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Grade 3

KEEPERS OF THE FIRE

Erik Morales

Instrumentation

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| 1 - Conductor's Full Score | 2 - Baritone /
Euphonium |
| 4 - Flute 1 | 2 - Baritone T.C. |
| 4 - Flute 2 | 4 - Tuba |
| 2 - Oboe | 1 - Timpani |
| 2 - Bassoon | 2 - Bells |
| 4 - B♭ Clarinet 1 | 2 - Marimba
Chimes |
| 4 - B♭ Clarinet 2 | 2 - Percussion 1
Snare Drum |
| 4 - B♭ Clarinet 3 | 4 - Percussion 2
Bass Drum
Bongos
Wind Chimes
Floor Tom |
| 2 - B♭ Bass Clarinet | 4 - Percussion 3
Crash Cymbals
Triangle
Cabasa
Tambourine |
| 2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 1 | 2 - Percussion 4
Suspended Cymbal
Tam-tam |
| 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 | |
| 4 - F Horn | |
| 2 - Trombone 1 | |
| 2 - Trombone 2 | |
| 2 - Trombone 3 | |

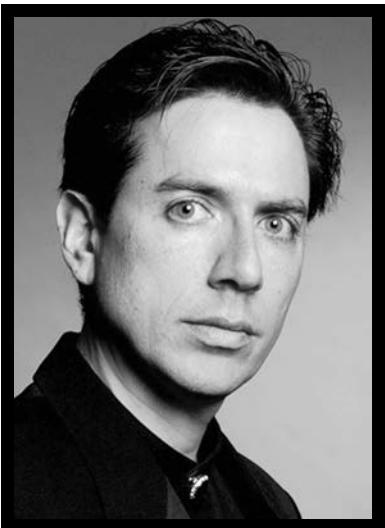
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The Composer

Erik Morales (b. December 10, 1966) began his composing career shortly after graduation from high school in south Florida. He studied composition at Florida International University, and completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Accessible at all levels, the music of Erik Morales has a unique melodic and harmonic vocabulary that appeals to audiences nationwide. His published works encompass a large variety of styles and settings, including works for concert, orchestral, jazz, and chamber ensembles. Mr. Morales currently teaches and plays trumpet professionally in the New Orleans area, in addition to maintaining an active composing and conducting schedule.

About the Music

Keepers of the Fire is a celebratory piece composed to commemorate the 50th anniversary of River Trails Middle School in Mount Prospect, Illinois. The school's official emblem, the "Chiefs", was inspired by the Potowatomi (native pronunciation – Bah-deh-WAHD-mee, American pronunciation – Poh-tuh-WAH-toh-mee) Native American Tribe which inhabited the Mount Prospect area in the early 1800's. The most popular English translation of Potowatomi is "Keepers of the Fire" which refers to the role of the Potowatomi as the keeper of the council fire.

Although this piece contains no direct quotes of Native American folk music it does follow two techniques that are common to the genre namely, the use of pentatonic (5 note) scales and descending melodies. Descending melodies are commonly found in Native American pow-wow and folk music. The descending melody is used as a metaphor of invitation to the "Creator" to descend from the heavens and join the celebration. The first instance of a descending melody occurs at measure 19 in the Clarinet 1 and Alto Sax 1 parts. This melody is based on the 5 notes C, A, G, F and D. This melody appears several times in the piece.

One of the more challenging aspects of this young band work is the rhythms. The rhythms provide the matrix that supports all other musical components. Fortunately a complex rhythm may be repeated several times and will only last two measures. So once a two bar rhythm is mastered it is then repeated. An example of this can be seen in the snare drum part (Percussion 1) at measures 15 and 16. This figure is repeated many times with little variance. This also applies to the cascading chordal effect that appears multiple times during the first half of the work (ex. measures 15-16 in the brass section). Again, once the two bar rhythm is learned, it will likely be repeated in the same manner. The following rhythmic examples appear in most parts throughout the piece:



- OR -



Keepers of the Fire uses no key signatures. The score and parts are properly transposed for each instrument. I chose to do this because the tonality tends to shift frequently. Note alterations (accidentals) appear when needed. For instance, the introduction provides no clue to the listener as to what key tonality is being favored until measure 10 where a unison F is played. The key of F major is pursued until measure 38 when the tonality becomes ambiguous once again. Measure 53 re-introduces the F major key until measure 79 where tonal ambiguity returns. Moreover, the absence of key signatures will allow the student to approach his/her part in a more unencumbered and literal manner.

Erik Morales

commissioned by the River Trails Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Band
 Mount Prospect, Illinois; Todd Smith, Director
 to commemorate the school's 50th anniversary

KEEPERS OF THE FIRE

ERIK MORALES
 (ASCAP)

Majestic ($\downarrow = 88$)

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 Horn

Trombones 1, 2, 3

Baritone / Euphonium

Tuba

Timpani (F, B♭, C, F)

Bells

Marimba Chimes

Percussion 1 (Snare Drum)

Percussion 2 (Bass Drum, Bongos, Wind Chimes, Floor Tom)

Percussion 3 (Crash Cymbals, Triangle, Cabasa, Tambourine)

Percussion 4 (Suspended Cymbal, Tam-tam)



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10 Fast ($\text{J} = 152$)

Musical score for measures 8-14 of section 10. The score includes parts for Flutes (1 & 2), Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet (1 & 2), Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone (1 & 2), Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, Trombones (1-3), Horn, Tuba, Timpani, Bells, Marimba, Chimes, Percussion 1, Percussion 2, Percussion 3, and Percussion 4. The music is fast, indicated by $\text{J} = 152$. Measures 8-11 show sustained notes and eighth-note patterns. Measures 12-14 show more complex rhythmic patterns.

10 Fast ($\text{J} = 152$)

Musical score for measures 8-14 of section 10, continuing from the previous page. The score includes parts for Trombones (1-3), Horn, Tuba, Timpani, Bells, Marimba, Chimes, Percussion 1, Percussion 2, Percussion 3, and Percussion 4. Measure 8 starts with a dynamic mf . Measures 9-10 show sustained notes and eighth-note patterns. Measures 11-14 show more complex rhythmic patterns, including a triangle and a coin scrape on tam-tam.

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This musical score page displays two systems of music for a large ensemble. The top system (measures 15-19) includes parts for Flutes (2), Oboes, Bassoon, Clarinets (1-2), Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophones (1-2), Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, Trombones (1-3), Horns (1-2), Tuba, Baritone/Euphonium, Timpani, Bells, Marimba, Maracas, Percussion 1 (Sticks on Bongos), Percussion 2 (Bongos), Percussion 3 (Maracas), and Percussion 4 (Sus. Cym.). Measure 15 shows mostly rests. Measures 16-18 feature various rhythmic patterns and dynamics like *mp*, *mf*, and *p*. Measure 19 concludes with a dynamic *f*.

Fls. 1 & 2
Ob.
Bsn.
Cls. 1 & 2
B. Cl.
A. Sax. 1 & 2
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpts. 1 & 2
Hn.
Tbns. 1 & 2
Bar. / Euph.
Tuba
Timpani
Bells
Mar. Ch.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3
Perc. 4

Fls. 1
Fls. 2
Ob.
Bsn.
Clrs. 1
Clrs. 2
Clrs. 3
B. Cl.
A. Saxes. 1
A. Saxes. 2
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3
Hn.
Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3
Bar. / Euph.
Tuba
Tim.
Bells
Mar. Ch.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3
Perc. 4

38

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
Tpts. 3
Hn.
Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3
Bar. / Euph.
Tuba
Tim. Solo
choke
f
Bells
Mar. Ch.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
to B.D.!
Perc. 3
Perc. 4
Bass Drum
f
f

36 37 38 39 40 41

Fls. 1
Fls. 2
Ob.
Bsn.
Clss. 1
Clss. 2
Clss. 3
B. Cl.
A. Saxos. 1
A. Saxos. 2
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3
Hn.
Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3
Bar. / Euph.
Tuba
Timp.
Bells
Mar. Ch.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3
Perc. 4
Sus. Cym.

45

42 43 p 44 45 f 46

Fls. 1
Fls. 2
Ob.
Bsn.
Cl.
Cl.
B. Cl.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpts.
Tpts.
Hn.
Tbns.
Bar. / Eup.
Tuba
Timpani
Bells
Mar. Ch.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3
Perc. 4

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This musical score page displays two systems of music for a large ensemble, spanning measures 53 through 57. The top system includes parts for Flutes (1 & 2), Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet (1, 2, 3), Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone (1 & 2), Tenor Saxophone, and Baritone Saxophone. The bottom system includes parts for Trumpets (1, 2, 3), Horn, Trombones (1, 2, 3), Bass Trombone/Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, Bells, Marimba, Percussion 1 (mf), Percussion 2 (mf, Sticks on Bongos), Percussion 3 (Tri., mf), and Percussion 4. Measure 53 begins with woodwind entries followed by brass entries. Measure 54 features woodwind entries. Measure 55 shows woodwind entries. Measure 56 includes a dynamic marking of *p*. Measure 57 concludes with woodwind entries.

Fls. 1
Fls. 2
Ob.
Bsn.
Clrs.
Clrs. 2
Clrs. 3
B. Cl.
A. Saxes.
A. Saxes. 2
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpts.
Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3
Hn.
Tbns.
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3
Bar. / Euph.
Tuba
Tim.
Bells
Mar. Ch.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3
Perc. 4

Fls. 1
Fls. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1

Cls. 2
Cls. 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1

A. Saxes. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3

Hn.

Tbns. 1

Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Bells

Mar. Ch.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

67

63 64 65 66 p 67 f 68

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Fls. 1
Fls. 2
Ob.
Bsn.
Clss. 1
Clss. 2
Clss. 3
B. Cl.
A. Saxes. 1
A. Saxes. 2
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3
Hn.
Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3
Bar. / Euph.
Tuba
Timp.
Bells
Mar. Ch.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3
Perc. 4

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
Hn.
Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3
Bar. / Euph.
Tuba
Timp.
Bells
Mar. Ch.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3
Perc. 4

74 75 76 77 78

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax. f div.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hn.

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba f

Tim. f

Bells

Mar. Ch.

Perc. 1 f

Perc. 2

Cr. Cym. f

Perc. 3

Perc. 4 f

85 Calm ($\text{J} = 72$)

Fls. 1
Fls. 2
Ob.
Bsn.
1 Cls.
2 Cls.
B. Cl.
1 A. Saxes.
2 A. Saxes.
T. Sax.
B. Sax.

85 Calm ($\text{J} = 72$)

Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3
Hn.
1 Tbn.
2 Tbn.
3 Tbn.
Bar. / Euph.
Tuba
Timp.
Bells
Mar. Ch.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3
Perc. 4

Chimes
Wind Chimes
mp

95 Slightly faster ($\text{J} = 80$)

Musical score for measures 91-96. The score includes parts for Flutes (Fls.), Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Clarinets (Clrs.), Bass Clarinet (B. Cl.), Alto Saxophones (A. Saxes.), Tenor Saxophone (T. Sax.), Bass Saxophone (B. Sax.), Trombones (Tpts.), Horn (Hn.), Baritone/Euphonium (Bar. / Euph.), Tuba, Timpani (Timp.), Bells, Marimba (Mar. Ch.), Chimes, Percussion 1 (Perc. 1), Percussion 2 (Perc. 2), Percussion 3 (Perc. 3), and Percussion 4 (Perc. 4). Measure 91: Fls. 1, Ob., Bsn. play sustained notes. Clrs. 1, 2, 3 play eighth-note patterns. B. Cl. plays eighth-note patterns. A. Saxes. 1, 2 play eighth-note patterns. T. Sax. plays eighth-note patterns. B. Sax. plays eighth-note patterns. Measure 92: Fls. 1, Ob., Bsn. play sustained notes. Clrs. 1, 2, 3 play eighth-note patterns. B. Cl. plays eighth-note patterns. A. Saxes. 1, 2 play eighth-note patterns. T. Sax. plays eighth-note patterns. B. Sax. plays eighth-note patterns. Measure 93: Fls. 1, Ob., Bsn. play sustained notes. Clrs. 1, 2, 3 play eighth-note patterns. B. Cl. plays eighth-note patterns. A. Saxes. 1, 2 play eighth-note patterns. T. Sax. plays eighth-note patterns. B. Sax. plays eighth-note patterns. Measure 94: Fls. 1, Ob., Bsn. play sustained notes. Clrs. 1, 2, 3 play eighth-note patterns. B. Cl. plays eighth-note patterns. A. Saxes. 1, 2 play eighth-note patterns. T. Sax. plays eighth-note patterns. B. Sax. plays eighth-note patterns. Measure 95: Fls. 1, Ob., Bsn. play eighth-note patterns. Clrs. 1, 2, 3 play eighth-note patterns. B. Cl. plays eighth-note patterns. A. Saxes. 1, 2 play eighth-note patterns. T. Sax. plays eighth-note patterns. B. Sax. plays eighth-note patterns. Measure 96: Fls. 1, Ob., Bsn. play eighth-note patterns. Clrs. 1, 2, 3 play eighth-note patterns. B. Cl. plays eighth-note patterns. A. Saxes. 1, 2 play eighth-note patterns. T. Sax. plays eighth-note patterns. B. Sax. plays eighth-note patterns.

95 Slightly faster ($\text{J} = 80$)

Continuation of the musical score for measures 91-96. The score includes parts for Trombones (Tpts.), Horn (Hn.), Baritone/Euphonium (Bar. / Euph.), Tuba, Timpani (Timp.), Bells, Marimba (Mar. Ch.), Chimes, Percussion 1 (Perc. 1), Percussion 2 (Perc. 2), Percussion 3 (Perc. 3), and Percussion 4 (Perc. 4). Measure 91: Tpts. 1, 2, 3 play eighth-note patterns. Hn. plays eighth-note patterns. Bar. / Euph. 1, 2, 3 play eighth-note patterns. Tuba plays eighth-note patterns. Timp. plays eighth-note patterns. Bells play eighth-note patterns. Mar. Ch. plays eighth-note patterns. Chimes play eighth-note patterns. Perc. 1, 2, 3, 4 play eighth-note patterns. Measure 92: Tpts. 1, 2, 3 play eighth-note patterns. Hn. plays eighth-note patterns. Bar. / Euph. 1, 2, 3 play eighth-note patterns. Tuba plays eighth-note patterns. Timp. plays eighth-note patterns. Bells play eighth-note patterns. Mar. Ch. plays eighth-note patterns. Chimes play eighth-note patterns. Perc. 1, 2, 3, 4 play eighth-note patterns. Measure 93: Tpts. 1, 2, 3 play eighth-note patterns. Hn. plays eighth-note patterns. Bar. / Euph. 1, 2, 3 play eighth-note patterns. Tuba plays eighth-note patterns. Timp. plays eighth-note patterns. Bells play eighth-note patterns. Mar. Ch. plays eighth-note patterns. Chimes play eighth-note patterns. Perc. 1, 2, 3, 4 play eighth-note patterns. Measure 94: Tpts. 1, 2, 3 play eighth-note patterns. Hn. plays eighth-note patterns. Bar. / Euph. 1, 2, 3 play eighth-note patterns. Tuba plays eighth-note patterns. Timp. plays eighth-note patterns. Bells play eighth-note patterns. Mar. Ch. plays eighth-note patterns. Chimes play eighth-note patterns. Perc. 1, 2, 3, 4 play eighth-note patterns. Measure 95: Tpts. 1, 2, 3 play eighth-note patterns. Hn. plays eighth-note patterns. Bar. / Euph. 1, 2, 3 play eighth-note patterns. Tuba plays eighth-note patterns. Timp. plays eighth-note patterns. Bells play eighth-note patterns. Mar. Ch. plays eighth-note patterns. Chimes play eighth-note patterns. Perc. 1, 2, 3, 4 play eighth-note patterns. Measure 96: Tpts. 1, 2, 3 play eighth-note patterns. Hn. plays eighth-note patterns. Bar. / Euph. 1, 2, 3 play eighth-note patterns. Tuba plays eighth-note patterns. Timp. plays eighth-note patterns. Bells play eighth-note patterns. Mar. Ch. plays eighth-note patterns. Chimes play eighth-note patterns. Perc. 1, 2, 3, 4 play eighth-note patterns.

rit.

Fls. 1
Ob.
Bsn.
Clss. 1
Clss. 2
Clss. 3
B. Cl.
A. Saxess. 1
A. Saxess. 2
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3
Hn.
Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3
Bar. / Euph.
Tuba
Timp.
Bells
Mar. Ch.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3 Tambourine
Perc. 4 Coin scrape on Tam-tam

97 *mfp* 98 *p* 99 *p* 100 101 *mf* 102

103 Fast ($\text{J} = 160$)

Fls. 1
Fls. 2
Ob.
Bsn.
Clrs. 1
Clrs. 2
B. Cl.
A. Saxes. 1
A. Saxes. 2
T. Sax.
B. Sax.

103 Fast ($\text{J} = 160$)

Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3
Hn.
Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3
Bar. / Euph.
Tuba
Timp.
Bells
Mar. Ch.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3
Perc. 4

Floor Tom
Tambourine
Triangle
Tamb.

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Fls. 1
Fls. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1
Cls. 2
Cls. 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1
A. Saxes. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3

Hn.

Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Bells

Mar. Ch.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

109 110 111 112 113 114

118 Conduct in 2

top note opt. ($\frac{>}{\bullet}$)

Fls. 1
Ob.
Bsn.
Clss. 1
Clss. 2
Clss. 3
B. Cl.
A. Saxes. 1
A. Saxes. 2
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3
Hn.
Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3
Bar. / Euph.
Tuba
Timp.
Bells
Mar. Ch.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3
Perc. 4

126 Common time

Fls. 1
Ob.
Bsn.

fp

...cresc...

Cls. 1
2
3

a2

fp

...cresc...

B. Cl.

A. Saxex.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

fp

...cresc...

126 Common time

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hn.

Tbns. 1
2
3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba

fp

...cresc...

Timp.

fp

...cresc...

Bells

Mar. Ch.

Perc. 1

fp

...cresc...

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

131

126 127 128 129 130 p 131

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Fls. 1
Fls. 2
Ob.
Bsn.
Clss. 1
Clss. 2
Clss. 3
B. Cl.
A. Saxes. 1
A. Saxes. 2
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3
Hn.
Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3
Bar. / Euph.
Tuba
Timp.
Bells
Mar. Ch.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3
Perc. 4

132 *f*

133

134

135

136

137

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139

Fls. 1
Ob.
Bsn.
Clis. 1
Clis. 2
Clis. 3
B. Cl.
A. Saxes. 1
A. Saxes. 2
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3
Hn.
Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3
Bar. / Euph.
Tuba
Timp.
Bells
Mar. Ch.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3
Perc. 4

138 139 > 140 141 > 142 143 >

upper note opt.

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Clrs. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes. 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hn.

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba

Timp. > choke

Bells

Mar. Ch.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 > choke

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

144 145 146 147 > 148 149