

SUMMIT CITY

Brian Balmages

Instrumentation

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|----------------------------|---|
| 1 - Conductor's Full Score | 2 - Trombone 1 |
| 1 - Piccolo | 2 - Trombone 2 |
| 4 - Flute 1 | 2 - Trombone 3 (Bass) |
| 4 - Flute 2 | 2 - Baritone/
Euphonium |
| 1 - Oboe 1 | 2 - Baritone T.C. |
| 1 - Oboe 2 | 4 - Tuba |
| 1 - Bassoon 1 | 1 - Harp (Optional Piano) |
| 1 - Bassoon 2 | 1 - Timpani |
| 4 - B♭ Clarinet 1 | 1 - Mallet Percussion 1 |
| 4 - B♭ Clarinet 2 | Chimes
Bells
Marimba |
| 4 - B♭ Clarinet 3 | 2 - Mallet Percussion 2 |
| 2 - B♭ Bass Clarinet | Vibraphone
Xylophone |
| 2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 1 | 2 - Percussion 1 |
| 2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 2 | Bass Drum
Triangle |
| 2 - B♭ Tenor Saxophone | 2 - Percussion 2 |
| 2 - E♭ Baritone Saxophone | China Cymbal
Suspended Cymbal
Crash Cymbals |
| 2 - B♭ Cornet 1 | |
| 2 - B♭ Cornet 2 | |
| 2 - B♭ Cornet 3 | |
| 2 - B♭ Trumpet 1 | |
| 2 - B♭ Trumpet 2 | |
| 1 - F Horn 1 | |
| 1 - F Horn 2 | |
| 1 - F Horn 3 | |
| 1 - F Horn 4 | |



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The Composer

Brian Balmages (b. 1975) is an active composer, conductor, producer, and performer. 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 for symphonic band, orchestra, and brass have been performed throughout the world, including College Band Directors National and Regional Conferences, the Midwest Clinic, the International Tuba/Euphonium Conference, the International Trombone Festival, and the International Trumpet Guild Conference. His active schedule of commissions has included groups ranging from elementary schools to professional ensembles, including Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Miami Symphony Orchestra, the University of Miami Wind Ensemble, Dominion Brass, and others. He has also enjoyed world premieres in prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall.

As a conductor, Mr. Balmages enjoys engagements with numerous honor bands, university groups, and professional ensembles throughout the country. Notable guest conducting appearances have included the Midwest Clinic, College Band Directors Regional Conference, Mid-Atlantic Wind Conductors Conference, the Atlantic Classical Orchestra Brass Ensemble, and Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore. He has also served as an adjunct professor of instrumental conducting at Towson University in Maryland.

Currently, Mr. Balmages is director of instrumental publications at The FJH Music

About the Music

Summit City was written as a concert opener for the Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne Symphonic Wind Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Gregg Gausline. Its title comes from the nickname often given to Fort Wayne, which sat at the summit of the Wabash and Erie canals when they were originally constructed.

The entire work is based on a rhythmic cell that uses the interval of a perfect 4th. These intervals are often called “perfect” because of their extremely simple pitch relationships. This cell is first presented in the clarinets as the work begins to propel forward. Although the cell remains intact, it is slightly expanded to cover the interval of a 7th, and among a few rhythmic interjections, begins to displace itself so that the listener hears two separate cells competing with each other. A fully developed theme finally emerges at measure 23 and becomes the source material for several additional passages. Eventually, a bass line begins to emerge as the focal point of the work with repeated interjections of the original rhythmic cell. As this section continues to build, the cell modulates but remains a perfect 4th. Simultaneously, a sustained line pierces the texture, focusing on the contrasting interval of a 2nd.

The momentum of the work suddenly shifts as it moves into $\frac{3}{4}$ and begins to build one last time. The full theme is presented by low brass over the new textures in the woodwinds and percussion. As this texture thickens, upper brass finally returns to the opening rhythmic cell, now introducing a major 2nd over the existing perfect 4th. This motif continues to interject and begins to transform rhythmically—in essence, the rhythm continues to slow down even though the momentum of the piece (and actual tempo) remains constant. A final chord resolves all dissonances and seems to freeze in time before the ensemble’s release.

Although the trumpet parts are listed as trumpet and cornet, it is preferred that all players perform on trumpet. Parts are simply divided so that the director understands the importance of each part and their relationship to each other. The piece can, in fact, be performed without the trumpet parts, but they do add considerably if players are available. If harp is unavailable, a keyboard may be used, leaving out glissandi, as they are pitched specifically for harp and are unplayable on keyboard. At measures 48 and 102, brass should really swell on these chords. Players should perform with good quality of sound and with a nice open release, but the desired effect allows them to become “brassy” toward the end of each statement.

Brian Balmago

SUMMIT CITY

BRIAN BALMAGES
(ASCAP)

Driving ($\downarrow = 152$)

Piccolo
Flutes 1, 2
Oboes 1, 2
Bassoons 1, 2

B♭ Clarinets 1, 2, 3
B♭ Bass Clarinet

E♭ Alto Saxophones 1, 2
B♭ Tenor Saxophone
E♭ Baritone Saxophone

Driving ($\downarrow = 152$)

B♭ Cornets 1, 2, 3
B♭ Trumpets 1, 2

F Horns 1, 2, 3, 4

Trombones 1, 2, 3 (Bass)

Baritone/Euphonium
Tuba

Harp (Opt. Piano)

Timpani

Mallet Percussion 1 (Chimes, Bells, Marimba)
Mallet Percussion 2 (Vibraphone, Xylophone)
Percussion 1 (Bass Drum, Triangle)
Percussion 2 (China Cymbal, Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals)

Chimes

Vibraphone

2 3 4 5

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Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Cors. 1
2
3

Tpts. 1
2

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Harp

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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[16]

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Cors. 1
2
3

Tpts. 1
2

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Harp

Tim.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

12 13 14 15 *mp* 16

A detailed musical score for orchestra and piano, spanning approximately 15 pages. The score is organized into five systems, each containing four staves of music. The instruments listed on the left side of the page include Picc., Fls. 1 & 2, Obs. 1 & 2, Bsns. 1 & 2, Cls. 1 & 2, B. Cl., A. Saxos 1 & 2, T. Sax., B. Sax., Cors. 1 & 2, Tpts. 1 & 2, Hns. 1 & 2, Tbn. 1 & 2, Bar./Euph., Tuba, Harp, Timp., Mlt. Perc. 1, Mlt. Perc. 2, Perc. 1, and Perc. 2. The score features various dynamics such as *mf*, *cresc. poco a poco*, *poco*, *open*, *a2*, and *mfp*. Performance instructions like "3" and "2" are also present. A large red diagonal watermark reading "Previews require purchase" is overlaid across the entire page.

17 18 19 20 21 22

23

Picc. *ff*

Fls. 1 *ff*

Obs. 1 *ff*

Bsns. 1 *ff*

Cls. 1 *ff*

B. Cl. *ff*

A. Saxes 1 *ff*

T. Sax. *ff*

B. Sax. *ff*

23

Cors. 1 *ff*

Cors. 2 *ff*

Tpts. 1 *ff*

Hns. 1 *ff*

Hns. 2 *ff*

Tbns. 1 *ff*

Bar./Euph. *ff*

Tuba *ff*

Harp *ff*

Tim. *ff*

Mlt. Perc. 1 *ff*

Mlt. Perc. 2 *ff*

Perc. 1 *ff*
Cr. Cym.

Perc. 2

23 *ff*

24

25

26

27 *ff*

28

Picc.

Fls. 1
Fls. 2

Obs. 1
Obs. 2

Bsns. 1
Bsns. 2

Cls. 1
Cls. 2
Cls. 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
A. Saxes 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Cors. 1
Cors. 2
Cors. 3

Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2

Hns. 1
Hns. 2
Hns. 3
Hns. 4

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Tbn. 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Harp

Timp.

Mit. Perc. 1

Mit. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

[32]

p

p

[32]

a2

(A♭ to B♭)

p

dampen

ff

29

30

31

32

33

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Cors. 1
2
3

Tpts. 1
2

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Harp

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Ch. Cym.

34

35

36

37 *mp*

38

39

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Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Cors. 1
2
3

Tpts. 1
2

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbn. 1
2

Tbn. 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Harp

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

40 41 42 43 44 45 46

48

Picc.

Fls. 1
Fls. 2

Obs. 1
Obs. 2

Bsns. 1
Bsns. 2

Cls. 1
Cls. 2
Cls. 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxos 1
A. Saxos 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Cors. 1
Cors. 2
Cors. 3

Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2

Hns. 1
Hns. 2

Hns. 3
Hns. 4

Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Harp

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

47 48 49 50 51 52

Picc.

Fls. 1
Fls. 2

Obs. 1
Obs. 2

Bsns. 1
Bsns. 2

Cls. 1
Cls. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1
A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Cors. 1
Cors. 2
Cors. 3

Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2

Hns. 1
Hns. 2

Hns. 3
Hns. 4

Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2

Tbns. 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Harp

Timp.

Mit. Perc. 1

Mit. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

tutti

cresc. poco a poco

f cresc. poco a poco

f cresc. poco a poco

f cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

a2

mfp cresc. poco a poco

f cresc. poco a poco

mfp cresc. poco a poco

f cresc. poco a poco

f cresc. poco a poco

open a2

mfp cresc. poco a poco

f cresc. poco a poco

open a2

mfp cresc. poco a poco

f cresc. poco a poco

f cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

f cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

f cresc. poco a poco

mfp cresc. poco a poco

f cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

f cresc. poco a poco

f

53 54 55 56 57 58 59

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Cors. 1 2 3

Tpts. 1 2

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Harp

Tim.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

60 61 62 63 64 65 choke

Cr. Cym. dampen

66

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

66

Cors. 1 2 3

Tpts. 1 2

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Harp

Tim.

Mlt. Perc. 1 Marimba

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

66

67

68

69

70

71

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxos 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Cors. 1
2
3

Tpts. 1
2

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbn. 1
2
3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Harp

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxos 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Cors. 1
2
3

Tpts. 1
2

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbn. 1
2
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Harp

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

78 79 80 81 82 83

86

84 85 86 87 88 89

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Cls. 1 2

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Cors. 1 2

Tpts. 1 2

Hns. 1 2

3 4

Tbn. 1 2

Tbn. 3

Bar/Euph.

Tuba

Harp

Timp.

Mit. Perc. 1

Mit. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

90 91 92 93 94 95

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Cors. 1
2
3

Tpts. 1
2

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbn. 1
2
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Harp

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Sus. Cym.

96 97 98 99 100 101 *mp*

opt. 8^{vo}.....

107 108 109 *mf* 110 *ff* 111

(8th).....

114

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Obs. 1
2

Bsns. 1
2

Cl.

Cls. 2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Cors. 1
2
3

Tpts. 1
2

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Harp

Tim.

Mit. Perc. 1

Mit. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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(8th).....

117 118 *mf* — *ff* 119 *mf* — 120 *ff* 121 122