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Grade 3.5

AN AMERICAN SPECTACULAR

“A MUSICAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES”

TRADITIONAL

Arranged by

Chris Sharp

Instrumentation

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

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The Arranger

Chris Sharp, Ph.D. is a professional composer, arranger and orchestrator currently living in Winter Haven, Florida. Educated at the University of Florida and the University of Miami, he has served the music field in a wide range of capacities. As a trombonist, Dr. Sharp worked as a full-time performing musician and band leader at Walt Disney World for 11 years. In addition, he has served as an arranger/orchestrator for the Disney parks worldwide since 1984, providing music for atmosphere groups, live shows, recording sessions and national television broadcasts. He also has written for numerous freelance clients including Universal Studios, Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, the Boston Pops, the Dallas Brass and several service bands including the famed USAF Airmen of Note.

Dr. Sharp is an active music educator, with experience teaching at the middle school, high school and college levels. He is currently serving as Director of Bands at Polk State College in Winter Haven where he also teaches music theory and arranging. Dr. Sharp has served as a clinician and guest conductor on numerous occasions, and has extensive experience as an adjudicator judging for several organizations including Bands of America and Drum Corps International. His compositions and arrangements for concert and jazz band have enjoyed widespread performances, including annual appearances at the Midwest Clinic. He has received the ASCAPlus award multiple times.

Program Notes

Capture the spirit of our forefathers with *An American Spectacular*. This medley of patriotic favorites takes listeners on a musical journey through American history as told through the heritage of its musical legacy. *God Save the Queen* is now known to Americans as *My Country Tis of Thee*, although the melody was borrowed from the well-known English hymn. It reflects the protection the British Empire provided to our young colonies during the French and Indian War.

The Girl I Left Behind Me and *Chester* commemorate the American Revolution, when brave patriots fought and won their independence from England. *Hail, Columbia* was the United States' first national anthem, and was played for the inauguration of George Washington. America's emergence as a naval power during the War of 1812 is symbolized by the stirring *Columbia, Gem of the Ocean*.

The beautiful *Shenandoah* marks the westward expansion of pioneers during the early 19th century. *When Johnny Comes Marching Home* was the hopeful song of wives and families as the country was torn apart by the devastation of the Civil War. *The Battle Cry of Freedom* was a rallying point for the reunification and reconstruction of post-war America.

Foreign conflicts dominated the first half of the 20th century. A nostalgic rendition of George M. Cohan's *Over There* gives way to *The Caisson Song* of the U.S. Army. Nods to the other armed forces lead into the grand finale, the beloved anthem *America, the Beautiful*.

This piece, accessible to a wide range of bands, features modest instrumental ranges and moderate technical demands. Numerous articulations are indicated throughout the score to help provide a mature stylistic interpretation. For maximum expressivity, be sure to observe all dynamics markings. Strive to achieve a flowing, horizontal rendition of all lyrical passages, sustaining and supporting the longer duration notes for their full value. Percussion parts, though important, should never overwhelm the winds, but support and accompany them.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Sharp".

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A Musical History of the United States

TRADITIONAL
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(ASCAP)

Maestoso (♩=92)

2 *f* 3 4 5

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rit.

11 A Tempo
God Save the Queen

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Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1
2
3

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1
2
3

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

13 14 15 16 17 18 19

21

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1
2
3

play

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

rit.

21

rit.

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20 21 22 23 24 25 26

29 The Girl I Left Behind Me

A Tempo

Picc.

Fls. 1

Fls. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Tpts. 3

Hns. 1

Hns. 2

Tbns. 1

Tbns. 2

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

A Tempo

29 The Girl I Left Behind Me

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

1 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1 2 3

Tpts. 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Cr. Cym.

Perc. 2

32

33 *mf*

34

35

37 *Chester*

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

Tbns. 1
2

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

37 *Chester*

straight mute

mf

mf

a2

mf

mf

mf

Tambourine

mf

36 37 38 39 40 41 42

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45

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1
2
3

Cls.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timpani

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

div.

a2

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

remove mute

remove mute

open

open

mp

mp

p

mf

(D♭ to D)

mf

mf

mf

Sus. Cym.

p

mf

43

44

45

46

47

Sus. Cym.

p

mf

53 Faster ($\text{J}=128$)
Hail, Columbia

A musical score for orchestra and choir, page 11, section 53. The score includes parts for Picc., Fls. 1 & 2, Ob., Bsn., Cls. 1 & 2, B. Cl., A. Saxes 1 & 2, T. Sax., B. Sax., Tpts. 1 & 2, Hns. 1 & 2, Tbns. 1 & 2, Bar./Euph., Tuba, Timp., Bells, Perc. 1, and Perc. 2. The music is in common time, key signature is one flat, and tempo is faster ($\text{J}=128$). The score features a mix of eighth and sixteenth-note patterns across the staves. Measures 50 through 56 are shown, with measure 53 being the primary focus. Measure 53 includes dynamic markings *mf* and *v* above the staff. A large red diagonal watermark reading "Preview Use Requires Purchase" is overlaid across the page.

Picc.

Fls. 1

Fls. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1

A. Saxes 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Hns. 1

Hns. 2

Tbns. 1

Tbns. 2

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timpani

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

1

Cls. 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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73 74 75 76 77 78 Sus. Cym. p

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Hn.

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
2
3

Solo

tutti

mf

mf

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

(D to C)

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

79 *mf*

80

81

82

83

84

(♩ = 120)

89 When Johnny Comes Marching Home

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Bells

Perc. 1

mp

Perc. 2

mf

play

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Musical score for orchestra, page 18. The score includes parts for Picc., Fls. 1 & 2, Ob., Bsn., Cls. 1 & 2, B. Cl., A. Saxes 1 & 2, T. Sax., B. Sax., Tpts. 1 & 2, Hns. 1 & 2, Tbns. 1 & 2, Bar./Euph., Tuba, Timp., Bells, Perc. 1, and Perc. 2. The score shows measures 91 through 97. Measures 91-96 show various instruments playing eighth-note patterns. Measure 97 begins with a dynamic of *mf*. Percussion 1 plays eighth-note patterns throughout the section. Percussion 2 enters in measure 97 with eighth-note patterns and a triangle. The score is in 2/4 time, with a key signature of one flat.

A page from a musical score for a full orchestra. The score is arranged in two systems of four measures each. The instrumentation includes Picc., Fls. 1 & 2, Ob., Bsn., Cls. 1 & 2, B. Cl., A. Saxes 1 & 2, T. Sax., B. Sax., Tpts. 1 & 2, Hns. 1 & 2, Tbns. 1 & 2, Bar./Euph., Tuba, Timp., Bells, Perc. 1, and Perc. 2. The music is in 2/4 time. Dynamics such as *f* (fortissimo) and *mf* (mezzo-forte) are indicated. A large red watermark with the text "Preview Legal Use Requires Purchase Only" is diagonally across the page.

105 *The Battle Cry of Freedom*

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1
2
3

mf

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

mf

T. Sax.

mf

B. Sax.

105 *The Battle Cry of Freedom*

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

mf

Tbns. 1
2

mf

Bar./
Euph.

mf

Tuba

Timp.

mf

Bells

Perc. 1

mf

Perc. 2

105 106 107 108 109 110 111

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl.

2

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

2

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

112 113 114 115 116 117 118

121

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Clz. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxs. 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

121

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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129

Picc.

Fls. 1
Fls. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

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130
131
132

mf

(Bb to Ab)

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Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

rit.

143 (♩ = 78)
Over There

rit.

143 (♩ = 78)
Over There

(A♭ to B♭)

138 139 *f* 140 141 142 143 144

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accel.

Picc.

Fls. 1
Fls. 2

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

Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

145 146 147 148 149 150

151 (♩ = 120)
The Caisson Song

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2
3

mf

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.
mf

151 (♩ = 120)
The Caisson Song

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
mf

Tbns. 1
2

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba
mf

Tim.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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151 152 153 154 155 156 157

159

159

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

Tbns. 1
2

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Cr. Cym.

158

f

160

v

161

v

162

v

163

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

Tbns. 1
2

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

164 165 166 167 168 169

176

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

(C to D♭)

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

176

170 171 172 173 174 175 176 177

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1

Cls. 2

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

178 179 180 *mf* - *f*

183 184 185

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186 (♩=92) *America, the Beautiful*

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

186 (♩=92) *America, the Beautiful*

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

186 187 188 189 190

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

Tbns. 1
2

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

191 192 193 194 195

199 Maestoso ($\text{J}=88$)

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

Tbns. 1 2

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1
2
3
Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxos 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
2

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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206

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

206

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Bells

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

206 ff

207

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209

210

211