                      *p*                      *mp*                      *p*

Tuba                      *p*                      *mp*                      *p*

Timpani

Bells                      *p*                      *p*                      *p*                      *p*                      *p*

Chime Xylo                      *p*                      *p*                      *p*                      *p*                      *p*

S.D.                      *p*

B.D.                      *pp*                      *p*                      *pp*                      *p*

Gong                      *p*

Tri Cym Gong                      *p*                      *p*                      *p*                      *mf*

Preview

12

13

14

15

16

17

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn cues

*f*

*mp*

Trbn 1

*mf*

*mp*

*f*

Trbn 2

*mf*

*mp*

Bari.

*mf*

*mp*

*mf*

Tuba

*mf*

Timp

*mf*

Bells

Chime

Xylo

*mf*

S.D.

*mf*

B.D.

Tri

Cym

Gong

18

19

20

21

22

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Bari Bsn

Tuba

Timp

Bells

Chime Xylo

S.D.

B.D.

Tri Cym Gong

Gong

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23

24

Allegro  $\text{♩} = 120$ 

26

27

Fl

Ob  $\text{mf}$   $f$

Cl 1

Cl 2  $mf$

B Cl  $mf$   $f$   $mf$   $p$   $mp$

A Sax  $mf$   $f$   $mf$

T Sax  $mf$   $f$   $mf$

B Sax  $mf$   $f$   $mf$   $mp$

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn  $mf$   $f$   $mf$

Trbn 1  $mf$   $f$   $mf$   $p$

Trbn 2  $mf$   $f$   $mf$   $p$

Bari Bsn  $mf$   $f$   $mf$   $p$

Tuba  $mf$   $f$   $mf$   $p$   $mp$

Timpani

Bells  $mf$

Chime

Xylo  $mf$

S.D.  $p.$

B.D.  $p.$

Tri Cym Gong

28

29

30

31

32

33

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Bari Bsn

Tuba

Timpani

Bells

Chime

Xylo

S.D.

B.D.

Tri Cym

Gong

*S.C. soft mallets*

*Gong*

*pp*

*mf*

*pp*

*mf*

*mf*

*mp*

*mp*

*G-F*

34

35

36

37

38

39

Fl      -      *div.*      *f*      *ff*

Ob      -      *f*      *ff*

Cl 1      *f*      *ff*      *sub.p*      *mp*

Cl 2      *f*      *ff*      *sub.p*      *mp*

B Cl      *f*      *ff*      *sub.p*      *mp*

A Sax      *f*      *ff*      *sub.p*      *mp*

T Sax      *f*      *ff*      *sub.p*      *mp*

B Sax      *f*      *ff*      *sub.p*      *mp*

Tpt 1      *f*      *ff*

Tpt 2      *f*      *ff*

Hn      *f*      *ff*

Trbn 1      *f*      *ff*      *sub.p*      *mp*

Trbn 2      *f*      *ff*      *sub.p*      *mp*

Bari Bsn      *f*      *ff*      *sub.p*      *mp*

Tuba      *f*      *ff*      *sub.p*      *mp*

Timp      -      -      -      *C-B $\flat$*

Bells      *Bells*

Chime      -

Xylo      *f*

S.D.      -

B.D.      *f*

Tri Cym      -

Gong      *mf*

C.C.

40      41      42      43      44      45

**Adagietto** ♩ = 80

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Bari Bsn

Tuba

Timp

Bells

Chime Xylo

S.D.

B.D.

Tri Cym Gong

46

47

48

49

50

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Bari Bsn

Tuba

Timp

Bells

Chime

Xylo

S.D.

B.D.

Tri

Cym

Gong

This musical score page contains ten staves of music. The instruments listed from top to bottom are: Flute (Fl), Oboe (Ob), Clarinet 1 (Cl 1), Clarinet 2 (Cl 2), Bass Clarinet (B Cl), Alto Saxophone (A Sax), Tenor Saxophone (T Sax), Bass Saxophone (B Sax), Trumpet 1 (Tpt 1), Trumpet 2 (Tpt 2), Horn (Hn), Trombone 1 (Trbn 1), Trombone 2 (Trbn 2), Bassoon (Bari Bsn), Tuba, Timpani (Timp), Bells, Chime, Xylophone (Xylo), Snare Drum (S.D.), Bass Drum (B.D.), Triangle (Tri), Cymbal (Cym), and Gong. Measure numbers 46 through 50 are indicated above the staves. The music includes various dynamics like *p* (piano) and *mp* (mezzo-piano), and performance instructions such as slurs and grace notes. A large, semi-transparent watermark reading "Review" diagonally across the page obscures much of the musical notation.

Allegro  $\text{♩} = 132$ 

52

53

54

55

56

Fl *f*

Ob *f*

Cl 1 *f*

Cl 2 *f*

B Cl

A Sax *f*

T Sax *f*

B Sax *f*

Tpt 1 *mp*

Tpt 2 *f*

Hn *mp*

Trbn 1 *f*

Trbn 2 *f*

Bari Bsn *f*

Tuba *f*

Timp *f*

Bells

Chime

Xylo *f sub.p*

S.D.

B.D.

Tri Cym

Gong *c.c.* *f*

57

58

59

60

61

62

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Bari

Bsn

Tuba

Timp

Bells

Chime

Xylo

S.D.

B.D.

Tri

Cym

Gong

63      64      65      66      67      68  
*molto rit.*

Fl      Ob      Cl 1      Cl 2      B Cl      A Sax      T Sax      B Sax  
 Tpt 1      Tpt 2      Hn      Trbn 1      Trbn 2      Bari      Bsn      Tuba  
 Timp      Bells      Chime      Xylo      S.D.      B.D.      Tri  
 Cym      Gong

Measures 63-68 show a complex musical score for a large orchestra. The instrumentation includes Flute, Oboe, Clarinets 1 & 2, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, Trombones 1 & 2, Horn, Bassoon, Bassoon/Bassoon, Tuba, Timpani, Bells, Chimes, Xylophone, Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Triangle, Cymbals, and Gong. The score features various dynamics like *mp*, *p*, and *molto rit.*. Measure 68 concludes with a dynamic of *p*.

69

70

71

72

73

74

## Andantino ♩ = 84

75

76

77  
Allegro  $\text{♩} = 132$ 

78

79

80

Fl *mf*

Ob *mf*  
1 player on upper 8ve

Cl 1 *mf*

Cl 2 *mf*

B Cl

A Sax *tutti* *mp*

T Sax *tutti* *mp*

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Bari Bsn

Tuba

Timp

Bells

Chime

Xylo

S.D.

B.D.

Tri Cym Gong

81

82

83

84

85

86

87

88

89

90

91

92

Fl *f* *fp*

Ob *f* *fp*

Cl 1 *f* *fp*

Cl 2 *f* *fp*

B Cl *f* *ff* *v*

A Sax *f* *fp*

T Sax *f* *fp*

B Sax *f* *ff* *f*

Tpt 1 *f*

Tpt 2 *f*

Hn *f* *fp*

Trbn 1 *f* *fp*

Trbn 2 *f* *fp*

Bari Bsn *f* *fp*

Tuba *f* *ff* *v*

Timp *f* *ff* *f*

Bells

Chime Xylo *f* *fp*

S.D. *f*

B.D. *fp* *f*

Tri Cym Gong *f* *fp*

S.C. choke

93

94

95

96

97

*Rehearsal*

Fl - *mf* - *ff*

Ob - *mf* - *ff*

Cl 1 - *sub.p* - *ff*

Cl 2 - *sub.p* - *ff*

B Cl - *sub.p* - *ff*

A Sax - *sub.p* - *ff*

T Sax - *sub.p* - *ff*

B Sax - *sub.p* - *ff*

Tpt 1 - *mf* - *ff*

Tpt 2 - *mf* - *ff*

Hn - *sub.p* - *ff*

Trbn 1 - *f* - *ff*

Trbn 2 - *sub.p* - *ff*

Bari Bsn - *sub.p* - *ff*

Tuba - *sub.p* - *ff*

Timpani - *sub.p* - *ff*

Bells - *Bells* - *ff*

Chime - *ff*

Xylo - *mf* - *ff*

S.D. - *f* - *ff*

B.D. - *sub.p* - *ff*

Tri Cym - *choke* - *C.C.* - *choke*

Gong - *f* - *Gong* - *ff*