

*Brian Balmages*

# GETTYSBURG

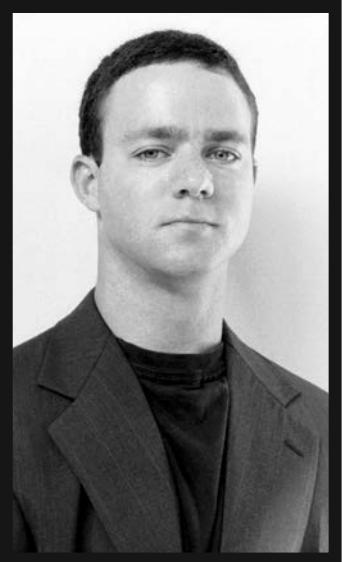
A CIVIL WAR PORTRAIT

**Instrumentation**

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|----------------------------|---|
| 1 - Conductor's Full Score | 2 - Baritone/<br>Euphonium  |
| 8 - Flute                  | 2 - Baritone T.C.   |
| 2 - Oboe                   | 3 - Tuba  |
| 1 - Bassoon                | 2 - Bells   |
| 6 - B♭ Clarinet 1          | 4 - Percussion 1<br>Snare Drum<br>Bass Drum                               |
| 6 - B♭ Clarinet 2          | 4 - Percussion 2<br>Field Drum<br>Wind Chimes<br>Bass Drum                |
| 2 - B♭ Bass Clarinet       | 2 - Percussion 3<br>Crash Cymbals<br>Suspended Cymbal<br>Optional Timpani |
| 6 - E♭ Alto Saxophone      |   |
| 2 - B♭ Tenor Saxophone     |   |
| 1 - E♭ Baritone Saxophone  |   |
| 4 - B♭ Trumpet 1           |   |
| 4 - B♭ Trumpet 2           |   |
| 3 - F Horn                 |   |
| 6 - Trombone               |   |

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As a result, all single page parts are collated before multiple page parts.





## The Composer

Brian Balmages is an active performer, arranger, and composer. He received his bachelor's degree in music from James Madison University and his master's degree from the University of Miami (FL). Mr. Balmages's works have been performed internationally at conferences such as the Midwest Clinic, the International Tuba/Euphonium Conference, the International Trombone Festival, and the International Trumpet Guild Conference. His list of commissions includes many schools and universities, as well as the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, the Riverside Wind Symphony, and the professional tuba/euphonium quartet, Junction. Sought after as a clinician, composer, and conductor, he is composer-in-residence for the Mid-Atlantic Wind Conductors Conference and the Skyline Brass Music Festival.

Mr. Balmages studied trumpet with James Kluesner, Don Tison, and Gilbert Johnson. In addition to being a freelance musician, he currently performs with the Miami Symphony Orchestra, the Florida Chamber Orchestra, and the Skyline Brass.

## About the Music

The Battle of Gettysburg was the turning point of the Civil War. The battle began at 5:30 A.M. on July 1, 1863, when shots were exchanged over Marsh Creek. General Lee's army arrived after noon to further engage the Federal Army. By 4:00 P.M., the Federal corps were in retreat through Gettysburg to Cemetery Hill, resulting in a Confederate victory. On July 2, Lee's forces were able to gain further ground; however, he failed to dislodge General Meade's strong position at Cemetery Ridge. Lee was unshaken by these events and planned another assault on the Federal Army the following day.

The music opens with the eerie feelings of silence and calmness that must have been present before the commencement of the final battle on July 3, 1863. The drums, protruding from near silence, foreshadow the inevitable events to follow. The introduction builds into measure 23, the beginning of the battle. (Lee had planned attacks on the Federal Army from several different directions, but a misunderstood order forced him to change his plans. He then planned a main attack to the Federal center on Cemetery Ridge in an effort to wipe out the Federals completely.)

At measure 39, a fife and drum corps is soon followed by the dissonant sounds of troops marching into formation. In measure 47, the trumpets and clarinets are heard sounding the call to open the huge bombardment on the Federals. Beginning at measure 51, the aleatoric section symbolizes the huge artillery battle with over 200 cannons that took place for nearly two hours. The percussion section imitates the sounds of these cannons while members of the band whistle from high to low, representing the cannon balls cutting through the air. (After the bombardment was over, infantry went forward in what is known as Pickett's Charge, named after Major-General George Pickett of the Confederacy. But, the Federals were able to cut Confederate forces to pieces, effectively ending the battle and making this the turning point of the Civil War.)

A low tom-tom or other deep drum may be used in place of a second bass drum if necessary. Also, a snare drum with snares off may be substituted for a field drum. The tuning notes for the timpani are only suggested; any low notes will suffice. At measure 51, the percussion section should strike the drums at random as though a series of cannons were going off. Consider placing percussionists around the hall for added effect, and using sound projection equipment to amplify the whistling.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Balmages".

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## A Civil War Portrait

BRIAN BALMAGES  
(ASCAP)

Slowly ( $\text{♩} = 84$ )

**Flute**

**Oboe**

**Bassoon**

**B♭ Clarinets 1, 2**

**B♭ Bass Clarinet**

**E♭ Alto Saxophone**

**B♭ Tenor Saxophone**

**E♭ Baritone Saxophone**

**B♭ Trumpets 1, 2**

**F Horn**

**Trombone**

**Baritone/Euphonium**

**Tuba**

**Bells**

**Percussion 1**  
(Snare Drum, Bass Drum)

**Percussion 2**  
(Field Drum, Wind Chimes, Bass Drum\*)

**Percussion 3**  
(Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal, Opt. Timpani\*)

Slowly ( $\text{♩} = 84$ )

\*Low tom or other low drum may be substituted

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Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

mp

a2

p

mp

a2

p

mp

mp

w/ mallets

p

5 6 7 8

The musical score consists of 15 staves, each representing a different instrument or section of the band. The instruments listed on the left are Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet 1 & 2, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Trombones, Horn, Tuba, Bells, Percussion 1, Percussion 2, and Percussion 3. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. Measure 5 contains mostly rests. Measures 6 and 7 show various entries from the woodwind and brass sections, with dynamics like 'mp' (mezzo-forte) and 'p' (pianissimo). Measure 8 begins with a dynamic 'w/ mallets' followed by a bassoon entry with a dynamic 'p'. The page number '4' is located at the top left, and the measure numbers '5', '6', '7', and '8' are at the bottom center.



16

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

13

14 *mp*

15

head

*mp*

scrape with coin

*mp*

16

a2

*mp*

17

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

18

19

20

21

w/ mallets

22 *p*

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With energy! ( $\text{J} = 136-144$ )

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

With energy! ( $\text{J} = 136-144$ )

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

23 *f*

24

25

26 *p*

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27

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

2nd time only

f

a2

2nd time only

f

2nd time only

f

27 f

28

29

30

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

a2

a2

a2

a2

Cr. Cym.

f



**39**

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

**39**

*f*

*f* 2nd time only play any notes

**p** cresc. poco a poco

2nd time only play any notes

**p** cresc. poco a poco 2nd time only

*f* 2nd time only play any notes

**p** cresc. poco a poco 2nd time only play any notes

**p** cresc. poco a poco 2nd time only play any notes

**p** cresc. poco a poco

Tpts.

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

**39**

2nd time only play any notes

**p** cresc. poco a poco 2nd time only play any notes

**p** cresc. poco a poco 2nd time only play any notes

**p** cresc. poco a poco 2nd time only play any notes

**p** cresc. poco a poco 2nd time only play any notes

**p** cresc. poco a poco

**p** cresc. poco a poco

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Eup.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Cr. Cym.

f

**47**

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

**47**

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

*fff*  
w/ hard beater  
or stick

**open repeat**

51      whistle at random from high to low

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

**open repeat**

51      whistle at random from high to low

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

53      on cue:

play

f

play

f

play

f

play

f

play

f

hit drum at random intervals

B.D. w/ hard beater or stick\*  
hit drum at random intervals

Opt. Timpani\* *fff*  
hard mallet  
hit drum at random intervals

\*Can substitute low tom or other instrument if necessary.  
See notes about music.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

play

*f*

play

*f*

play

*a2*

play

*f*

play

*f*

play

*a2*

play

*f*

normal beater

> normal beater

Cr. Cym.

Sus. Cym.

54

55

56 *p*

57 *f*

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

62

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

62

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

62

63

64

Sus. Cym. *p*

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This musical score page contains two systems of music. The top system, starting at measure 62, includes parts for Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet 1 & 2, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Trombones, Horn, Tuba, and Bells. The bottom system, also starting at measure 62, includes parts for Tromptette 1 & 2, Bass Trombone, Baritone/Euphonium, and three Percussionists (Percussion 1, Percussion 2, and Percussion 3). Measures 62 through 64 show standard musical notation with quarter and eighth notes. Measure 65 begins with a dynamic marking of *p* and features a sustained note on the bassoon staff, with a fermata over it and a grace note above the staff.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Cr. Cym.

choke

66 *f*

67

68

69

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