

# NIAGARA FALLS

Adrian B. Sims

## Instrumentation

1 - Conductor's Full Score	
4 - Flute 1	2 - Trombone 1
4 - Flute 2	2 - Trombone 2
2 - Oboe	2 - Trombone 3
2 - Bassoon	2 - Baritone / Euphonium
4 - B $\flat$ Clarinet 1	2 - Baritone T.C.
4 - B $\flat$ Clarinet 2	4 - Tuba
4 - B $\flat$ Clarinet 3	1 - String Bass
2 - B $\flat$ Bass Clarinet	1 - Timpani
2 - E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone 1	2 - Mallet Percussion 1 Bells Vibraphone
2 - E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone 2	2 - Mallet Percussion 2 Chimes
2 - B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone	3 - Percussion 1 Snare Drum Bass Drum
2 - E $\flat$ Baritone Saxophone	3 - Percussion 2 Suspended Cymbal Crash Cymbals Triangle
3 - B $\flat$ Trumpet 1	
3 - B $\flat$ Trumpet 2	
3 - B $\flat$ Trumpet 3	
2 - F Horn 1	
2 - F Horn 2	

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## The Composer

Adrian B. Sims (b. 2000) was born in Seattle, Washington and has been composing music since he was eleven years old. Adrian graduated from Catonsville High School (class of 2018) in Catonsville, Maryland. He has played trombone in a wide variety of musical ensembles including pit and symphony orchestras as well as jazz and concert bands. Adrian has also been selected to participate in the Maryland All-State Band every year of high school and has played side by side with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra several times.

Adrian won the Maryland Music Educators Association Composition Competition in 2016 and 2017, and had music he composed presented at the conference. He has been asked to guest conduct and rehearse his music on multiple occasions at local schools such as Catonsville Middle School and Patapsco Middle School. Adrian is grateful for the continued support from his band directors Christopher Gnagey and Cindy Stevenson, and is pursuing a degree in Music Education and Composition.

## Program Notes

With flowing melodic lines and rich harmonic texture throughout, this work depicts a beautiful journey down the Niagara River. The music gradually builds in intensity, and, as the river gains strength, gives way to the awe-inspiring view of Niagara Falls. The falls are illustrated by grandiose melodic material accompanied by sustained chords. About halfway through (at measure 73), the texture of the music lightens, reminiscent of the slow-moving water below the falls. The work climaxes with the returning main theme and concludes with a portrayal of the Niagara River gently flowing into Lake Ontario.

## Notes to the Conductor

*Niagara Falls* is written entirely in 6/8; however, there are various fragments throughout the piece that imply a 2/4 meter. It is important that the transition from eighth notes to eighth note duplets (and vice versa) is seamless.

I suggest having the entire band get softer at measure 105 to make the crescendo into the climax at measure 109 more dramatic. The *molto rallentando* beginning at measure 107 should be drawn out as long as possible. Conducting the duplet eighth note subdivisions in measure 108 may be helpful to the low brass/woodwinds and percussion through the *rallentando*. Make sure that the horn and alto sax line is very clearly heard at measures 109 to 111.

This piece can be played at or slightly slower than the tempi marked in the score. Either are acceptable performance practices.

- Adrian B. Sims

# NIAGARA FALLS

ADRIAN B. SIMS  
(ASCAP)

Cantabile (♩ = 58)

Flutes 1 2

Oboe

Bassoon *mp*

B♭ Clarinets 1 2 3 *mp*

B♭ Bass Clarinet *mp*

E♭ Alto Saxophones 1 2 *mp*

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone *mp*

Cantabile (♩ = 58)

B♭ Trumpets 1 2 3

F Horns 1 2 *mp*

Trombones 1 2 3 *mp*

Baritone / Euphonium *mp*

Tuba String Bass *mp*

Timpani (F, A♭, D♯, E♯)

Mallet Percussion 1 (Bells, Vibraphone)

Mallet Percussion 2 (Chimes)

Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)

Percussion 2 (Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals, Triangle) Sus. Cym. *pp mp*

2 3 4 6 7 8



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17

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn. *(mf)*

Cls. 1 *(mf)*  
2 *mp*  
3

B. Cl. *(mf)*

A. Saxes 1 *mp*  
2

T. Sax. *(mf)*

B. Sax. *mp*

17

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 *mp*  
3 *mp*

Bar. / Euph. *(mf)*

Tuba St. Bass *mp*

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 *mf*

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2 Hns. play *mf*

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3 *mf* *mf*

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba St. Bass

Timp. *p* *mf*

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 *p* *mf*

25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32



Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba St. Bass

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

41 42 *p* *mf* 44 45 46 47 48 *p*

49 Poco più mosso (♩ = 60)

Fls. 1 2  
Ob.  
Bsn.  
Cls. 1 2 3  
B. Cl.  
A. Saxes 1 2  
T. Sax.  
B. Sax.

49 Poco più mosso (♩ = 60)

Tpts. 1 2 3  
Hns. 1 2  
Tbns. 1 2 3  
Bar. / Euph.  
Tuba / St. Bass  
Timp.  
Mlt. Perc. 1 (+Vibra.)  
Mlt. Perc. 2  
Perc. 1 (S.D.)  
Perc. 2

49 f 50 51 52 53 54 55 p



a tempo

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba St. Bass

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

61 **ff** 62 63 64 *p* **ff** 66

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba Str. Bass

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

67 68 *p* 70 71 72 *p*

*mp* *f*

*ff*

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73 Calmly 77 With warmth

Fls. 1 2 *mf*

Ob. Solo *mf*

Bsn. *mp*

Cls. 1 *mp*

2 3 *mp*

B. Cl. *mp*

A. Saxes 1 Ob. Solo *mf*

2 *mf* play

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

73 Calmly 77 With warmth

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 *mf*

Tbns. 1 2 *mf*

3 *mf*

Bar. / Euph. *mf*

Tuba St. Bass *mf*

Timp. (F, C, C<sup>1</sup>, D)

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1 *pp* *mf*

Perc. 2

73 *mf* 74 75 76 77 78 79 80



Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

B. Cl.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

*mf*  
tutti

*mf*

*mp*  
Soli

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba / St. Bass

*mf*

*mf*

*mp*

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Bells

*mp*

*pp* *mp*

93

Fls. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn. play  
*mf*

Cls. 1  
2  
3 *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

A. Saxes 1  
2 *mf*

T. Sax. *mp* *mf*

B. Sax. *mp* *mf*

93

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2 *mp* *mf*

Tbns. 1  
2  
3 *mf*

Bar. / Euph. *mp* *mf*

Tuba  
St. Bass *mp* *mf*

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1 *p* *mf*

Perc. 2 *p* *mf*

89 90 91 92 *p* *mf* 94 95 96 *p*

poco accel.

101 Grandioso (♩ = 62)

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

*mf* *ff* *tr*

poco accel.

101 Grandioso (♩ = 62)

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba St. Bass

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1 +Vibra. *mf* *ff*

Mlt. Perc. 2 *mf* *ff*

Perc. 1 *p* *ff*

Perc. 2 *ff*

97 *mf* 98 99 *p* 102





123

Fis. 1  
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

*mp*

*mf* *mp*

*mf* *mp*

*f* *mp*

*mf* *mp*

*mf* *mp*

*mf* *mp*

*mf* *mp*

*mf* *mp*

Solo, w/ woodwinds

123

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba  
St. Bass

*mp*

*mf* *mp*

*mp*

*mf* *mp*

*mf* *mp*

*mf* *mp*

*mf* *mp*

*mf* *mp*

*mf* *mp*

Timp.

Mlt. Perc. 1

Mlt. Perc. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Bells

*mp*

*mf* *mf*

*mf*

117 118 119 120 121 122 *p* *mf* 124 125

