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ULLABY TO THE MOON

Brian Balmages

Instrumentation

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

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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

Many works of fiction portray the moon as a living being. Particularly in children's books, one can find countless illustrations of the moon with a face on it, experiencing a wide array of emotions. This piece is written from the perspective of the "living moon" – alone in space while looking at the Earth. At times, the music portrays the loneliness of the moon, away from all life on Earth. There are also moments of comfort as the moon proudly watches over us, almost as a parent watches over his or her children from a distance. Despite feeling alone throughout the day, the moon emerges at night to light the sky and make us feel safer on those darkest of nights. This lullaby is my own personal way of returning the favor.

Texture and orchestration play a vital role in the music. I wrote all solos as I heard them during the composing process. There are plenty of cues in other instruments, but I strongly encourage ensembles with decent instrumentation to avoid as many cues as possible.

Lullaby to the Moon was commissioned by Christopher Yee and the Four Points Middle School Wind Ensemble (Austin, Texas) for their performance at the 2015 Midwest Clinic.

ULLABY TO THE MOON

BRIAN BALMAGES
(ASCAP)

Andante lirico ($\text{♩} = 60$)

Flutes 1 & 2 (solo), Oboe, Bassoon, B_b Clarinets 1 & 2 (solo), B_b Bass Clarinet, B_b Contrabass Clarinet, E_b Alto Saxophones 1 & 2, B_b Tenor Saxophone, E_b Baritone Saxophone

B_b Trumpets 1 & 2, F Horn, Trombones 1 & 2, Baritone / Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani (F, B[♭], C), Bells, Vibraphone, Chimes, Percussion (Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal, Triangle), Sus. Cym. (p), Tri.

2 3 4 5 Sus. Cym. (p) 6 mp



poco rit.

9 A tempo

Fls. 1 2 Ob. Bsn.

Cl. 1 2 B. Cl. C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2 T. Sax. B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 Hn.

Tbns. 1 2 Bar. / Euph. Tuba

Tim. Bells Vib. Chimes Perc.

17

Ob. solo

solo

p

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl.

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
2

Hn.

Tbns. 1
2

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bells

Vib.

Chimes

Perc.

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*poco rit.*25 *più mosso*

Fls. 1
Fls. 2
Ob.
Bsn.
1 Cls.
2 Cls.
B. Cl.
C.B. Cl.
A. Saxes 1
A. Saxes 2
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Hn.
Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Bar./Euph.
Tuba
Tim.
Bells
Vib.
Chimes
Perc.

22 23 24 25 *poco rit.* 26 27 28 *più mosso*

33

Fls. 1
Fls. 2 play *p*

Ob. tutti *p* *mp*

Bsn.

Fl. 1 only *mp*

Cls. 1 *p* *mp*

Cls. 2 *p* *mp*

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
A. Saxes 2 *mp*

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 *tutti open* *mp* open

Hn. *mp*

Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2 *mp*

Bar./Euph. *mp*

Tuba

Timpani

Bells *mp* *mf*

Vib. *mp*

Chimes

Perc.

30 31 32 33 ***p*** 34 35 36

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Fls. 1
2 *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Bsn. *mf*

+ 2. *mp*

Cls. 1 *mf*

2 *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

C.B. Cl. *mf*

A. Saxes 1
2 *mf*

T. Sax. *mf*

B. Sax. *mf*

mp

Tpts. 1 *mf*

2 *mf*

Hn. *mf*

Tbns. 1
2 *mf*

play

mp

Bar. /
Euph. *mf*

mp

Tuba *mf*

mp

Timp. -

Bells -

mf

Vib. -

mf

mf *pedal each measure*

Chimes -

Perc. -

Fls. 1
Fls. 2
Ob.
Bsn.
div.
Cls. 1
Cls. 2
B. Cl.
C.B. Cl.
A. Saxos 1
A. Saxos 2
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
div.
Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Hn.
Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Bar./Euph.
Tuba
Timp.
Bells
Vib.
Chimes
Perc.

molto rit.

50 A tempo, brillante

molto rit.

50 A tempo, brillante

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1 Cls.
2
B. Cl.
C.B. Cl.
A. Saxes 1
T. Sax.
B. Sax.

molto rit.

50 A tempo, brillante

1 Tpts.
2
Hn.
Tbns. 1
Bar. / Euph.
Tuba
Timp.
Bells

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poco rit.

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

58 **Tempo I, tranquillo**

morendo

Fls. 1
Fls. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

p

Cl. 1
Cl. 2

B. Cl.

C. B. Cl.

p

A. Saxes 1
A. Saxes 2

Hn. solo

T. Sax.

p

Euph.

Bsn.

B. Sax.

p

58 **Tempo I, tranquillo**

morendo

Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2

p solo

Hn.

p solo

Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2

p solo

Bar. / Euph.

Hn. solo

p

play

Tuba

p

Timp.

p

Bells

Vib.

Chimes

Perc.