

HOMAGE TO BHARAT

(Reflections of India)

Brian Balmages

Instrumentation

1 - Conductor's Full Score	3 - B♭ Trumpet 2	3 - Percussion 2
1 - Piccolo	3 - B♭ Trumpet 3	Crotales
4 - Flute 1	1 - F Horn 1	Triangle
4 - Flute 2	1 - F Horn 2	Bells
1 - Oboe 1	1 - F Horn 3	
1 - Oboe 2	1 - F Horn 4	3 - Percussion 3
1 - Bassoon 1	2 - Trombone 1	Bells
1 - Bassoon 2	2 - Trombone 2	Dhol(s)
4 - B♭ Clarinet 1	2 - Trombone 3	Crotales
4 - B♭ Clarinet 2	2 - Baritone /	3 - Percussion 4
4 - B♭ Clarinet 3	Euphonium	Bongos
2 - B♭ Bass Clarinet	2 - Baritone T.C.	Tabla (opt.)
1 - E♭ Contra Alto Clarinet	4 - Tuba	Triangle
1 - B♭ Contrabass Clarinet	2 - String Bass /	Tam-tam
2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 1	Tambura	Vibraphone
2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 2	1 - Timpani	Talking Drum
2 - B♭ Tenor Saxophone	3 - Percussion 1	3 - Percussion 5
2 - E♭ Baritone Saxophone	Marimba	Crash Cymbals
3 - B♭ Trumpet 1	Vibraphone	Suspended Cymbal
	Chimta	Sleigh Bells
		Tambourine
		Triangle
		Snare Drum
		Tam-tam

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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

Inspired by Bollywood music, *Homage to Bharat* is derived from a fusion of Indian classical and pop music with western influences. The name Bharat is the Sanskrit name for the Asian subcontinent that is now known as India. Note that the "B" and "h" of Bharat both sound at the beginning, and the ending "t" is pronounced like "th." The strong connection to India reflects the large Indian population of the commissioning school in Plano, Texas. In addition to the use of traditional instruments, the piece calls for a wide variety of Indian instruments (with traditional options listed below as available substitutes).

In researching and listening to Bollywood music, one of the composers who struck me was A.R. Rahman. His ability to integrate traditional Indian music with electronics and orchestra is incredibly unique, resulting in several Academy Awards, Grammy Awards, and more. My goal was to try and realize something similar within a concert band framework. The opening of the work makes use of a tambura, an Indian drone instrument. It looks like a sitar, but does not change pitch while being played. The strings are tuned ahead of time to create the drone (tunings are provided). Note that the strings are tuned in the notated order and are always played in that sequence. If a real tambura is not available, I suggest using a sample or synthesizer as it is highly effective, especially when heard with the combination of crotales and bells. Eventually, the drone is lost as the music around it builds and becomes the focus. Throughout this section we hear a contrast between consonance and mild dissonance (typically created when a note does not resolve for a while and leaves a trail of the old harmony into the new one). The primary theme is introduced at measure 23 (trumpet 2), as is one of the primary rhythmic elements of the work (the triplets).

Beginning in the Allegro section, several unique instruments are introduced along with optional substitutes:

Chimta – an instrument that looks like a pair of metal tongs with small metal jingles attached. Sound is created when the player hits the two sides of the instrument together with one hand, and there is often a ring at the hinge that the other hand uses to create sound as well. Thus, it is possible to play faster rhythms using both hands. A tambourine is a possible substitute, though it is quite possible to create a chimta using metal tongs.

Dhol – a double-headed drum that has a treble side and a bass side. It is played with wooden sticks. It is possible to use two individual drums (a high-pitched tenor drum and a low tom) as substitutes. Both parts are intended to be played by a single percussionist. Note that the piece calls for multiple dhol players if possible (beginning at measure 72), as it is quite common to see a group of people playing together. Obviously, it is important that the players lock in with each other, but it is also important that they match visually. At measure 80, they are asked to play on the side of the drum (which in the case of a dhol would be wooden). If using a tenor drum, the side of the drum or rim may be an option. Do not hesitate to experiment.

Tabla – two single-headed drums that are rather small and shaped like a barrel. The tabla is the smaller drum played with the right hand. The baya is the deeper drum played with the left hand. An advanced player can bend pitches using the palm of the hand while playing. It is important to note that tabla technique is based on the use of various finger combinations and patterns to mimic various spoken syllables. In the case that a group has access to a tabla player, it is rare that the person will be used to using notation. Rather, that person will be accustomed to certain patterns or styles, one of which will fit this piece well. (Note that a traditional tabla rhythm has been used in the FJH recording and does not exactly represent what is notated.) In the absence of a tabla player, an alternate part is provided for bongos (played with hands) and talking drum. This simulates the sound of the tabla (and unlike the tabla, is covered by 2 players). It is also possible to use all three (all three instruments are used in the FJH recording), but in the presence of an experienced tabla player, the bongos and talking drum should be a bit softer.

The entire middle section is based on creating, developing, and layering various grooves, very similar to some of the Bollywood-style music that I studied. Early on in this section, the brass take on the characteristic drone qualities of the tambura (playing open 5ths with mutes). As this section moves through various rhythmic grooves and layered musical lines, it eventually gives way to a light-hearted presentation of the primary theme (measure 80). The music then begins a final groove with multiple lines layered on before all the existing themes are juxtaposed at measure 101 while maneuvering through atypical meter changes.

The final section/coda of the work represents a return to the opening, with the use of similar instruments (tambura, flute, and various percussion). However, in this final section, new instruments quietly present short phrases derived from throughout the work. A haunting chorale (measure 129) continues to build, yet never fully resolves until reaching the most powerful moment of the piece (measure 134). At this point, the music moves in and out of phase (harmonically, it resolves and then moves immediately back over and over). In this spot, altos and horns are marked "huge!" This is accurate for the altos. For the horns, it is a gross understatement! They take over everything there, but there should be a perfect balance between horn 1-2 and 3-4.

Homage to Bharat was commissioned by the Rice Middle School Wind Ensemble in Plano, Texas. The directors are Jason Tucker, Amber Moore, and Josh Reyna. In the process of commissioning me, they let me know of the large Indian population at their school. Of course, this included several kids that play tabla and they also were able to have several students play mridangam to double the dhol part (it is a similar style of instrument). In addition, they had a former student that was able to come back and play tambura. I thank them for the incredible challenge this piece presented, and for giving me a chance to go outside the box. I am thrilled with the result!

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Adagio ($\text{J}=60$)

6

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Tambura (on S.B. part)
play pattern with virtually no articulation / out of time, leaving time before repeating pattern
always play strings in order (as notated)

(A, C, D♭, G)

p

Mar. (med. soft yarn mallets)

Crotalines

mp

Bells (plastic mallets)

p

Tam-tam

p

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Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2

1

Cl. 2 3

B. Cl.

C.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
St. Bass / Tam.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

+ 2nd Soloist *mf*

10 11 12 13 14 *mp* 15 16 17

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Fls. 1 2

tutti

Ob. 1 2

mp

Bsn. 1 2

mp

Solo

Cl. 1 2

p

B. Cl.

C. B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

Solo

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2

mp

Hns. 1 2

mp

Tbns. 1 2

mp

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba St. Bass / Tam.

(Tam. continues until downbeat of ms. 23)

Tuba div. mp

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Vibra. mp 3pedal

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

half st. mute / half harmon stem out

18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

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Fls. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

C.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 / St. Bass / Tam.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5 Cr. Cym.

27 28 29 30

f

mf

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Allegro ($\text{J} = 116$)

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Fls. 1
Fls. 2

Ob. 1
Ob. 2

Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

Cls. 1
Cls. 2
Cls. 3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
A. Saxes 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

play 1, 2 (Solos)

mp

p

Allegro ($\text{J} = 116$)

Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3

Hns. 1
Hns. 2

Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba
St. Bass / Tam.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

mp

mp

mp

play

mp

p

(Tambura stops - let strings ring to silence
Player moves to S.B.)

Chimta (opt. Tambourine)

mf

upper note - treble side
lower note - bass side

Dhol

mf

Bongos (á la tabla, ad lib)
(Tabla can be used if proficient player is available)

Talking Drum
(gliss up where indicated during note duration. Start next note at low pitch again.)

mf

40 41 42 43 44 45

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Fls. 1
2

Ob. 1
2

Bsn. 1
2

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

Tbn. 1
2
3

Bar. /
Euph.

Tuba
St. Bass /
Tam.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

48

46 47 48 49 50

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob. 1
2

Bsn. 1
2

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

C. 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
St. Bass
Tam.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

tutti

f

f

mf

(st. mute)

(st. mute) *mf*

st. mute *mf*

+ S.B.

mf

mf

mf

Bells

f

Sus. Cym.

Tri.

51 52 *mf* 53 54 55 *mp*

56

56

Picc.

Fls. 1
Fls. 2

Ob. 1
Ob. 2

Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
A. Saxes 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3

Hns. 1
Hns. 2
Hns. 3
Hns. 4

Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba
St. Bass
Tam.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

56

57

58

59 *mp*

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2

Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

C.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
St. Bass / Tam.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5 Cr. Cym.

f

60 61 62 63

64

Picc.

Fls. 1
2 *mf*

Ob. 1
2 *mf*

Bsn. 1
2 *mf*

Cls. 1
2
3 *mf*

B. Cl. 1
2 *mf*

C.B. Cl. 1
2

A. Saxes 1
2 *mf*

T. Sax. 1
2 *mf*

B. Sax. 1
2 *mf*

64

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

1
2
3
4

Tbns. 1
2
3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba
St. Bass / Tam.

Timp.

Perc. 1 to Tri.

Perc. 2

Perc. 3 *mf*

Perc. 4 *mf*

Perc. 5

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72

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

C.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 / St. Bass / Tam.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

80

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob. 1
2

Bsn. 1
2

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

C. 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
St. Bass /
Tam.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Cr. Cym.

S.D. rim

80

mp

f

fp

mp

muffle

(B^b to F)
Mar. (medium hard mallets)

x - on side of drum

mp

fast!!

78 79 mp 81 82

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob. 1
2

Bsn. 1
2

mp

Cts. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

mp

T. Sax.

mp

B. Sax.

mp

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2
3
4

mp

Tbns. 1
2
3

mp

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba/
St. Bass/
Tam.

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

83 84 85 86 87

88

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2 *mf*

Cls. 1 2 *mf*

B. Cl. 1 2 *mf*

C.B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax. 1 2 *mf*

88

Tpts. 1 2 3 *mf*

Hns. 1 2

3 4

Tbns. 1 2 *mf*

3 *mf*

Bar. / Euph. *mf*

Tuba St. Bass / Tam. *mf*

Tim. to Chimta

Perc. 1 *mf* Chimta

Perc. 2 normal

Perc. 3 *mf*

Perc. 4 *mf*

Perc. 5

88 89 90 91 92

Picc.

Fls. 1
Fls. 2

Ob. 1
Ob. 2

Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
A. Saxes 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
Tpts. 2
Tpts. 3

Hns. 1
Hns. 2
Hns. 3
Hns. 4

Tbns. 1
Tbns. 2
Tbns. 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba / St. Bass / Tam.

Timpani

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

93 94 95 96 97

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Fls. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

C.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
St. Bass /
Tam.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

103 104 105 106 Sus. Cym. *mf*

112 Maestoso, brillante ($\text{J}=60$)

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2

Cl. 1 2 3

Cl. 3 8^{va}

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

112 Maestoso, brillante ($\text{J}=60$)

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba / St. Bass / Tam.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

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Fls. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2

Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

C.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 / St. Bass / Tam.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

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116 *mf*

ff

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob. 1
2

Bsn. 1
2

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

C.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 / St. Bass / Tam.

Timps.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

1, 2 (Solos)

f

mp

mp

mp

p

1 player

mp

p

S.B. - move to Tambura
(move earlier if more time needed)

f

plastic mallets

Crotales

mf

mf

118 119 120 121 122

123

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

p

Ob. 1
2

Bsn. 1
2

p

Solo

Cl.

B. Cl.

C. B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

p

Solo

p

p

123

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2
3

Bsn. 1-2

Tuba Solo

p

tutti

cresc. poco a poco

Tambura (as before) continue until ms. 128

Stop playing tambura, but let notes ring. Stop all sound at ms. 129.

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba St. Bass / Tam.

p

Tim.

p

Mar. (med. soft yarn mallets)

Perc. 1

p

Perc. 2

p

Perc. 3

p

Vibra.

Perc. 4

p

pedal

Perc. 5

123 124 125 126 127 128

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Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

134

129

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba /
St. Bass /
Tam.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

134

opt. 8^{va}

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135 136 137

mf ————— *ff*

(8va)

138 139

mf ff