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Grade 2

## TALES OF A MEDIEVAL WARRIOR

- I. A CALL FOR KNIGHTS
- II. COURTING A LADY
- III. WINNING THE JOUST

Travis J. Weller

### Instrumentation

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|----------------------------|---|
| 1 - Conductor's Full Score | 2 - Baritone/<br>Euphonium                                |
| 8 - Flute                  | 2 - Baritone T.C.   |
| 2 - Oboe                   | 4 - Tuba  |
| 2 - Bassoon                | 1 - Timpani   |
| 5 - B♭ Clarinet 1          | 1 - Bells   |
| 5 - B♭ Clarinet 2          | 2 - Percussion 1<br>Snare Drum<br>Bass Drum               |
| 2 - B♭ Bass Clarinet       | 2 - Percussion 2<br>Crash Cymbals<br>Suspended Cymbal     |
| 2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone      | 3 - Percussion 3<br>Triangle<br>Bell Shaker<br>Tambourine |
| 2 - B♭ Tenor Saxophone     |   |
| 2 - E♭ Baritone Saxophone  |   |
| 4 - B♭ Trumpet 1           |   |
| 4 - B♭ Trumpet 2           |   |
| 4 - F Horn                 |   |
| 2 - Trombone 1             |   |
| 2 - Trombone 2             |   |

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## The Composer

Travis J. Weller is an active composer, arranger, educator, and advocate of music education. He has been the director of bands at Mercer Area Middle–Senior High School in Pennsylvania since August of 1995. Travis earned his bachelor's degree in music education with a concentration in tuba and conducting from Grove City College, and master's degree in music education from Duquesne University. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in music education at Kent State University.

Travis has served as district president and county representative for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association, and is a member of Phi Beta Mu (Nu Chapter), ASCAP, and the National Band Association. He has been a guest speaker in music education at various colleges and universities for secondary methods classes and workshops, and has presented at the 2009 PMEA State Conference.

In 2009, Travis's piece *Journey to the Prairie* won Third Prize in the 2nd International Frank Ticheli Composition Contest. Notable performances of his works have been given by Grove City College Wind Ensemble, Westminster College Wind Ensemble, River City Youth Brass Band (Pittsburgh), the Marks Concert Band (Hermitage, PA), VanderCook College Symphonic Wind Ensemble (Chicago), and the Carnegie Mellon Pre-College Summer Wind Ensemble (Pittsburgh).

Travis resides in Mercer with his wife, Beth, their three daughters, and their son.

## About the Music

*Tales of a Medieval Warrior* is a three-movement programmatic work that seeks to capture the life and times of the heroic knights of the Middle Ages. Knights would arise from being the son of a noble, serve time as a squire to an older knight, and after proving himself worthy ascend to a position of being the defender of the weak and champion of the kingdom.

### I. A Call for Knights

During his time as squire, a young man would train, ride horses, and begin carrying a sword until such time he could be knighted. *A Call for Knights* depicts a celebratory day, as a lord dubs the squire and his journey into knighthood begins. The opening 16 measures reflect a fanfare full of the pomp and ceremony befitting a new knight.

The section beginning at measure 17 retains a medieval dancelike quality indicative of the celebration that follows the knighting ceremony. The opening fanfare returns at measure 25, and a brazen countermelody emerges from horn, tenor saxophone, and trombone to bring the opening movement to a stirring conclusion.

### II. Courting a Lady

The Code of Chivalry was a system of morals around which the knight's daily life revolved, which included honor, bravery, courtly manners, and gallantry toward women. While a fierce and brave warrior in battle, the medieval knight was also expected to be a cultured, devout, loyal, and courteous man according to the Code of Chivalry. With this in mind, the knight was expected to court a young maiden during his time of service to his lord. The relationship of the knight and his lady was crucial because she provided an influential voice to the knight, became head of the castle in his absence, and counseled over many private issues. The second movement follows the form and style of a pavane, with a repeat of the A section included at the end. Directors may wish to utilize only one or two players per part until measure 25 for variety in ensemble timbre and contrast.

### III. Winning the Joust

Jousting was a medieval sport that was often part of tournaments in which knights participated during the Middle Ages. These tournaments required the knight to display many of the same skills he would use in combat. The joust, which offered large sums of prize money, required a tremendous amount of individual skills. For many knights the joust was how they made their fame and fortune, and for others it was how they lost their life. The third movement begins with two knights sizing each other up from across the tiltyard. At measure 11, the signal is given for the knights to begin the joust. Unless otherwise noted, the ensemble should strive to perform all passages with a marcato articulation.

Travis J. Weller

# TALES OF A MEDIEVAL WARRIOR

## I. A Call for Knights

TRAVIS WELLER  
(ASCAP)

Maestoso ( $\text{J}=80$ )

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

Trombones 1 2

Baritone/Euphonium

Tuba

Timpani

Bells

Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)

Percussion 2 (Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal)

Percussion 3 (Triangle, Bell Shaker, Tambourine)

2 3 4 5

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9

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbns. 1  
2

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Sus. Cym.

Bell Shaker

6 7 8 9 10 11

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Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbns. 1  
2

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

17

17

*f*

*f*

*f*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*p* *f*

Triangle

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbns. 1  
2

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

mf

p

*div.* *tr*

Fl. Ob. Bsn. Cls. 1 2 B. Cl. A. Sax. T. Sax. B. Sax. Tpts. 1 2 Hn. Tbns. 1 2 Bar./ Euph. Tuba Timp. Bells Perc. 1 Perc. 2 Perc. 3

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24 25 26 27 28

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Musical score for orchestra, page 8. The score includes parts for Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet 1 & 2, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone/Soprano Saxophone, Trumpet 1 & 2, Horn, Trombone 1 & 2, Bass Trombone/Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, Bells, Percussion 1, Percussion 2, and Percussion 3. The music consists of six staves of five measures each. Measures 29-30 show various rhythmic patterns with dynamic markings like *fp* and *ff*. Measures 31-32 continue with similar patterns. Measure 33 features a dynamic *ff* followed by a measure of *f*. Measure 34 concludes the section.

## II. Courting a Lady

In a stately manner, sostenuto ( $\text{J}=70$ )

Fl. *mp legato*

Ob. *mp legato*

Bsn. *mp legato*

Cls. 1 *mp legato*

B. Cl. *mp legato*

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 *mp legato*

Hn.

Tbns. 1 *mp legato*

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp. (F, C, Eb)

Bells

S.D. snare off

Perc. 1 B.D. dampen *mp*

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

div.

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

plastic mallets

*mf*

*mf*

9

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2 8

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2 mp legato 8 mf

Hn. mp legato mf

Tbns. 1  
2 mp legato mf

Bar./ Euph. mp legato mf

Tuba mf legato

Tim. mp p mf

Bells mp

Perc. 1 mp mf Cr. Cym.

Perc. 2 mp

Perc. 3 Tri. Tambourine mp mf 14

The musical score consists of 18 staves, each representing a different instrument or section. The instruments include Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet 1 & 2, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, Trumpet 1 & 2, Horn, Trombone 1 & 2, Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, Bells, Percussion 1, Percussion 2, and Percussion 3. The score is divided into two systems by measure numbers 9 and 10. Measures 9 and 10 begin with dynamic markings of *mp*. In measure 10, various instruments play eighth-note patterns, with dynamics such as *mf*, *p*, and *mf* indicated. The score concludes with a dynamic marking of *mp* at measure 14.

17

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbns. 1  
2

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

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25 Majestic and sustained

22 **p** 23 24 25 **f** 26 27 28

Fl. Ob. Bsn. Cls. 1<sup>2</sup> B. Cl. A. Sax. T. Sax. B. Sax. Tpts. 1<sup>2</sup> Hn. Tbns. 1<sup>2</sup> Bar./Euph. Tuba Timp. Bells Perc. 1 Perc. 2 Perc. 3

div.

33

mp

mp

mp

mp

8

mp

8

mp

mp

mp

33

mp

f

31

32

33

34

35

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div.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbns. 1  
2

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

36                    37 *f*                    38                    39                    40                    41

### III. Winning the Joust

**Maestoso (♩ = 70)**

**Maestoso (♩ = 70)**

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbns. 1  
2

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.  
(F, C, E♭)  
plastic mallets

Bells  
S.D.  
snare off

Perc. 1  
B.D.  
Cr. Cym.

Perc. 2  
Cr. Cym.  
Sus. Cym.  
Tri.

Perc. 3

2 3 4 **f** 5 6

11 Allegro ( $\text{J} = 120$ )

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbns. 1  
2

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

The musical score consists of ten staves of music. The instruments listed are Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet 1 & 2, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, Trumpet 1 & 2, Horn, Trombone 1 & 2, Bass Trombone, Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, Bells, Percussion 1, Percussion 2, and Percussion 3. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. Measure 7 starts with eighth-note patterns. Measure 8 continues with eighth-note patterns. Measure 9 begins with a dynamic of  $f$ , followed by eighth-note patterns. Measure 10 features sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 11 concludes with eighth-note patterns. Measure 12 ends with a final eighth-note pattern. Measures 7 through 12 are labeled with measure numbers 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 respectively at the bottom of each staff.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbns. 1  
2

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

13      14      15      **mf** 16      17      18

21

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbns. 1  
2

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

19      *mf* 20      Tamb. *f* 22      23      24

29

Musical score page 29 featuring 18 instrument parts. The score includes:

- Flute (Fl.)
- Oboe (Ob.)
- Bassoon (Bsn.)
- Clarinet 1 (Cls. 1)
- Bass Clarinet (B. Cl.)
- Alto Saxophone (A. Sax.)
- Tenor Saxophone (T. Sax.)
- Baritone/Soprano Saxophone (B. Sax.)
- Trumpet 1 (Tpts. 1)
- Trombone 1 (Tpts. 2)
- Horn (Hn.)
- Bass Trombone 1 (Tbns. 1)
- Baritone/Euphonium (Bar./Euph.)
- Tuba
- Timpani (Timp.)
- Bells
- Percussion 1 (Perc. 1)
- Percussion 2 (Perc. 2)
- Percussion 3 (Perc. 3)

The score consists of six systems of music, numbered 25 through 30 at the bottom. Measures 25-28 show primarily sustained notes or simple patterns. Measure 29 begins with a dynamic of *mf* for the brass section, followed by *f marcato*. Measures 30-31 conclude the page.

Musical score for orchestra, page 20. The score includes parts for Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet 1 & 2, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone/Soprano Saxophone, Trumpet 1 & 2, Horn, Trombone 1 & 2, Bass Trombone/Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, Bells, Percussion 1, Percussion 2, and Percussion 3.

The score consists of 15 staves of music. The first 10 staves begin with a dynamic of *f* marcato. The subsequent staves (11-15) begin with a dynamic of *f*. The score concludes with a final dynamic of *f*.

Measure numbers 31 through 36 are indicated at the bottom of the page.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbns. 1  
2

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

37      38      39      40      41      42

45

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbns. 1  
2

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

43

45

mp

f

mp

f

mp

p

f

mp

>

x

v

mp

>

x

v

mp

>

x

v

Fl. f

Ob. f

Bsn. > > f

Cls. 1 2 f

B. Cl. > > f

A. Sax. f fp f

T. Sax. > > f

B. Sax. > > f

Tpts. 1 2 f fp f

Hn. f

Tbns. 1 2 > > f

Bar./Euph. > > f

Tuba > > f

Timp. > > f

Bells f

Perc. 1 f

Perc. 2 > > f

Perc. 3 > > f

49 f 50 > > f 51 > > f 52 > > f 53 > > f 54 > > f

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbns. 1  
2

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

55 56 57 58 59 60

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbns. 1  
2

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

61

62

63

mp

66

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65

*tr* *fp* *f*

*fp* *f*

*fp* *f*

*f*

*fp* *p* *f*

*p*

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Fl. *tr*

Ob. *fp*

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2 *tr*

B. Cl. *fp*

A. Sax. *fp*

T. Sax.

B. Sax. *fp*

Tpts. 1  
2 *fp*

Hn. *fp*

Tbns. 1  
2

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells *mp*

Perc. 1 *fp*

Perc. 2 *f*

Perc. 3 *p*

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbns. 1  
2

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

73 > v  
v >  
x >  
v >  
x >  
v >  
x >  
v >

p ——————  
f

77 > v  
v >  
x >  
v >  
x >  
v >