

CONDUCTOR SCORE
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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score	1
Flute	
Oboe	2
1st B ^{J,} Clarinet	
2nd B ^{J,} Clarinet	
B ^{J,} Bass Clarinet	
Bassoon	2
E [}] Alto Saxophone	
B [,] Tenor Saxophone	2
E [}] Baritone Saxophone	
1st B [,] Trumpet	5
2nd B ^J , Trumpet	5
F Horn	
1st Trombone	3
2nd Trombone	3
Euphonium B.C	2
Euphonium T.C	2
Tuba	4
Mallet Percussion: Marimba	
Percussion 1: Snare Drum, Bass Drum	3
Percussion 2: Crash Cymbals	
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PROGRAM NOTE

Toward the end of WWII, both sides had amassed a great number of POWs. These soldiers were used as labor to build roads and bridges. To keep moral high, the POWs made up songs that were sung or whistled. These tunes made the work go faster and were used to communicate messages. The 'Spirit of '44" was written in honor of those valiant men and women of our greatest generation. Try whistling the melody. It might raise your spirits, too.

NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

The "spirit" of the piece is light, happy and tuneful. Please emphasize articulations and a unified approach to style. Dynamic contrasts are key to the overall effectiveness of the piece. Please reinforce dynamic contrast and balance throughout.

I hope that you and the band find "Spirit of '44" to be a valued part of your concert program. I wish you the best in each and every performance!

ABOUT THE COMPOSER



Bob Cotter began writing arrangements and compositions for the Largo High School Band in 1969 while attending Florida State University. He attended Florida State University for three years, enlisted in the Air Force, and completed his degree in Music Education at the University of South Florida. Bob began his teaching career in 1975. In 1979 he accepted a graduate assistant position at Northeast Louisiana University and received his Masters Degree in Music Education. After graduation, he was asked to remain at NLU as their Assistant Director of Bands.

Bob has enjoyed a distinguished career as an arranger and composer of marching band and concert band music with well over one hundred pieces published. He has had music published by Jenson Publications, Columbia Pictures/Belwin, William Allen, Counterpoint Publications, Kjos Music and RWS Music Company.

Bob has also produced some of the finest band programs in the country. Currently, he holds six state championship titles and three national titles. After 42 years in education, Bob retired from teaching and now owns Upstate Instrument Repair in Greer, SC. He holds honorary membership in Phi Mu Alpha, a life membership is Kappa Kappa Psi, and is active in NAfME, TBA, and TMEA.

Bob lives with his wife, Donna, and their two dogs, Kevin and Nelybel in Greer, SC.























