

# FLIGHT OF THE GRIFFIN

## Brian Balmages

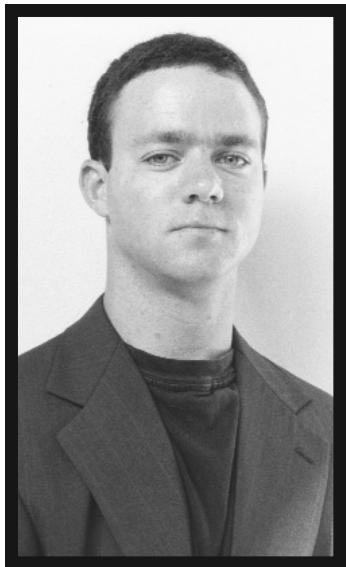
### Instrumentation

- |                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| 1 - Conductor's Full Score | 2 - Trombone 1   |
| 1 - Piccolo                | 2 - Trombone 2   |
| 4 - Flute 1                | 2 - Trombone 3   |
| 4 - Flute 2                | 2 - Baritone/<br>Euphonium   |
| 2 - Oboe                   | 2 - Baritone T.C.  |
| 2 - Bassoon                | 4 - Tuba   |
| 4 - B♭ Clarinet 1          | 3 - Mallet Percussion<br>Xylophone<br>Bells<br>Marimba                           |
| 4 - B♭ Clarinet 2          | 1 - Timpani  |
| 4 - B♭ Clarinet 3          | 2 - Percussion 1<br>Wind Chimes<br>Medium Tom-tom<br>Bass Drum                   |
| 2 - B♭ Bass Clarinet       | 3 - Percussion 2<br>Tambourine<br>Triangle<br>Finger Cymbals                     |
| 2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 1    | 4 - Percussion 3<br>Suspended Cymbal<br>Crash Cymbals<br>Sleigh Bells<br>Tam-tam |
| 2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 2    |  |
| 2 - B♭ Tenor Saxophone     |  |
| 2 - E♭ Baritone Saxophone  |  |
| 3 - B♭ Trumpet 1           |  |
| 3 - B♭ Trumpet 2           |  |
| 3 - B♭ Trumpet 3           |  |
| 1 - F Horn 1               |  |
| 1 - F Horn 2               |  |
| 1 - F Horn 3               |  |
| 1 - F Horn 4               |  |

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## 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 in Florida. 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 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

*Flight of the Griffin* was commissioned by the Lincoln-Way East High School Music Boosters for the Lincoln-Way East Wind Symphony.

The concept of this piece came from the griffin, which is the mascot of the school that commissioned this work. According to mythology, the griffin is a creature typically having the head, forepart, and wings of an eagle, and the body, hind legs, and tail of a lion. It originated in ancient Middle Eastern legend, influencing many of the Indian sounds incorporated throughout the piece.

The opening depicts the origin and magnificence of this powerful creature. The middle of the work explores what a traveler would see when approaching the griffin's nest. It is said that the griffin would fly up to the mountains then return to build its nest out of the gold that was found. The utter beauty and awe of such a site provides the emotional basis from which this section is inspired. The final section takes the listener on an actual flight. One can fathom the tremendous wingspan and power as this magical creature takes flight.

*Brian Balmages*

# FLIGHT OF THE GRIFFIN

BRIAN BALMAGES  
(ASCAP)

**Allegro ( $\text{J} = 152\text{-}160$ )**  
( $2+3$  always)      ( $\text{J} = \text{J}$  throughout)

Piccolo  
Flutes 1 2  
Oboe  
Bassoon  
B♭ Clarinets 1 2 3  
B♭ Bass Clarinet  
E♭ Alto Saxophones 1 2  
B♭ Tenor Saxophone  
E♭ Baritone Saxophone

**Allegro ( $\text{J} = 152\text{-}160$ )**  
( $2+3$  always)      ( $\text{J} = \text{J}$  throughout)

B♭ Trumpets 1 2 3  
F Horns 1 2 3 4  
Trombones 1 2 3  
Baritone/Euphonium  
Tuba  
Mallet Percussion (Xylophone, Bells, Marimba)  
Timpani  
Percussion 1 (Wind Chimes, Medium Tom-tom, Bass Drum)  
Percussion 2 (Tambourine, Triangle, Finger Cymbals)  
Percussion 3 (Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals, Sleigh Bells, Tam-tam)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

1 2

Cl. 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

p

Tri. sim.

Perc. 2

p

W. Ch.

Perc. 3

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

17

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2 *mp*

Ob.

Bsn.

1 Cls. 2 *mp*

3

B. Cl. *mp*

A. Saxes 1  
2 *mp*

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

17

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 *mp* F. Cym. sim.

Perc. 3

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

25

Picc.  $\text{G}^{\#}$   $\text{mp}$

Fls. 1, 2  $\text{G}^{\#}$   $\text{mf}$

Ob.  $\text{G}^{\#}$   $\text{mp}$   $\text{mf}$

Bsn.  $\text{G}$   $\text{mf}$

1  $\text{G}^{\#}$   $\text{mf}$

Cls. 2  $\text{G}^{\#}$   $\text{mf}$

3  $\text{G}^{\#}$   $\text{mf}$

B. Cl.  $\text{G}^{\#}$   $\text{mf}$

A. Saxes 1, 2  $\text{G}^{\#}$   $\text{a2}$   $\text{mp}$   $\text{mf}$   $\text{mf}$

T. Sax.  $\text{G}^{\#}$   $\text{mf}$

B. Sax.  $\text{G}^{\#}$   $\text{mf}$

25

Tpts.  $\text{G}^{\#}$   $\text{mf}$

2, 3  $\text{G}^{\#}$   $\text{mp}$   $\text{mf}$

Hns. 1, 2  $\text{G}$   $\text{mf}$

3, 4  $\text{G}$   $\text{mf}$

Tbns. 1, 2  $\text{G}$   $\text{mf}$

3  $\text{G}$   $\text{mf}$

Bar./Euph.  $\text{G}$   $\text{mf}$

Tuba  $\text{G}$   $\text{mf}$

Mlt. Perc.  $\text{G}$   $\text{mf}$

Timp.  $\text{G}$   $\text{mf}$

Perc. 1  $\text{G}^{\#}$   $\text{mp}$   $\text{mf}$   $\text{B.D.}$

Perc. 2  $\text{G}$   $\text{mf}$

Perc. 3  $\text{G}$   $\text{mf}$   $\text{Sus. Cym.}$

Xylo.  $\text{G}$   $\text{mf}$

Sus. Cym.  $\text{G}$   $\text{mf}$

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Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

33 *f*

34

35

36

37

38

39

40

41

47

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
2  
3  
B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Bells w/brass mallets

*mf*

42      43      44      45      46      ***mf*** 47      48      49

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1

Cls. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

open

open f

a2

Tpts. 2  
3

Hns. 1  
2

Hns. 3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2

Tbns. 3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

50 *p* ————— 51 *mf* ————— 52 ————— 53 ————— 54 ————— 55 *mf* ————— 56



Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1

Cls. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1

Tpts. 2  
3

Hns. 1  
2

3

4

Tbns. 1  
2

3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Sus. Cym.

64

65

66 *mp*

67 *f*

68

69

70

75

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
2

Cl. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1  
2

Tpts.

3

Hns. 1  
2

3  
4

1  
2

Tbns.

3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Bells

Cr. Cym.

f

71      72      73      74      75      76      77

This is a page from a musical score. The page number 13 is in the top right corner. The music is arranged in a grid of staves. The instruments listed on the left are Picc., Fls. 1 & 2, Ob., Bsn., Cls. 1 & 2, B. Cl., A. Saxes 1 & 2, T. Sax., B. Sax., Tpts. 1 & 2, Hns. 1-4, Tbsns. 1 & 2, Bar./Euph., Tuba, Mlt. Perc., Timp., Perc. 1, Perc. 2, and Perc. 3. The score includes dynamics like  $\text{f}$ ,  $\text{ff}$ , and accents. Measure numbers 78 through 84 are at the bottom, with measure 83 being a repeat sign. The page is heavily covered by a large, diagonal red watermark that reads "Preview" and "Purchase".

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
Cls. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1  
Tpts. 2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

1  
Tbsns. 2  
3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

83

Xylo.  
 $f$

$f$   $\gg$  F. Cym.  
Tri.  $\times\sim$  sim.  $\times$ .

$f$  Tamb.  
Sl. Bells

$f$

78      79      80      81      82      83      84

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1

Cls. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hns. 1  
2

3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2

3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timpani

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

85      86      87      dim.      88      89      90      91

rit.

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1

Cl. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1

Tpts. 2  
3

Hns. 1  
2

3

4

Tbns. 1  
2

3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

[99] Andante lirico ( $\text{♩} = 78$ )

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2      2 players      *p*

Ob.

Bsn.

1

Cls. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

[99] Andante lirico ( $\text{♩} = 78$ )

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2

3

4

Tbns. 1  
2

3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

(E to C)

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

F. Cym.

Bells  
rubber mallets

Perc. 3

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

106      107      108      109      110      111      112

115

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
2  
3  
B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

1. Solo  
*p*

1 player  
*p*

Mar.  
soft yarn mallets

113      114      115      116      117      118

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Picc.

Fls. 1  
2. Solo *p*

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1

A. Saxes 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Tpts. 3

Hns. 1

Hns. 2

Hns. 3

Hns. 4

Tbns. 1

Tbns. 2

Tbns. 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

119

120

121

122

123

124

con moto

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
2  
3  
Cls. 2  
B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

con moto

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Sus. Cym.

125      126 *p*      127 *mf*      128      129      130      131

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2

3

4

Tbns. 1  
2

3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

1. tutti  
mf molto cresc.  
2. tutti  
f

rit.

mf molto cresc.

mp

mp

mf molto cresc.

rit.

mf molto cresc.

mp

mp

mp

132 133 134 135 136 137 138

138 *mp*

**139 A tempo**

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

**139 A tempo**

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Cr. Cym.

Tam-tam

139 ff

140

141

142 mp

143 ff

144

145

Bells w/brass mallets

(C to D)

rit. A tempo

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

3

Hns. 1  
2

3

4

Tbns. 1  
2

3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

146 147 148 149 150 151

rit.

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159 Allegro ( $\text{J} = 152\text{-}160$ )

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1

Clrs. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

159 Allegro ( $\text{J} = 152\text{-}160$ )

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2

3

4

Tbns. 1  
2

3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Tamb.

Perc. 3

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
2  
3  
B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Sl. Bells

167 *mp cresc.*

168

169

170

171

172

173

175

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hns. 1  
2

Tbns. 1  
2

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Mit. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

175

175

176

177

178

179

180

174 *mp*

*Bells w/brass mallets*

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
Cl. 2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
2  
3  
Cl. 2  
Cl. 3  
B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

188      189      190      191      192      193      194 *mp*

195

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
2  
3  
Cl. 2  
3  
B. Cl.

1  
2  
A. Sax.  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

195

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timpani

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

195

196

197

198

199

200

201

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
Cl. 2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1  
Tpts. 2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

1  
Tbns. 2  
3

Bar./  
Eup.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

202      203      204 *mp*      205 *f*      206      207      208 *mp*

211

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
2  
3  
B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

dim.  
dim.  
dim.  
dim.  
dim.  
a<sup>2</sup>  
<sup>211</sup>  
dim.  
<sup>211</sup>  
dim.  
dim.  
<sup>211</sup>  
dim.  
dim.  
<sup>211</sup>  
dim.  
<sup>211</sup>  
dim.  
<sup>211</sup>  
dim.  
<sup>211</sup>  
<sup>f</sup>  
209  
210  
211  
212  
213  
214

219

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1

Cl. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

227

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
2

Cl. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2

3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2

3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

223 224 225 226 227 228 229 230

235

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
2

Cl. 2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

231

232

233

234

235

236

237

243

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1

Cl. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hns. 1  
2

3

4

Tbns. 1  
2

3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

238      239      240      241      242      243      244      245

251

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1

Cls. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

1

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Xylo.

Sus. Cym.

246      247      248      249      250 *mp*      251 *ff*      252

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
Cl. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1  
Tpts.

2  
3

Hns. 1  
2

3  
4

1  
2  
Tbns.

3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
Cl. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2

3  
4

Tbn. 1  
2

3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

261

262

263 Tam.

264

265

266

mf

267 ff

dampen

ff

dampen

dampen choke

dampen