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## INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score .....	1	B $\flat$ Trumpet 1 .....	3
Alto Saxophone Solo .....	1	B $\flat$ Trumpet 2 .....	3
Piccolo .....	1	B $\flat$ Trumpet 3 .....	3
Flute 1 .....	5	F Horn 1 .....	2
Flute 2 .....	5	F Horn 2 .....	2
Oboe 1 .....	1	Trombone 1 .....	2
Oboe 2 .....	1	Trombone 2 .....	2
B $\flat$ Clarinet 1 .....	4	Trombone 3 .....	2
B $\flat$ Clarinet 2 .....	4	Euphonium B.C. ....	2
B $\flat$ Clarinet 3 .....	4	Euphonium T.C. ....	2
B $\flat$ Bass Clarinet .....	2	Tuba .....	4
E $\flat$ Contralto Clarinet .....	1	Piano .....	1
Bassoon 1-2 .....	2	Mallet Percussion: Bells .....	1
E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone 1 .....	3	Timpani .....	1
E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone 2 .....	3	Percussion: Suspended Cymbal, Triangle .....	2
B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone 1 .....	1		
B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone 2 .....	1		
E $\flat$ Baritone Saxophone .....	1		

## PROGRAM NOTE

The composer writes, "I have been fascinated with Henri Matisse and his creative approach for almost a lifetime. Having lived in France for 4 years as a young child, I became interested in his images and use of color and light in multiple mediums. As a young composer and almost 20 years later, I attended an exhibition of his work at the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C."

"During my visit to the National Gallery, I was able to fully experience the cycle and development of an artist's idea beginning with one of Matisse's paintings of a model seated in the south of France. After completing the one canvas, he asked the model to return to the exact location on subsequent days and at different times to fully explore the setting and light. The result was a series of canvases with the same model as the subject but with a different perspective and lighting on each visual image. Viewing that series of canvases provided an amazing journey through his creative process. Many times, it was not the original idea that was the most artistic. His best image was perhaps another canvas of the same idea yet somewhere down the artistic cycle where his creative thoughts had come full circle."

"With this three-movement work for saxophone and concert band, I explored three different images by Matisse. Beginning with "The Dance" (1909), the piece will progress to "The Blue Window" (1913). The final movement is based on "Portrait de famille - The Music Lesson" (1916). Each of these images speak to me on multiple levels. It is my hope the music will do the same for the saxophone soloist and their audience."

### Movement 2 "The Blue Window"

**The Blue Window** is a subdued departure from the artist's earlier, more colorful works. During this time of his life and career, Matisse was beginning to gain recognition for his work. Broadly conceived themes that allowed freedom of form and expression suited Matisse's method of working.

A major reason for the beauty of **The Blue Window** is the careful alignment of all elements of the painting. In addition, every aspect of the composition has a relationship with all others. The clarity that Matisse achieved here was in the form of structured vertical and horizontal bands and the cool blue palette that Matisse painted over other sheets of color.

Although intellectually sophisticated, Matisse always emphasized the importance of instinct when producing art. He argued that colors, shapes, and lines should dictate how they might be employed in relation to one another and that an artist didn't have complete control over color and form. He often shared his delight in abandoning himself to the forces of color and design.



## NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

The piano plays an important role in this work. Please use a concert grand if possible. In addition, position the piano for musical presence and connection with the soloist.

*Three Conversations With Matisse* was composed for a consortium of gifted saxophone artists under the leadership of Dr. Dave Camwell. I offer my sincere thanks and eternal gratitude to the members of the consortium for the opportunity to collaborate on this very special musical endeavor. The consortium includes the following saxophone artists:

Dave Camwell  
Stephen Page  
Jessica Voigt-Page  
Sean Garde  
Mark McArthur  
Noah Bruening  
Hayley Plauger  
Bryan Polacek  
Jeremy Koch  
Wyatt Anderson  
Michael Bovenzi  
Rulon Brown  
Lincoln Havranek  
Cory Barnfield  
Scott Sandberg  
James Miglia  
Dan Ferri

Rad Bolt  
Neal Postma  
Diane Hunger  
Kim Bain  
Gail B Levinsky  
Brian Kauth  
Sara Whipple  
Dannel Espinoza  
Matt Evans  
Jeff Humphrey  
Cary Jacobs  
Christopher Gugel  
Mike Wilson  
Matthew Younglove  
Xin Gao  
Tiffany Wurth  
Joe Murphy

Best wishes to all for a wonderful performance!



## ABOUT THE COMPOSER



**Robert W. Smith** (b. 1958) is one of the most popular and prolific composers in America today. He has over 600 publications in print with the majority composed and arranged through his long association with Warner Bros. Publications and the Belwin catalog.

Mr. Smith's credits include many compositions and productions in all areas of the music field. His original works for winds and percussion have been programmed by countless military, university, high school, and middle school bands throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia, South America and Asia. His *Symphony #1 (The Divine Comedy)*, *Symphony #2 (The Odyssey)*, *Symphony #3 (Don Quixote)*, *Inchon* and *Africa: Ceremony, Song and Ritual* have received worldwide critical acclaim. His educational compositions such as *The Tempest*, *Encanto*, and *The Great Locomotive Chase* have become standards for developing bands throughout the world.

Mr. Smith's music has received extensive airplay on major network television as well as inclusion in multiple motion pictures. From professional ensembles such as the United States Navy Band, United States Air Force Band, Boston Pops and the Atlanta Symphony to school bands and orchestras throughout the world, his music speaks to audiences in any concert setting. As a conductor, clinician and keynote speaker, Mr. Smith has performed throughout North America, Asia, South America, Europe and Australia. His music has been recorded by various ensembles and is available on CD and download through iTunes, Amazon, and other recorded music outlets.

Mr. Smith is the President/CEO of RWS Music Company, exclusively distributed through C. L. Barnhouse. In addition, he is currently teaching in the Music Industry program at Troy University in Troy, Alabama. His teaching responsibilities are focused in music composition, production, publishing and business.

for the Matisse Saxophone Consortium coordinated by Dave Camwell

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## Conductor Score

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Robert W. Smith (ASCAP)

Gently ♩ = 84 - 88

*rit.*

Alto Saxophone Solo

Piccolo

Flute 1

Flute 2

Oboe 1

Oboe 2

B♭ Clarinet 1

B♭ Clarinet 2

B♭ Clarinet 3

B♭ Bass Clarinet

E♭ Contralto Clarinet

Bassoon 1-2

E♭ Alto Saxophone 1

E♭ Alto Saxophone 2

B♭ Tenor Saxophone 1

B♭ Tenor Saxophone 2

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

Gently ♩ = 84 - 88

*rit.*

B♭ Trumpet 1

B♭ Trumpet 2

B♭ Trumpet 3

F Horn 1

F Horn 2

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Trombone 3

Euphonium B.C.

Tuba

Piano

Mallet Percussion

Bells

Timpani

F, G, A, D

Percussion

Suspended Cymbal

Triangle

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9 *a tempo*

A. Sax. Solo *mf* *dim.*

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Clar. 1

Clar. 2

Clar. 3

B. Cl.

C. Alt. Cl.

Bsn. 1-2

A. Sax 1

A. Sax 2

T. Sax 1

T. Sax 2

B. Sax

9 *a tempo*

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F. Hn. 1

F. Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph. B.C.

Tuba

Pno. *mp*

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc.

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

A. Sax. Solo *rit.*  
*mp*

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Clar. 1

Clar. 2

Clar. 3

B. Cl.

C. Alt. Cl.

Bsn. 1-2

A. Sax 1

A. Sax 2

T. Sax 1

T. Sax 2

B. Sax

Trpt. 1 *rit.*

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F. Hn. 1

F. Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph. B.C.

Tuba

Pno.

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. *Sus. Cym.*  
*p*

**25** *a tempo*

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Score page 8, featuring various instruments and a large red watermark reading "Preview Use Requires Purchase".

Instruments listed on the left:

- A. Sax. Solo
- Picc.
- Fl. 1
- Fl. 2
- Ob. 1
- Ob. 2
- Clar. 1
- Clar. 2
- Clar. 3
- B. Cl.
- C. Alt. Cl.
- Bsn. 1-2
- A. Sax 1
- A. Sax 2
- T. Sax 1
- T. Sax 2
- B. Sax
- Trpt. 1
- Trpt. 2
- Trpt. 3
- F. Hn. 1
- F. Hn. 2
- Tbn. 1
- Tbn. 2
- Tbn. 3
- Euph. B.C.
- Tuba
- Pno.
- Mlt.
- Timp.
- Perc.

Measure numbers at the bottom: 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40.



**41 With Motion** ♩ = 92 - 96

*opt. ad lib.*

*rit.*

A. Sax. Solo *mf*

Picc. *mp*

Fl. 1 *mp*

Fl. 2 *mp*

Ob. 1 *mp*

Ob. 2 *mp*

Clar. 1 *mp*

Clar. 2 *mp*

Clar. 3 *mp*

B. Cl. *mp*

C. Alt. Cl. *mp*

Bsn. 1-2 *mp* *Tutti*

A. Sax 1 *mp*

A. Sax 2 *mp*

T. Sax 1 *mp*

T. Sax 2 *mp*

B. Sax *mp*

**41 With Motion** ♩ = 92 - 96

*rit.*

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F. Hn. 1 *mp* *stagger breathe*

F. Hn. 2 *mp* *stagger breathe*

Tbn. 1 *mp* *stagger breathe*

Tbn. 2 *mp* *stagger breathe*

Tbn. 3 *mp* *stagger breathe*

Euph. B.C. *mp* *stagger breathe*

Tuba *mp* *stagger breathe*

Pno. *mf*

Mlt.

Timp. *mf* *p*

Perc. *mp* *p*

49

*a tempo*

A. Sax. Solo *f*

Picc. *tr* (half step trill)

FL 1 *mf* *tr* (half step trill)

FL 2 *mf* *tr* (half step trill)

Ob. 1 *mf* *tr* (half step trill)

Ob. 2 *mf* *tr* (half step trill)

Clar. 1 *mf*

Clar. 2 *mf*

Clar. 3 *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

C. Alt. Cl. *mf*

Bsn. 1-2 *mf*

A. Sax 1 *mf*

A. Sax 2 *mf*

T. Sax 1 *mf*

T. Sax 2 *mf*

B. Sax *mf*

49 *a tempo*  
Harmon Mute

Trpt. 1 *mf*

Trpt. 2 *mf*

Trpt. 3 *mf*

F. Hn. 1 *mf*

F. Hn. 2 *mf*

Tbn. 1 *mf*

Tbn. 2 *mf*

Tbn. 3 *mf*

Euph. B.C. *mf*

Tuba *mf*

Pno. *f*

Mlt. *mf*

Timp.

Perc. *mf* Triangle

61 Gently ♩ = 84 - 88

*rit.*

A. Sax. Solo

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Clar. 1

Clar. 2

Clar. 3

B. Cl.

C. Alt. Cl.

Bsn. 1-2

A. Sax 1

A. Sax 2

T. Sax 1

T. Sax 2

B. Sax

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F. Hn. 1

F. Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph. B.C.

Tuba

Pno.

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc.

*rubato*

*mp*

*f*

*p*

*mf*

*pp*

57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64

65

*a tempo*  
*opt. ad lib. to end*

Score for measures 65 to 73, marked *a tempo* and *opt. ad lib. to end*. The score includes parts for various instruments and a large red watermark reading "Preview Only Requires Purchase".

**Measures 65-73:**

- A. Sax. Solo:** Features a melodic line with a *cresc.* (crescendo) leading into a *dim.* (diminuendo) section.
- Clar. 1, 2, 3:** Play a sustained note, with dynamics *p* (piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte).
- B. Cl.:** Play a melodic line with dynamics *p* and *mf*.
- C. Alt. Cl.:** Play a sustained note with dynamics *p* and *mf*.
- Bsn. 1-2:** Solo part with a *mp* (mezzo-piano) dynamic.
- Piano:** Accompanying part with a *mp* dynamic.
- Drums:** Includes a *p* (piano) dynamic and a *D to C* (Drum to Cymbal) transition.

**Measures 65-73:**

65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73

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A. Sax. Solo

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Clar. 1

Clar. 2

Clar. 3

B. CL.

C. Alt. CL.

Bsn. 1-2

A. Sax 1

A. Sax 2

T. Sax 1

T. Sax 2

B. Sax

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

F. Hn. 1

F. Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph. B.C.

Tuba

Pno.

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc.

74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83





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