



IRISH JUNKYARD JAM

for string quartet and string orchestra

Brian Balmages

Instrumentation

1 - Conductor's Full Score
1 - Solo Violin 1
1 - Solo Violin 2
1 - Solo Viola
1 - Solo Violoncello
8 - Violin 1
8 - Violin 2
5 - Viola
5 - Violoncello
5 - Double Bass
1 - Harp (opt.)

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The Composer

Brian Balmages (b. 1975) is an award-winning composer, conductor, producer, and performer. The music he has written for winds, brass, and orchestra has been performed throughout the world with commissions ranging from elementary schools to professional orchestras. World premieres include prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, and Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. His music was also performed as part of the 2013 Presidential Inaugural Prayer Service, which was attended by both President Obama and Vice President Biden. He received his bachelor's degree in music from James Madison University and his master's degree from the University of Miami in Florida. He is a recipient of the prestigious A. Austin Harding Award from the American School Band Directors Association and in 2016 was awarded the James Madison University Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Visual and Performing Arts (the first year the award was given). In the same year, he was commissioned by his other alma mater, the University of Miami, to compose music for the inauguration of the institution's 6th president, Dr. Julio Frenk.

As a conductor, Mr. Balmages enjoys regular engagements with all-state and region bands and orchestras, as well as university and professional ensembles throughout the world. Notable guest conducting appearances have included the Midwest Clinic, Western International Band Clinic, College Band Directors Conference, American School Band Directors Association National Conference and others. Additional conducting appearances have included the Kennedy Center and Meyerhoff Symphony Hall as well as engagements in Australia, Canada and Italy. Currently, he is Director of Instrumental Publications for The FJH Music Company and Assistant Director of Bands and Orchestras at Towson University.

About the Music

The inspiration for this piece came after a conversation with commissioner Jason Kneebone (conductor of the Mountain View High School Chamber Orchestra in California). He had written a grant proposal for innovative learning and was brainstorming ideas to add that special innovation component to a commission that otherwise would have been relatively low tech. He ultimately got in touch with a local 3D design engineer and came up with the idea to feature a 3D printed string quartet with string orchestra. At the time, neither of us was sure as to what the instruments would ultimately sound like, and he was playing around with the idea of making them electric with some form of pickup. Thus began the process of writing a piece for four string instruments that no one had ever heard!

As I began formulating concepts, I found out that the group was going to be touring Ireland the following year. I immediately started thinking of Irish music, and the idea of a "junkyard-style" piece flooded into my mind. In essence, I pictured a few musicians walking into a junkyard in Ireland. One by one, they find some scrap instruments, pick them up, and start playing. Eventually, they start to develop a groove and are joined by the rest of the orchestra (I have no idea how the rest of the orchestra wound up in the junkyard, but just go with it). While the piece is not based on a specific Irish folksong, it draws on elements ranging from a traditional pub band to Irish stepdance.

The soloists can play on electronic or acoustic instruments (similar to my *Urban Concerto Grosso*). Directors may even want to include some staging (such as having just 1 or 2 soloists on stage to begin, then the others coming out to join them as their parts begin). More than anything, the piece needs to feel alive and fun!

Irish Junkyard Jam was commissioned by the Mountain View High School Chamber Orchestra (Jason Kneebone, conductor) in Mountain View, California.

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Allegro (♩ = 126)

Score for Solo Violin 1, Solo Violin 2, Solo Viola, Solo Violoncello, Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Violoncello, Double Bass, and Harp (opt.).

Measures 1-7. Solo Violin 2 has a *mp* marking at measure 1. The bottom staff shows the key signature: D C B | E F# G A.

Score for S. Vln. 1, S. Vln. 2, S. Vla., S. Vcl., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B., and Hp.

Measures 8-14. S. Vln. 1 has a *mp* marking at measure 12. S. Vln. 2 has a *sim* marking at measure 9. The bottom staff shows the key signature: D C B | E F# G A.

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S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vel.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vel.

D.B.

Hp.

15 16 17 18 19 20 21

25

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vel.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vel.

D.B.

Hp.

22 23 24 25 26 27 28

S. Vln. 1
 S. Vln. 2
 S. Vla.
 S. Vcl.
 Vln. 1
 Vln. 2
 Vla.
 Vcl.
 D.B.
 Hp.

Musical score for measures 36-42. The score includes parts for S. Vln. 1, S. Vln. 2, S. Vla., S. Vcl., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B., and Hp. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'Allegretto'. The score shows various musical notations including eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests. Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *p* (piano). A large red watermark 'Legal Use Required' is overlaid on the score.

Score for measures 43 to 48. The score includes parts for S. Vln. 1, S. Vln. 2, S. Vla., S. Vcl., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B., and Hp. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The score features various dynamics and articulations, including *sim.*, *pizz.*, *mf*, *mp*, and *2*.

Measures 43 to 48 are shown. The score includes parts for S. Vln. 1, S. Vln. 2, S. Vla., S. Vcl., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B., and Hp. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The score features various dynamics and articulations, including *sim.*, *pizz.*, *mf*, *mp*, and *2*.

Score for measures 49 to 53. The score includes parts for S. Vln. 1, S. Vln. 2, S. Vla., S. Vcl., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B., and Hp. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The score features various dynamics and articulations, including *mf*, *f*, *arco*, and *4*.

Measures 49 to 53 are shown. The score includes parts for S. Vln. 1, S. Vln. 2, S. Vla., S. Vcl., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B., and Hp. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The score features various dynamics and articulations, including *mf*, *f*, *arco*, and *4*.

S. Vln. 1
S. Vln. 2
S. Vla.
S. Vcl.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vcl.
D.B.
Hp.

54 55 56 57 58 59

61
S. Vln. 1
S. Vln. 2
S. Vla.
S. Vcl.
Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vcl.
D.B.
Hp.

60 61 62 63 64

Score for measures 65 to 70. The score includes parts for S. Vln. 1, S. Vln. 2, S. Vla., S. Vcl., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B., and Hp. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is 6/8. The score features a large red watermark reading "Preview Use Requires Purchase".

Measures 65 to 70 are shown. The score includes parts for S. Vln. 1, S. Vln. 2, S. Vla., S. Vcl., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B., and Hp. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is 6/8. The score features a large red watermark reading "Preview Use Requires Purchase".

Score for measures 76 to 81. The score includes parts for S. Vln. 1, S. Vln. 2, S. Vla., S. Vcl., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B., and Hp. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is 6/8. The score features a large red watermark reading "Preview Use Requires Purchase".

Measures 76 to 81 are shown. The score includes parts for S. Vln. 1, S. Vln. 2, S. Vla., S. Vcl., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B., and Hp. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is 6/8. The score features a large red watermark reading "Preview Use Requires Purchase".

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

mp

mp

stagger bow

stagger bow

stagger bow

stagger bow

stagger bow

p

77 78 79 80 81 82

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

86

83 84 85 86 87 88

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

89

90

91

92

93

94

div.

div.

p

p

100

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

95

96

97

98

99

100

mp

mp

mp

non div.

mp

mp

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

101 102 103 104 105 106

mp

mp

div.

div.

p

p

mp

div.

mp

mp

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

107 108 109 110 111 112

mp

mp

p

p

110

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

113 114 115 116 117 118

120

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

119 120 121 122 123 124 125

126 127 128 129 130 131 132

[illegible]

Score for measures 140 to 146. The score includes parts for S. Vln. 1, S. Vln. 2, S. Vla., S. Vcl., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B., and Hp. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo/mood is marked *cresc. poco a poco*. The dynamic markings are *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). The score shows a gradual increase in volume and intensity across the measures.

Measures 140 to 146 are shown. The score includes parts for S. Vln. 1, S. Vln. 2, S. Vla., S. Vcl., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B., and Hp. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo/mood is marked *cresc. poco a poco*. The dynamic markings are *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). The score shows a gradual increase in volume and intensity across the measures.

Score for measures 147 to 153. The score includes parts for S. Vln. 1, S. Vln. 2, S. Vla., S. Vcl., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B., and Hp. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo/mood is marked *cresc. poco a poco*. The dynamic markings are *f* (forte), *mp* (mezzo-piano), and *fp* (fortissimo-piano). The score shows a gradual increase in volume and intensity across the measures.

Measures 147 to 153 are shown. The score includes parts for S. Vln. 1, S. Vln. 2, S. Vla., S. Vcl., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., D.B., and Hp. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo/mood is marked *cresc. poco a poco*. The dynamic markings are *f* (forte), *mp* (mezzo-piano), and *fp* (fortissimo-piano). The score shows a gradual increase in volume and intensity across the measures.

161 162 163 164 165 166 167

168

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

mp

sim.

168 169 170 171 172 173

2

174 175 176 177 178 179

180

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

180 181 182 183 184 185

189

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

186 187 188 189 190

196

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

191192193194195196

202

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

197198199200201202203

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

mp cresc. poco a poco

mf cresc. poco a poco

mf cresc. poco a poco

218 219 220 221 222 223

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

224 225 226 227 228 229 230

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

231 232 233 234 235 236 237

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

238 239 240 241 242 243

243

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

244 245 246 248

opt. 8va

251

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

mp

stagger bow

ff

249 250 251 252 253 254

261

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

sim.

mp

mp

255 256 257 258 259 260 261 262

268

S. Vln. 1

S. Vln. 2

S. Vla.

S. Vcl.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Hp.

mp

p

p

p

p

V

263 264 265 266 267 268 269

The musical score is divided into two systems. The first system includes parts for S. Vln. 1, S. Vln. 2, S. Vla., and S. Vel. The second system includes parts for Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vel., D.B., and Hp. The score is for measures 270 through 276. A large red watermark 'Preview Only Purchase' is overlaid diagonally across the score.

62 277 278 280 281 282 283 284

pp *let ring* dampen *f*