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# FJH SYMPHONIC BAND

Grade 4

# GROOVE MUSIC

Brian Balmages

## Instrumentation

1 - Conductor's Full Score  
1 - Piccolo  
4 - Flute 1  
4 - Flute 2  
2 - Oboe  
2 - Bassoon  
4 - B♭ Clarinet 1  
4 - B♭ Clarinet 2  
4 - B♭ Clarinet 3  
2 - B♭ Bass Clarinet  
2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 1  
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  
2 - Trombone 1  
2 - Trombone 2  
2 - Trombone 3  
2 - Baritone/  
Euphonium  
2 - Baritone T.C.  
4 - Tuba  
1 - Timpani  
1 - Marimba

4 - Percussion 1  
Vibraphone  
Xylophone  
Chimes  
Tenor Drum  
4 - Percussion 2  
Snare Drum  
Bass Drum  
2 different pitched  
Wood Blocks  
Hi-hat  
4 - Percussion 3  
Crash Cymbals  
Suspended Cymbal  
2 different pitched  
Cowbells  
China Cymbal  
Triangle

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## The Composer

Brian Balmages (b. 1975) is an award-winning composer, conductor, producer, and performer. He holds a bachelor's degree in music from James Madison University and a master's degree from the University of Miami in Florida. His compositions have been performed worldwide at the state, national and international level. His active schedule of commissions and premieres has incorporated groups ranging from elementary schools to professional ensembles, including the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Miami Symphony Orchestra, University of Miami Wind Ensemble, Boston Brass, and the Dominion Brass Ensemble. In 2012, Mr. Balmages received the prestigious Albert Austin Harding Award from the American School Band Directors Association. He is also a 2010 winner of the Harvey G. Phillips Award for Compositional Excellence, presented by the International Tuba-Euphonium Association.

As a conductor, Mr. Balmages enjoys engagements with numerous all-state and regional honor bands and orchestras along with university and professional groups. Notable guest conducting appearances have included the Midwest Clinic, Western International Band Clinic, National Association for Music Educators, American School Band Directors Association, CBDNA, the Kennedy Center, and Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor of Instrumental Conducting and Acting Symphonic Band Director at Towson University in Maryland.

Currently, Mr. Balmages is the Director of Instrumental Publications for The FJH Music Company Inc. in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He resides in Baltimore with his wife Lisa and their two sons.

## About the Music

As its title suggests, *Groove Music* is a work that focuses on various combinations of rhythms. The piece is comprised of three main sections along with a coda. The first section immediately establishes the rhythmic groove of the piece, and slowly layers additional instruments on top of the groove as part of the musical development. While measure 45 appears to be the start of the second section, it actually functions as transitional material that simultaneously alludes to some of the rhythms and textures that appear later in the piece (i.e. the material at measure 78). This transitional material continues for some time and is juxtaposed with the grooves and textures from the beginning of the work (this juxtaposition begins at measure 62).

The second section of the piece arrives at measure 78 with a much thicker textured groove, yet also with a more playful characteristic in the winds. Development occurs through orchestration as additional voices continue to be layered on existing ones. While the rhythmic ideas remain the same, new notes are introduced (measure 88) and the work transitions into a fugue. This section continues to develop and build, ultimately transitioning into the third section beginning at measure 116.

The final section is centered around augmentation, where the opening melodic ideas are now stretched and presented in a new key. An easy comparison is in the trumpet line, comparing measures 5–12 with measures 116–123. Finally, the coda section begins at measure 131. The music builds more dramatically at this point and culminates at measure 140, where a host of rhythms from throughout the piece come together in a wall of color and rhythm.

*Groove Music* was commissioned by the Connecticut Chapter of the American School Band Directors Association.

## GROOVE MUSIC

BRIAN BALMAGES  
(ASCAP)Driving forward ( $\text{J} = 108$ )

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**Instrumentation:**

- 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
- B♭ Trumpets 1, 2, 3
- F Horns 1, 2, 3, 4
- Trombones 1, 2, 3
- Baritone/Euphonium
- Tuba
- Timpani
- Marimba
- Percussion 1 (Vibraphone, Xylophone, Chimes, Tenor Drum)
- Percussion 2 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum, 2 different pitched Wood Blocks, Hi-hat)
- Percussion 3 (Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal, 2 different pitched Cowbells, China Cymbal, Triangle)



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

Timp.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Vibra.  
mp pedal

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

13

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

Timp.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

11

12

13

14

15

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 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

Tim.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

21

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 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

Timp.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

China Cym. w/ stick

B.D.

21

22

23

24

25

29

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

29

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Sus. Cym.  $\frac{2}{3}$  *mp*

Cr. Cym.

A page of a musical score for orchestra and percussion. 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, Tbn. 1 & 2, Bar./Euph., Tuba, Timp., Mar., Perc. 1 (Xylo.), Perc. 2, and Perc. 3. The music features various dynamics like *f*, *p*, and *p*.. Measures 30-33 show a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. Measures 31-33 include dynamic markings such as *f* and *p*. Measures 32-33 feature sustained notes and grace notes. Measures 33-34 show a transition with eighth-note patterns and rests.

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
2  
3

Cls.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1  
2  
3

Tpts.

1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

1  
2

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

34

35

36 *mp*

*f*

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

1  
2  
3

Cl.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1  
2  
3

Tpts.

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbn. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

45

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

Tim.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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

Timp.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

53

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

Timp.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

52

f

53

54

55

56



62

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2

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

Timp.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

62

63

64

65

66

*mp*

*st. mute*

*mp*

*st. mute*

*mp*

*p* < *mp*

Tenor Drum on rim

*mp*

*mp*

China Cym.

*mp*

70

Musical score page 70. The score includes staves for Picc., Fls. 1 & 2, Ob., Bsn., Cls. 1 & 2, B. Cl., A. Saxes 1 & 2, T. Sax., and B. Sax. The music consists of measures 67 through 71. Measures 67-68 show sustained notes. Measure 69 features sustained notes with dynamic markings  $p$  and  $mp$ . Measure 70 shows sustained notes with dynamic markings  $p$  and  $mp$ . Measure 71 concludes with sustained notes.

70

Musical score page 70 continuing. The score includes staves for Tpts. 1 & 2, Hns. 1 & 2, Hns. 3 & 4, Tbns. 1 & 2, Bar./Euph., Tuba, Timp., Mar., Perc. 1, Perc. 2, and Perc. 3. The music continues from measure 67 to 71. Measures 67-68 show sustained notes. Measure 69 features sustained notes with dynamic markings  $p$  and  $mp$ . Measure 70 shows sustained notes with dynamic markings  $p$  and  $mp$ . Measure 71 concludes with sustained notes.

67

68

69

70

71

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2  
3

Hn.

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

open

mf

open

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

72 *mf*

73

74

75

*mf* < *f* 76



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

Timp.

Mar.

Perc. 1

T.D. on head

Perc. 2

B.D.

Perc. 3

82      83      84      85      86

88

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

Timp. muffle  
(G to E)

Mar. to Xylo.

Perc. 1 mf  
Hi-hat

Perc. 2

Perc. 3



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

3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 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

Timp.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

108

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

108

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Hns. 1  
2

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timpani

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

(E to F)

Xylo.

Cr. Cym.

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

Timp.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Sus. Cym.

Perc. 3

III *mp*

*f*

113

114

115 *mf*

116

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 3 4

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

116 ff

117

118

closed Hi-Hat

119

120

121

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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

Timp.

Mar. (Xylo.)

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

122 ff

123 mf

ff

125

126

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131

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

Timp.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

127

128

129 *ff*

130

131

*p*

*p*

*p*

*to Chimes*

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

Timp.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

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140

140

137      138      139      141

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Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax. *fff*

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4 *fff* *fff*

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

142 *ff*

143 *mf* — *ff*

145

146 *mp* — *ff*