

Planets in Motion

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INSTRUMENTATION

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

- 2 Baritone Treble Clef
 - (World Part Trombone in B) Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba
- 1 Mallet Percussion (Bells)
- 1 Optional Timpani (Tune: B¹, E¹)
- 2 Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- 2 Percussion
 - (Crash Cymbals or Suspended Cymbawith Snare Drum stick Triangle)

WORLD PARTS

Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in Ex

Trombone/Baritone in Bass Cle

Tuba in E Bass Clef

Tuba in E₁ Treble Clef

Tuba in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in By Treble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

The title of this piece and its inspiration are derived from Kepler's Laws of Planetary Motion. Johannes Kepler tried to use mathematics to prove that the planets orbit around the sun. Using the observations made by his employer, Tycho Brahe, Kepler found that planets travel around the sun in oval-shaped orbits called ellipses and that they move faster when they are closer to the sun. He also did work related to the time it takes for a planet to complete an orbit around the sun. The composer of this work sees the students as planets in orbit, moving faster when being schooled and creating knowledge with time.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Work on balance throughout. All notes are to be played long. Make sure that the dynamic levels are followed correctly. Bring out the estinate mallet part at measure 14 and then later at measure 38. The bell part may also be doubled on other mallet instruments such as xylophone.

At rehearsal number 22, there is a very simple syncopation figure in the trumpet, tenor saxophone, and horn part. Although beats 2 and 4 are accented, they should not be overemphasized.

At measures 26 through 29 and 34 through 35, bring out the lower sounding instruments. Everyone should strive to hear the tuba and bass clarinet. Check intonation throughout, specifically in the low brass and woodwinds as the parts are written in octaves.

I know that *Planets in Motion* will leave a lasting impression with your very young musicians.





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FULL SCORE Approx. Duration - 1:45 By Victor López (ASCAP)



















