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VOICES IN THE SHADOWS

Brian Balmages

Instrumentation

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8 - Violin 2
5 - Violin 3 (Viola T.C.)
5 - Viola
5 - Violoncello
5 - Double Bass
1 - Piano

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The Composer



Brian Balmages (b. 1975) is an award-winning composer, conductor, producer, and performer. He holds a bachelor's degree in music from James Madison University and a master's degree from the University of Miami in Florida. His compositions have been performed worldwide at the state, national and international level. His active schedule of commissions and premieres has incorporated groups ranging from elementary schools to professional ensembles, including the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Miami Symphony Orchestra, University of Miami Wind Ensemble, Boston Brass, and the Dominion Brass Ensemble. In 2012, Mr. Balmages received the prestigious Albert Austin Harding Award from the American School Band Directors Association. He is also a 2010 winner of the Harvey G. Phillips Award for Compositional Excellence, presented by the International Tuba-Euphonium Association.

As a conductor, Mr. Balmages enjoys engagements with numerous all-state and regional honor bands and orchestras along with university and professional groups. Notable guest conducting appearances have included the Midwest Clinic, Western International Band Clinic, National Association for Music Educators, American School Band Directors Association, CBDNA, the Kennedy Center, and Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor of Instrumental Conducting and Acting Symphonic Band Director at Towson University in Maryland.

Currently, Mr. Balmages is the Director of Instrumental Publications for The FJH Music Company Inc. in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He resides in Baltimore with his wife Lisa and their two sons.

About the Music

I have always been intrigued with the idea of voices that seemingly come from nowhere. This overlaps with moments when I “think I hear something” but cannot identify where, what, who or even how. *Voices in the Shadows* explores the idea of a single pitch (G) that sounds for the entire work (literally sustained from the first note until the final release) and takes on various roles throughout. At times, it is the focus of the work. At other moments, it is obscured in a series of complex harmonies; however, even in these cases, it still plays a vital harmonic role. An entire analysis of the piece takes the pitch through the following tonalities: G minor - G Major - C Major - G Major - (E $\flat$ Major) - C Major. Obviously, G is common to all of these tonalities and enables the note to sound throughout, even when the harmonies are altered and shifted.

The first presence of the main melodic material occurs at measure 24 and is developed throughout the rest of the work. Transitional material provides a moment of unrest (marked *agitato*) as the harmonies slowly shift upward in half steps before a broad and powerful statement of the melody pulls the piece into the key of C Major for the first time. This tonality is short-lived, as the piece quickly moves back to G Major and continues to exist there until a brief flirtation with E $\flat$, and ultimately coming to rest back in the key of C.

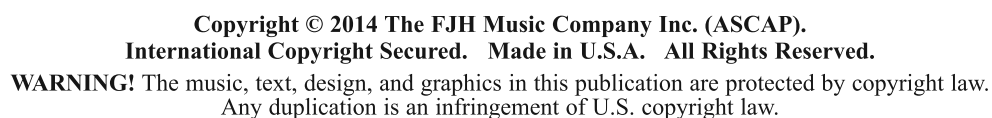
At measure 45, members of the orchestra are asked to sing a G on the syllable “ahh” in their middle / upper register (it does not have to be in the same octave, but should not be in a low octave). They continue to do this even while playing. During the penultimate chord, they should subtly switch to a hum so it is much more ethereal. The concept is that they enter the chord on “ahh” but then the chord is released, and the audience is left with only the sound of soft humming. The humming then gradually fades out before the final release.

Voices in the Shadows was commissioned by the Bridle Path / Montgomery Elementary School Select String Ensemble in Landsdale, Pennsylvania. It was premiered at the 2013 Midwest Clinic under the baton of their conductor, Ralph Jackson.

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(ASCAP)

This musical score is for measures 8 through 13 of the piece 'The Rose Tree'. The score is written for a string quartet (Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Violoncello) and a Double Bass (D.B.), with a Piano accompaniment at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, dynamics (pp, mf, p, mp), and articulation marks (div., stagger bow). The Piano part features triplet patterns in measures 12 and 13. A large red watermark 'Legal Use Required' is overlaid diagonally across the score.



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Score for measures 14 to 17. The score includes parts for Violin 1, Violin 2, Violin 3 (Vla. T.C.), Viola, Violoncello, Double Bass, and Piano.

Measure 14: Violin 1 has a whole note chord (F4, C5). Violin 2, Violin 3, Viola, and Violoncello have whole notes (F3, C3). Double Bass has a whole note (F2). Piano has a triplet of eighth notes (F4, C5, F4).

Measure 15: Violin 1 has a whole note chord (F4, C5). Violin 2, Violin 3, Viola, and Violoncello have whole notes (F3, C3). Double Bass has a whole note (F2). Piano has a triplet of eighth notes (F4, C5, F4).

Measure 16: Violin 1 has a whole note chord (F4, C5). Violin 2, Violin 3, Viola, and Violoncello have whole notes (F3, C3). Double Bass has a whole note (F2). Piano has a triplet of eighth notes (F4, C5, F4).

Measure 17: Violin 1 has a whole note chord (F4, C5). Violin 2, Violin 3, Viola, and Violoncello have whole notes (F3, C3). Double Bass has a whole note (F2). Piano has a triplet of eighth notes (F4, C5, F4).

Score for measures 18 to 23. The score includes parts for Violin 1, Violin 2, Violin 3 (Vla. T.C.), Viola, Violoncello, Double Bass, and Piano.

Measure 18: Violin 1 has a whole note chord (F4, C5) marked *tutti* and *p*. Violin 2, Violin 3, Viola, and Violoncello have whole notes (F3, C3) marked *p*. Violoncello and Double Bass have whole notes (F3, C3) marked *mp*. Piano has a triplet of eighth notes (F4, C5, F4) marked *mp*.

Measure 19: Violin 1 has a whole note chord (F4, C5) marked *p*. Violin 2, Violin 3, Viola, and Violoncello have whole notes (F3, C3) marked *p*. Violoncello and Double Bass have whole notes (F3, C3) marked *mp*. Piano has a triplet of eighth notes (F4, C5, F4) marked *mp*.

Measure 20: Violin 1 has a whole note chord (F4, C5) marked *p*. Violin 2, Violin 3, Viola, and Violoncello have whole notes (F3, C3) marked *p*. Violoncello and Double Bass have whole notes (F3, C3) marked *mp*. Piano has a triplet of eighth notes (F4, C5, F4) marked *mp*.

Measure 21: Violin 1 has a whole note chord (F4, C5) marked *p*. Violin 2, Violin 3, Viola, and Violoncello have whole notes (F3, C3) marked *p*. Violoncello and Double Bass have whole notes (F3, C3) marked *mp*. Piano has a triplet of eighth notes (F4, C5, F4) marked *mp*.

Measure 22: Violin 1 has a whole note chord (F4, C5) marked *p*. Violin 2, Violin 3, Viola, and Violoncello have whole notes (F3, C3) marked *p*. Violoncello and Double Bass have whole notes (F3, C3) marked *mp*. Piano has a triplet of eighth notes (F4, C5, F4) marked *mp*.

Measure 23: Violin 1 has a whole note chord (F4, C5) marked *p*. Violin 2, Violin 3, Viola, and Violoncello have whole notes (F3, C3) marked *p*. Violoncello and Double Bass have whole notes (F3, C3) marked *mp*. Piano has a triplet of eighth notes (F4, C5, F4) marked *mp*.

24 *piú mosso*

Vln. 1 *pp*
 Vln. 2 *pp*
 Vln. 3 (Vla. T.C.) *pp* stagger bow
 Vla. *pp* stagger bow
 Vcl. *pp* div. *p*
 D.B. *pp* *pizz.* *p*
 Piano *p*

25 27

31 *agitato*

Vln. 1 *mf*
 Vln. 2 *mf*
 Vln. 3 (Vla. T.C.) *mf*
 Vla. *mf*
 Vcl. *mf* *pizz.* *arco*
 D.B. *mf*
 Piano

28 29 30

38 **Brillante**

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This musical score page contains measures 46 through 49 of the piece 'The Rose Tree'. The score is written for a full orchestra and includes the following parts:

- Vln. 1**: Violin 1, Treble clef, key of B-flat major. Measure 46 has a whole note B-flat with the vocal line 'ahh...'. Measure 47 has a whole note B-flat with the instruction 'con sordino'. Measure 48 has a half note B-flat with the instruction 'p' (piano). Measure 49 has a whole note B-flat with the instruction 'con sordino'.
- Vln. 2**: Violin 2, Treble clef, key of B-flat major. Measure 46 has a whole note B-flat with the vocal line 'ahh...'. Measure 47 has a whole note B-flat with the instruction 'con sordino'. Measure 48 has a half note B-flat with the instruction 'p' (piano). Measure 49 has a whole note B-flat with the instruction 'con sordino'.
- Vln. 3 (Vla. T.C.)**: Violin 3 / Viola Contralto, Treble clef, key of B-flat major. Measure 46 has a whole note B-flat with the vocal line 'ahh...'. Measure 47 has a whole note B-flat with the instruction 'con sordino'. Measure 48 has a half note B-flat with the instruction 'p' (piano). Measure 49 has a whole note B-flat with the instruction 'con sordino'.
- Vla.**: Viola, Treble clef, key of B-flat major. Measure 46 has a whole note B-flat with the vocal line 'ahh...'. Measure 47 has a whole note B-flat with the instruction 'con sordino'. Measure 48 has a half note B-flat with the instruction 'p' (piano). Measure 49 has a whole note B-flat with the instruction 'con sordino'.
- Vcl.**: Violoncello, Bass clef, key of B-flat major. Measure 46 has a whole note B-flat with the instruction 'p' (piano). Measure 47 has a whole note B-flat with the instruction 'con sordino'. Measure 48 has a half note B-flat with the instruction 'p' (piano). Measure 49 has a whole note B-flat with the instruction 'con sordino'.
- D.B.**: Double Bass, Bass clef, key of B-flat major. Measure 46 has a whole note B-flat with the instruction 'p' (piano). Measure 47 has a whole note B-flat with the instruction 'con sordino'. Measure 48 has a half note B-flat with the instruction 'p' (piano). Measure 49 has a whole note B-flat with the instruction 'con sordino'.
- Piano**: Piano, Treble and Bass clefs, key of B-flat major. Measure 46 has a whole note B-flat with the instruction 'p' (piano). Measure 47 has a whole note B-flat with the instruction 'con sordino'. Measure 48 has a half note B-flat with the instruction 'p' (piano). Measure 49 has a whole note B-flat with the instruction 'con sordino'.

The score includes various performance instructions such as 'con sordino' (with mutes) and 'p' (piano). The vocal lines are marked with 'ahh...' in measures 46 and 47. The score is marked with measure numbers 46, 47, 48, and 49 at the bottom. A large red watermark 'Legal Use' is visible across the page.

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