

EAGLES AMONG US

Brian Balmages

Instrumentation

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| 1 - Conductor's Full Score | 1 - Timpani |
| 8 - Flute | 1 - Vibraphone |
| 2 - Oboe | 1 - Bells |
| 2 - Bassoon | 2 - Chimes / Marimba |
| 5 - B \flat Clarinet 1 | 2 - Percussion 1 |
| 5 - B \flat Clarinet 2 | Snare Drum |
| 2 - B \flat Bass Clarinet | Bass Drum |
| 2 - E \flat Alto Saxophone 1 | 4 - Percussion 2 |
| 2 - E \flat Alto Saxophone 2 | Crash Cymbals |
| 2 - B \flat Tenor Saxophone | Suspended Cymbal |
| 2 - E \flat Baritone Saxophone | Bar Chimes |
| 4 - B \flat Trumpet 1 | Triangle |
| 4 - B \flat Trumpet 2 | Tambourine |
| 4 - F Horn | 8 - Violin 1 |
| 2 - Trombone 1 | 8 - Violin 2 |
| 2 - Trombone 2 | 5 - Violin 3 |
| 2 - Baritone / Euphonium | 5 - Viola |
| 2 - Baritone T.C. | 5 - Violoncello |
| 4 - Tuba | 5 - Double Bass |

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The Composer

Brian Balmages (b. 1975) is an award-winning composer, conductor, producer, and performer. The music he has written for winds, brass, and orchestra has been performed throughout the world with commissions ranging from elementary schools to professional orchestras. World premieres include prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, and Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. His music was also performed as part of the 2013 Presidential Inaugural Prayer Service, which was attended by both President Obama and Vice President Biden. He received his bachelor's degree in music from James Madison University and his master's degree from the University of Miami in Florida. He is a recipient of the prestigious A. Austin Harding Award from the American School Band Directors Association and in 2016 was awarded the James Madison University Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Visual and Performing Arts (the first year the award was given). In the same year, he was commissioned by his other alma mater, the University of Miami, to compose music for the inauguration of the institution's 6th president, Dr. Julio Frenk.

As a conductor, Mr. Balmages enjoys regular engagements with all-state and region bands and orchestras, as well as university and professional ensembles throughout the world. Notable guest conducting appearances have included the Midwest Clinic, Western International Band Clinic, College Band Directors Conference, American School Band Directors Association National Conference and others. Additional conducting appearances have included the Kennedy Center and Meyerhoff Symphony Hall as well as engagements in Australia, Canada and Italy. Currently, he is Director of Instrumental Publications for The FJH Music Company and Assistant Director of Bands and Orchestras at Towson University.

About the Music

Originally commissioned for combined band and string orchestra, *Eagles Among Us* is a powerful overture-style work with cinematic overtones. The music reflects the vision of the world from the eyes of an eagle in flight. The music includes dramatic fanfares juxtaposed with moments of lyricism that range from calming to soaring. The title comes from the name of the commissioning school, Eagle Ridge Middle School, and seeks to portray the majestic qualities of this magnificent creature.

Eagles Among Us is orchestrated in a unique way to provide many different performance opportunities. It can obviously be performed by full band and string orchestra, but can also be performed by band alone if students play all of the string cues included in their parts. Finally, the work can be performed by full orchestra (omitting bass clarinet, all saxophones and euphonium). In all three cases, the work will sound complete without the need for any rewriting.

Eagles Among Us was commissioned by the Eagle Ridge Middle School Band and Orchestra (Ashburn, Virginia); Kelley Vaeth and Erin Stavropulos, directors.

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EAGLES AMONG US

BRIAN BALMAGES
(ASCAP)

Soaring (♩ = 144)

5

Flute

Oboe

Bassoon

B♭ Clarinets 1 2

B♭ Bass Clarinet

E♭ Alto Saxophones 1 2

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

Soaring (♩ = 144)

5

B♭ Trumpets 1 2

F Horn

Trombones 1 2

Baritone / Euphonium

Tuba

Timpani

Vibraphone (G, C, E♭)

Bells

Chimes

Marimba

Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)

Percussion 2 (Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal, Bar Chimes, Triangle, Tambourine)

Soaring (♩ = 144)

5

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola (Violin 3)

Violoncello

Double Bass

2 3 4 5 6



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13

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1
2

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

13

Tpts. 1
2

Hn.

Tbns. 1
2

Bar. /
Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Vibra.

Bells

Chms.
Mar.

Perc. 1

Tamb.

Perc. 2

13

Vin. 1

Vin. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

27

Fl. Vln. 2 *mf* play

Ob. Vln. 2 *mf* play

Bsn. *mf*

Cls. 1 2

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2 *mf* play

T. Sax. Vcl. *mf*

B. Sax. *mf*

Tpts. 1 2 *mf* play

Hn. *mf* play

Tbns. 1 2 *mf*

Bar. / Euph. *mf*

Tuba *mf* play

Timp. *mf*

Vibra. *mf*

Bells *mf*

Chms. Mar. *mf*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 *mp*

Vln. 1 *non. div.* 27

Vln. 2 *non. div.* L2

Vla. *non. div.*

Vcl. 3 2

D.B. V V

25 26 27 28 29 30



Fl.

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.

Vibra.

Bells

Chms.
Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

mf

f

v

Fl. Vln. *mf*

Ob. Vln. *mp* *mf*

Bsn. *mf*

Cls. 1 2 *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

A. Saxes 1 2 *mf*

T. Sax. *mp* *mf*

B. Sax. *mf*

Tpts. 1 2 play *mp* *mf*

Hn. *mf*

Tbns. 1 2 *mf*

Bar. / Euph. *mf*

Tuba *mf*

Timp. *mf*

Vibra. *mf*

Bells *mf*

Chms. Mar. *mf*

Perc. 1 *mf*

Perc. 2 *mf*

Vln. 1 *mf*

Vln. 2 *mf*

Vla. L2 L1 *mf* L2

Vcl. *mf*

D.B. *mf*

54 55 56 57 58 59

70

Fl. *mf* *f*

Ob. *mf* *f*

Bsn. *mf* *f*

Cls. 1 2 *mf* *f*

B. Cl. *mf* *f*

A. Saxes. 1 2 *mf* *f*

T. Sax. *mf* *f*

B. Sax. *mf* *f*

Tpts. 1 2 *mf* *f*

Hn. *mf* *f*

Tbns. 1 2 *mf* *f*

Bar. / Euph. *mf* *f*

Tuba *mf* *f*

Timp. *f*

Vibra. *f*

Bells *mf* *f*

Chms. Mar. *mf* *f*

Perc. 1 *mf* *f*

Perc. 2 *mf* *f*

Sus. Cym. *f*

Vln. 1 *tutti* L2 L1 *mf* *f*

Vln. 2 *tutti* L1 L2 *mf* *f*

Vla. *mf* L2 *f*

Vcl. x1 2 *mf* *f*

D.B. *mf* *f*

66 67 68 69 70 71

Fl.

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.

Vibra.

Bells

Chms. Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vel.

D.B.

(H2)
L3

L2

L1

x1

78

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Vln.

Vln.

Cl. 1

2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

78

Tpts. 1

2

Hn.

Tbns. 1

2

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Vibra.

Bells

Chms. Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Cr. Cym.

Tamb. *f*

78

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

77

78

79

80

81

88

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1

2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

88

Tpts. 1

2

Hn.

Tbns. 1

2

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Vibra.

Bells

Chms. Mar.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

88

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

88 89 90 91 92 93 94

ff

mf

f

ff

Sus. Cym.