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SOLSTICE DANCE

Jack Wilds

Instrumentation

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| 1 - Conductor's Full Score | 2 - Trombone 2 |
| 4 - Flute 1 | 2 - Baritone /
Euphonium |
| 4 - Flute 2 | 2 - Baritone T.C. |
| 2 - Oboe | 4 - Tuba |
| 2 - Bassoon | 1 - Timpani |
| 5 - B♭ Clarinet 1 | 1 - Bells |
| 5 - B♭ Clarinet 2 | 1 - Vibraphone |
| 2 - B♭ Bass Clarinet | 2 - Percussion 1
Bongos
Bass Drum |
| 2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 1 | 4 - Percussion 2
Maracas
Tambourine |
| 2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 2 | Suspended Cymbal |
| 2 - B♭ Tenor Saxophone | Triangle |
| 2 - E♭ Baritone Saxophone | Slapstick |
| 4 - B♭ Trumpet 1 | Crash Cymbals |
| 4 - B♭ Trumpet 2 | |
| 4 - F Horn | |
| 2 - Trombone 1 | |

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The Composer

Jack Wilds (b. 1986) received his B.M. in Music Education from the University of Texas at Austin, where he studied composition with Dr. Donald Grantham. His music has been performed at state educators' conferences across the country and in international venues including the Midwest Clinic, the International Trombone Festival, and the Slider Asia Clinic in Hong Kong. His works for concert band have been selected to the J.W. Pepper Editor's Choice List and the Bandworld Top 100. He regularly accepts commissions for new works in a variety of media. In addition to his career as a composer Mr. Wilds is an active clinician and music educator. He lives in Kyle, Texas with his family.

Program Notes

Solstice Dance is a depiction of what I imagine a winter solstice ceremony might look like at the megalithic passage tomb at Newgrange in Ireland. The passage tomb is a structure constructed of massive stones that creates a tunnel into a dark chamber. When the sun rises on the winter solstice each year, the light strikes the doorway and creates a single beam of light which stretches down the length of the passageway, terminating in a small alcove. In order to achieve this aesthetically striking effect, the neolithic people of Newgrange labored for generations dragging stones across daunting hills without the aid of wheels. The people who began this project were never able to see it come to fruition.

The piece begins with two fortissimo strikes on the timpani and bass drum which evoke a ritual gathering drum. This will become a recurring motive throughout the piece. The glissando in the timpani part should be slow and brought out. The motive introduced by the clarinets in the 3rd measure is derived from the main melody fully played for the first time by the flutes in measure 16. The ascending notes in this motive should be brought out above the others, so the 1st clarinet part should be the most prominent in the sound. In measure 4, the flutes introduce another motive that will be used throughout the course of the piece. It should be played with emphasis and a slight lift on the dotted eighth note.

The introduction builds to a head at measure 10. The accented notes here should be connected with strong fronts. The decrescendo at measure 12 should be quick and dramatic to set the stage for the bongos. Throughout the next section, all grace notes should be played with full tone and strong energy even at lower dynamic levels. At measure 32, the timpani and bass drum parts should be brought to the fore. The trombone grace notes should be played as glissandi.

At measure 40, an abrupt change in orchestration occurs and the euphoniums and horns should decrescendo quickly to make way for the higher timbres. The new percussion colors are vital here and should be emphasized. The piece builds to a wild crescendo from measures 44 to 51. The triplet figures are most important in this section.

A percussion groove begins at measure 55. Hand claps enter loudly a few measures later but should come down in volume dramatically after the first couple of measures. All subtle changes in the percussion groove should be played with emphasis as they first enter then fade back to equal volume with the other parts. The wind parts here are an elaboration on earlier material, but the hypnotic percussion groove is the main event in this section.

The remainder of the piece should build in intensity to the end. For maximal effect, percussion dynamics should be followed with care in measures 92, 94, and 96.

SOLSTICE DANCE

JACK WILDS
(ASCAP)

Mysterious (♩ = 52)

rit. **4** **A tempo**

Flutes 1, 2

Oboe

Bassoon

B♭ Clarinets 1, 2

B♭ Bass Clarinet

E♭ Alto Saxophones 1, 2

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

B♭ Trumpets 1, 2

F Horn

Trombones 1, 2

Baritone / Euphonium

Tuba

Timpani (A, D, E) **ff**

Bells

Vibraphone

Percussion 1 (Bongos, Bass Drum) **B.D.** **ff**

Percussion 2 (Maracas, Tambourine, Suspended Cymbal, Triangle, Slapstick, Crash Cymbals) **Maracas**

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12 Relentless ($\text{♩} = 136$)

Musical score for Relentless section 12, measures 12-17. The score includes parts for Fls. 1, 2; Ob.; Bsn.; Cls. 1, 2; B. Cl.; A. Saxes 1, 2; T. Sax.; B. Sax.; Tpts. 1, 2; Hn.; Tbns. 1, 2; Bar. / Euph.; Tuba; Timp.; Bells; Vibes.; Perc. 1; and Perc. 2. The score features dynamic markings such as *p*, *mf*, and *f*. Measures 12-14 show sustained notes and eighth-note patterns. Measure 15 begins with a forte dynamic from Perc. 1. Measure 16 shows a dynamic change to *mf*. Measure 17 concludes with a final dynamic.

Fls. 1 2
Ob.
Bsn.
Clrs. 1 2
B. Cl.
A. Saxes 1 2
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpts. 1 2
Hn.
Tbns. 1 2
Bar. / Euph.
Tuba
Timps.
Bells
Vibes.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2

18 19 20 21 22 23

mf

Tambourine

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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

Hn.

Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Vibes.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

32

32

29 30 31 33

36

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

34 Sus. Cym. *pp* 37 *f* 38

Musical score for orchestra, page 10. The score includes parts for Flutes 1 & 2, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet 1 & 2, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone 1 & 2, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Trumpet 1 & 2, Horn, Trombone 1 & 2, Bass Trombone, Bassoon/Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, Bells, Vibraphone, Percussion 1 (including Tri. o. and rim), and Percussion 2. The score shows measures 39 through 43. Dynamics include *mf*, *f*, and *ff*. Measure 40 features a dynamic *f* for the Bells. Measures 41-42 feature dynamic *f* for the Vibraphone. Measures 41-43 feature dynamic *f* for Percussion 1 (Tri. o. and rim). Measures 41-43 also feature dynamic *f* for Percussion 2.

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

Hn.

Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Vibes.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

44

45

47

48

Slapstick

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

49 50 51 52 53 mp

63

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

Hn.

Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Vibes.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

61 62 slap stick 64 65 66

71

Fls. 1 2
Ob.
Bsn.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
A. Saxes 1 2
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpts. 1 2
Hn.
Tbns. 1 2
Bar. / Euph.
Tuba
Timpani
Bells
Vibes.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2

mp

p

mf

p

mf

clap

mp

mf

p

clap

mp

f

p

clap

mp

st. mute

p

clap

mp

67 Mrcs. 68 69 70 71 72

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

77

73 74 75 76 77

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

78 79 80 81 82 83

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Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1
2

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
2

Hn.

Tbns. 1
2

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Vibes.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

94 Sus. Cym. 95 96 97 Tri. 98 v dampen