

CONDUCTOR SCORE
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Relay Race

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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score	1
Flute	
Oboe	2
B ^{J,} Clarinet	
B [,] Bass Clarinet	2
Bassoon	
E♭ Alto Saxophone	8
B ^b Tenor Saxophone	2
E ^{J,} Baritone Saxophone	2
B♭ Trumnet	10

F Horn	
Trombone	
Euphonium	
Euphonium T.C	
Tuba	
Mallet Percussion: Bells	
Timpani (opt.)	
Percussion 1: Snare Drum, Bass Drum	
Percussion 2: Triangle, Ride Cymbal	

PROGRAM NOTE

Listen close as we perform this crazy musical invention. See if you can pick out the melody as it is constantly being handed off from section to section. Try your best to keep up with us as we perform *Relay Race* by Brian Bankston!

NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

Keep the tempo as consistent as possible.

Be sure to interpret the staccato quarter notes as very short, light and separated. However, please ensure the tenuto quarter notes receive their full note value

Assign your most consistent percussionist to the ride cymbal part (with sticks). Direct the band to listen to that instrument for timing.

This piece is geared to teach the concept of well-balanced sections. As the melody moves from one section to the next, pay close attention to the balance. Please note the percussion section also passes around rhythmic ideas within their section. Direct them to balance that rhythmic conversation as well.

Direct your students to hold the last note for two full beats (off on 3) to create a nice full sonority on the ending. Encourage the students to relax and not over-blow the last note.

I hope Relay Race keeps your students entertained while focusing on the concept of balance. Good luck!

Brian Burkston

ABOUT THE COMPOSER



Brian Bankston – composer, arranger, educator, saxophonist and guitarist – resides in Gadsden, Alabama. The music of Brian Bankston draws from a large bag of rhythm, bass, harmony and melody that offers a variety of style and mood giving his compositions a unique signature. His compositions are designed to focus on the needs of young Concert Bands and Jazz Ensembles but acceptable for any level. He creates beautiful and exciting music within the grasp of any eager Beginning Band as well as music that will challenge a mature ensemble. His experience teaching music at all levels has given him the insight to invent fun, creative and playable works that present the fundamentals of music to students of all ages. Mr. Bankston received a Master of Music in saxophone performance with a concentration in composition and jazz studies from Eastern Illinois University and a Bachelor of Music Education from Jacksonville State University.





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