Belwin Beginning Band Kit #1

A Complete Concert Including
MOUNT ST. HELENS, CLASSY CLARINETS,
AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL and AS THE CLOCK STRIKES

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INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B♭ Clarinet
- 2 B Bass Clarinet
- 6 El Alto Saxophone
- 4 By Tenor Saxophone
- 2 El Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B Trumpet
- 4 F Horn
- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon

- 2 Baritone Treble Clef (World Part Trombone in B) Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba
- 1 Optional Piano
- 1 Mallet Percussion (Bells)
- 1 Optional Timpani
- 2 Percussion 1 (Snare Drum/Bass Drum)
- 4 Percussion 2 (Tenor Drum, Triangle Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals)

WORLD PARTS

Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in E

Trombone/Baritone in B Bass Clef

Tuba in E♭ Bass Clef

Tuba in El Treble Clef

Tuba in B Bass Clef

Tuba in B, Treble Clef





This publication contains four independent compositions for beginning concert band at a Grade 1 level. The selections are composed of musical skills that are taught in the first year of a band method. They can be performed as a concert or individually with other selections. And inasmuch as the musical lines are doubled extensively, the compositions will sound full with just the basic instrumentation: flute, clarinet, alto sax, trumpet (cornet), trombone, and percussion. An optional piano part is included for teachers who teach from the keyboard.

MOUNT ST. HELENS

PROGRAM NOTES

"Mount St. Helens" is a descriptive overture that musically portrays the famous volcano of the northwest U.S. The parts are titled "The Massive Structure," "The Tranquil Giant," and "The Active Volcano: Eruption and Release."

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Measures 1-8 are two-measure phrases depicting the strength of this mountain. Make this section dramatic, and don't hurry through it. At measure 9, a lyrical theme is introduced, giving a sense of serenity despite the threat of an eruption. Balance is important here. At measure 24, the bass line is the first evidence of possible doom. Bring out the dissonance in the trumpet and flute lines (and their doubles) in this section. The build-up to the eruption at measure 43 should be gradual and consistent, with the release at measure 48 bringing a ritardando in tempo to the final cadence.

CLASSY CLARINETS

PROGRAM NOTES

"Classy Clarinets" features the clarinet section. The theme has a happy sound with a running melody in the beautiful low register of the instrument. The remaining band members answer the melody following each statement for a pleasant give-and-take

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This piece features the clarinet section in a question-and-answer style. The tempo is listed at J=104, but the selection should be performed at the tempo best suited for your clarinet performers. Balance is important throughout, and the full band sections should be performed lightly in style. Strive for a nice full sound at measure 83, the final statement.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

PROGRAM NOTES

"America the Beautiful" is one of our nation's most beloved melodies. Other well-known patriotic songs, such as "America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)" and "The Star-Spangled Banner," use melodies from England, but this melody boasts an American composer. "America the Beautiful" speaks of the grandeur of our country—its spacious skies, waves of grain, purple mountain majesties, and fruited plains—from sea to shining sea.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

In this arrangement of this majestic melody, the timpani and suspended cymbal start the first measure. If these instruments are not in your instrumentation, start the band with the pickup quarter note on the fourth beat of the first measure. A lyrical approach to the performance of this piece will bring a nice musical effect. Percussion parts should be performed with care and thought. The snare drum should accompany, not dominate, the melody. Investigate different places on the drumhead that produce a nice light tone and crispness.

AS THE CLOCK STRIKES

PROGRAM NOTES

If you have a grandfather clock or have been in the vicinity of a clock on a church steeple, you will recognize the familiar chimes that occur at each quarter hour. This spirited march gives the listener a new perspective on these famous phrases of musical timekeeping.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

"As the Clock Strikes" is a concert march and should be performed in the typical march style. Although the parts are not littered with accent marks, the notes should be separated and accented on your command. At measure 139, the chimes of a clock sound. If your organization has a set of chimes, this instrument may be substituted for the bells part, giving the authentic sound of a grandfather clock or steeple clock

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III. America the Beautiful













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