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#### INSTRUMENTATION

onductor Score	1	F Horn
lute		
boe		Euphonium
Glarinet		Euphonium T.C
		Tuba
assoon		Timpani
Alto Saxophone	8	Mallet Percussion: Bells, Chimes
Tenor Saxophone	2	Percussion 1: Triangle, Wind Chimes, Bass Drum
Baritone Saxophone		Percussion 2: Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal
Trumnet	10	

#### **PROGRAM NOTE**

**Friendship Hymn** is a lyrical work for band written to reflect on the significant connections we create with our animal friends...our pets. The love and companionship pets bring to our lives is one of the true joys of living. While a pet may rely on us for food, shelter and safety, we rely on them for so much more. Many understand their unconditional joy and love they share with us. Sadly, many also know the pain and grief of losing a pet as they quickly become dear friends and family to us all. **Friendship Hymn** is dedicated to pets of the past and present, thanking them for enriching us as humans, for however long we are lucky to have them with us.

#### **NOTES TO CONDUCTOR**

This piece is designed to introduce lyrical playing at a young age with your students. With simple rhythms and note choice, the focus truly can be on phrasing, tone quality, and playing expressively. Encourage listening across the ensemble to avoid over playing, while still achieving dynamic contrast that is written throughout. In particular, clarinets have moments where the ensemble leads to the section playing a single note unaccompanied, such as measures 10 and 24. Strive for very soft and sensitive playing in these measures.

To drive the composition, there are tempo variations indicated, such as the *accelerando* and *plu mosso* at measure 28. This allows students to understand natural fluctuation in expressive playing and reinforces the importance of watching the conductor.

I hope that *Friendship Hymn* sparks the loys of performing with emotion and expression with your youngest musicians. Best wishes for great success!

#### **ABOUT THE COMPOSER**



**Bryce Newton** (b. 1983) is an active arranger, composer, and music educator in the Dayton, Ohio area. He has been a high school and middle school band director since 2006, and is currently on the faculty of the Kettering City Schools in Kettering, Ohio, where he directs bands at the middle and high school levels. Bryce serves as a composer and arranger for marching bands throughout the country, and has written music for local television and radio in the greater Dayton, Ohio region.

Bryce holds a bachelor's degree in Music Education from Miami University (Oxford, Ohio), where he studied theory and arranging with composer David Shaffer.

Bryce and his wife Chelsey reside in Dayton, Ohio.





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