

Scirocco

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INSTRUMENTATION

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

- 2 Baritone Treble Clef (World Part Trombone in B¹ Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba
- 2 Mallet Percussion (Chimes/Bells)
- 1 Optional Timpani (Tune: B¹, C)
- 3 Percussion 1

(Snare Drum/Shaker, Bass Drum)

4 Percussion 2

(Suspended Cymbal/Woodblock/Cowbell, Triangle/Tambourine/Wind Chimes)

WORLD PART

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Horn in E

Trombone/Baritone in Blass Cle

Tuba in El Bass Clet

Tuba in El Treble Clef

Tuba in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in Barreble Cle

PROGRAM NOTES

The title of this piece, *Scirocco*, comes from the name given to a Mediterranean wind that originates as a dry and dusty breeze in the Sahara Desert, accumulates moisture and velocity as it crosses the Mediterranean Sea, and often reaches hurricane speeds as it approaches Southern Europe.

The Scirocco (or Sirocco) frequently creates dusty arid conditions along the northern coast of Africa, vicious storms in the Mediterranean Sea, and cool wet weather in Europe. The Scirocco's duration may vary from as short as twelve hours to as long as several days. Scirocco winds of up to one hundred kilometers per hour are most common during the autumn and spring, reaching their peak during the months of March and November.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

While the ensemble should strive for good drive and energy throughout, the accents should not be overdone—they should receive a slight amount of emphasis only. Additionally, care should be taken so that the snare drum and bass drum do not overbalance the winds—as their role is to provide good pulse and definition, they must guard against overpowering the ensemble.

At measures 3 and 5, the chimes should be prominent. In measures 26 through 32, the crescendi/decrescendi are very important to the success of the passage, and all players should concentrate on good breathing, regulation of air velocity, and control of intonation as they perform the various dynamic fluctuations. Additionally, it should be noted that the alto sax part does remain at *piano* in measures 26 through 31, and does not include the notated crescendi/decrescendi present in the other wind parts.

Measures 34 through 39 are intended to depict the Scirocco's gathering power. At measure 34, the aleatoric effect should begin with one flute, followed quickly by the remainder of the flute section, oboe, clarinets, alto saxes, trumpets, and horns Each player should repeat the four-pitch motive as many times as possible in the allotted time. Additionally, it is vital that each player play the motive at a different speed, rhythm, and style—no two players should sound the same. The resulting effect should be extremely chaotic. All players should crescendo in volume, speed, and intensity, reaching the highest peak of frantic activity in measure 39. Finally, in measure 39, there should be no break in the chaos as players prepare to resume normal activity in measure 40.





FULL SCORE Approx. Duration - 2:00 By Roland Barrett (ASCAP)



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