CELTIC RITUAL AND DANCE

Mekel Rogers

Instrumentation

- 1 Full Score
- 8 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 2 Bassoon
- 10 Bb Clarinet
- 2 Bb Bass Clarinet
- 4 El Alto Saxophone
- 2 Bb Tenor Saxophone
- 2 Eb Baritone Saxophone
- 8 Bh Trumpet
- 4 F Horn
- 4 Trombone

- 2 Baritone / Euphonium
- 2 Baritone T.C
- 4 Tuba
- 1 String Bass
- 1 Timpani
- 2 Chimes (opt. Bells)
- 4 Snare Drum Bass Drum
- 2 Triangle Suspended Cymbal

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The Composer

Mekel Rogers has been involved in music education as a middle school band director since 1995. He is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Appalachian State University, a charter member of the Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps, and the founding conductor of the Union Symphony Youth Orchestra. Mekel is also active as a frequent guest clinician and adjudicator for both concert band and marching band events.

The compositions for concert band that Mekel has written for The FJH Music Company Inc. have received several Editor's Choice Awards from the J. W. Pepper Music Company. In addition, works written by Mekel have been performed nationwide at various district and state honor band events, music educator association conferences, adjudicated festivals, and the Midwest Clinic in Chicago. International performances include concert band festivals in Canada and Australia as well as world premieres in London, England and Paris, France.

Mekel was inducted into the American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA) in 2008 and is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP). He lives in North Carolina with his wife and daughter and performs occasionally with the Quintessence Wind Quintet.

About the Music

The Druids were the high-ranking religious leaders and political advisors of the ancient Celtic cultures dating back to at least the 3rd century BCE. *Celtic Ritual and Dance* is a musical depiction of the Druids in two short sections.

The opening eight measures should be played in a processional style with a sense of mystical reverence. Hold notes for full value and stagger breathe to avoid gaps in the sound. Pay attention to the full band cutoff of the sustained note in measures two and three to insure a clean release.

Measure nine begins the second section of the work. Although the dance is faster in tempo, the dignified ceremonial feel from the first section should be maintained. The second theme beginning in measure 20 should be played in a softer and more lyrical style to contrast with the first theme.

lenjoy composing music of substance for very young bands and hope that your students will enjoy performing Celtic Ritual and Dance.

- Mekel Rogers

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