

VISION QUEST

Chris Sharp

Instrumentation

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| 1 - Conductor's Full Score | 6 - Trombone |
| 8 - Flute | 2 - Baritone/
Euphonium |
| 2 - Oboe | 2 - Baritone T.C. |
| 1 - Bassoon | 3 - Tuba |
| 4 - B♭ Clarinet 1 | 2 - Bells |
| 4 - B♭ Clarinet 2 | 1 - Opt. Timpani |
| 2 - B♭ Bass Clarinet | 6 - Percussion 1
Snare Drum
Bass Drum |
| 6 - E♭ Alto Saxophone | 3 - Percussion 2
Suspended Cymbal
Finger Cymbals
Tambourine |
| 2 - B♭ Tenor Saxophone | |
| 1 - E♭ Baritone Saxophone | |
| 4 - B♭ Trumpet 1 | |
| 4 - B♭ Trumpet 2 | |
| 3 - F Horn | |

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The Composer

Born in 1959, Chris Sharp is a Florida native raised in Cocoa Beach. He received a Bachelor of Music degree in theory and composition from the University of Florida, where he performed in bands under Frank Wickes and Gary Langford, and studied privately with Richard W. Bowles and Edward Troupin. He earned a Master of Music degree in studio writing and production from the University of Miami, studying with Gary Lindsay, James Progris, Alfred Reed, Ron Miller, and Whit Sidener. Since 1984, Mr. Sharp has served as a staff arranger for Walt Disney World Creative Services, providing music for events ranging from street bands to national television broadcasts. He has also written for Universal Studios (Florida and California); Ringling Brothers Circus; high school and college bands throughout the United States; and several service bands, including the famed USAF Airmen of Note. Active nationwide as a clinician and adjudicator, Mr. Sharp's present focus is on developing material for high school and middle school concert bands, jazz bands, and small ensembles. He currently lives in the Orlando area, where he is a composer, arranger, orchestrator, freelance trombonist, and active music educator.

About the Music

In Native American culture, the vision quest is a rite of passage for adolescents signaling their entry into adulthood. It usually involves the individual embarking into the wilderness on a journey of solitude, sometimes without food or water. The goal is for the person to locate their source of spiritual guidance through a combination of meditation and self-imposed delirium brought on by fatigue.

Vision Quest is a musical representation of this journey. It begins with a bold unison statement, then evolves into a contemplative lyrical passage signifying the spiritual journey, and concludes with a high-energy section representing feats of great bravery and leadership.

The harmonic language used is essentially aeolian mode based on the key of F major. There are only six notes used throughout the composition: D, E, F, G, A, and B♭. This limits harmonies to minor and sustained chords, which suggests the Native American theme. The absence of C eliminates some of the ergonomic and intonation issues associated with it in younger players, particularly in the brass section.

The opening statement scored in octaves is an excellent opportunity to focus on ensemble intonation. Make certain there is communication within and among sections to achieve a consensus. Encourage breathing and phrasing in 4-measure segments so that forward momentum is maintained through the lyrical section. The full ensemble statement at measure 22 should be well supported with plenty of air, without compromising tone quality. A variety of percussion timbres help propel the allegro passage. Staccato markings should be observed and interpreted in the literal musical sense—that is, as half the length of the note to which they are applied. At measure 66, once again focus on quality and intonation rather than sheer volume to produce the most musical effect.

VISION QUEST

**CHRIS SHARP
(ASCAP)**

With dignity ($\downarrow = 94$)

(ASCAP)

Flute

Oboe

Bassoon

B♭ Clarinets

B♭ Bass Clarinet

E♭ Alto Saxophone

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

B♭ Trumpets

F Horn

Trombone

Baritone/Euphonium

Tuba

Bells

Opt. Timpani

Percussion 1
(Snare Drum, Bass Drum)

Percussion 2
(Suspended Cymbal, Finger Cymbals, Tambourine)

With dignity ($\text{♩} = 94$)

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6

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1

Cls. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Opt. Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

5 6 7 8

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1

Cls. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Opt. Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

14

Musical score for orchestra and band, page 6, measures 13-16. The score includes parts for Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Trumpet 1, Trumpet 2, Horn, Trombone, Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba, Bells, Optional Timpani, Percussion 1, and Percussion 2.

The score shows a mix of woodwind and brass instruments playing eighth-note patterns, while the brass section (Trumpets, Trombones, Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba) remains silent. The Bells and Percussion provide rhythmic support. The piece concludes with a dynamic marking of *mf*.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

1 Cls.

2 Cls.

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1 Tpts.

2 Tpts.

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Opt. Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

22

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1

Cls. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Opt. Timp.

Perc. 1

w/yarn mallets

Sus. Cym. w/S.D. stick

Perc. 2

21 *p*

22 *f*

23

24

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1

Cls. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Opt. Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

25

26

27

28

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

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Opt. Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Opt. Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1

Cls. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Opt. Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

34

35

36

37

38

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This page contains a musical score for a full orchestra. The instrumentation listed includes Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, Trombones 1 and 2, Horn, Trombone, Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba, Bells, Optional Timpani, Percussion 1, and Percussion 2. The score is in 4/4 time, spanning measures 34 through 38. Measures 34 and 35 feature woodwind entries. Measures 36-38 show brass entries, with Trombones 1 and 2 playing eighth-note patterns in measures 37 and 38. A large red watermark reading "Preview Legal Use Requires Purchase Only" is diagonally across the page.

42

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1

Cls. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Opt. Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

39

40

41

Tambourine *mf*

42

43

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1

Cls. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Opt. Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

44

45

46

47

48

50

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls.

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Opt. Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

50

51

52

53

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1

Cls. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Opt. Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1

Cls. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Opt. Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

66

66

64 65 66 67 68

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1

Cls. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Bells

Opt. Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

74

74

69 70 71 72 73 74

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

cresc.

f

ff

cls. 1

mp

cresc.

f

ff

cls. 2

mp

cresc.

f

ff

B. Cl.

cresc.

f

ff

A. Sax.

f

ff

T. Sax.

cresc.

f

ff

B. Sax.

cresc.

f

ff

Tpts. 1

mp

cresc.

f

ff

Tpts. 2

mp

cresc.

f

ff

Hn.

cresc.

f

ff

Tbn.

cresc.

f

ff

Bar./Euph.

cresc.

f

ff

Tuba

cresc.

f

ff

Bells

f

ff

Opt. Timp.

cresc.

f

ff

Perc. 1

f

ff

Tambourine

75

76

77

78 f

79

80

ff