

## Theme from the Netflix Series

# **House of Cards**

### Theme

Composed by JEFF BEAL Arranged by RALPH FORD



#### INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 3 1st Flute
- 3 2nd Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 2 Bassoon
- 3 1st Bb Clarinet
- 3 2nd B Clarinet
- 3 3rd B Clarinet
- 2 Bb Bass Clarinet
- 2 1st El- Alto Saxophone
- 2 2nd El- Alto Saxophone
- 1 Bb Tenor Saxophone
- 1 E Baritone Saxophone
- 3 1st Bb Trumpet
- 3 2nd Bb Trumpet
- 3 3rd Bb Trumpet

- 2 1st F Horn
- 2 2nd F Horn
- 2 1st Trombone
- 2 2nd Trombone
- 2 3rd Trombone
- 2 Euphonium
- 1 Baritone Treble Clef
- 4 Tuba
- 1 Optional Electric Bass Synth Bass
- 1 Optional Piano/Keyboard
- 2 Mallet Percussio (Bells/Marimba)
- 1 Timpani
- 3 Percussion 1
  - (Field Drum, Bass Drum)
- 2 Percussion
  - (Suspended Cymbal, Concert Toms [3])

## SUPPLEMENTAL AND WORLD PARTS

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- **B** Alto Clarinet
- 1st Horn in E
- 2nd Horn in Eb

1st Trombone in Bb Bass Clef 2nd Trombone in Bb Bass Clef 3rd Trombone in Bb Bass Clef 1st Trombone in Bb Treble Clef 2nd Trombone in Bb Treble Clef

ard Trombone in B<sub>b</sub> Treble Clef

Baritone in Bb Bass Clef Tuba in Eb Bass Clef Tuba in Eb Treble Clef Tuba in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in B<sub>b</sub> Treble Clef

## **PROGRAM NOTES**

Jeff Beal (b. 1963) is a three-time Emmy Award-winning American composer of music for film, media, and the concert hall. An avid jazz trumpeter, he graduated from the Eastman School of Music, where he was a recent speaker and honored alumnus in addition to *House of Cards*, his credits include the acclaimed TV series *Rome*, *Monk*, and the motion picture *Pollock*, among others.



#### **NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR**

Using a synth or electric bass is strongly recommended. Listen to the soundtrack recording and emulate electronic bass timbre. Tubas will have to stagger breath throughout the entire chart. The use of the electronic bass instrument will foster that effort.

It is possible to perform this arrangement without piano. If piano is not available, add the marimba (or xylophone) in unison with bells in measures 6–12. A minimum of six percussionists are required. One player should be able to play both bells and marimba unless the optional piano is eliminated. Three concert toms are essential to the orchestration. The timpani requires only the one pitch, G.

The trumpet fanfares are to be played with a loose military style and in the distance. Imagine Miles Davis playing bugle calls.

In measures 30 and 31, the dissonance between the melodic line and the harmony is intentional. Performing the concert F melody are oboe bassoon, alto sax, tenor sax, horns, and euphonium. Performing the concert F# in the harmony are trumpet 3, trombone 2, and the optional piano.

Do not exceed a tempo greater than marked ( $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}=100$  bpm). There is an optional repeat indicated from measures 14–25. Should you opt to extend the ar angement by applying this repeat, the first time should be performed only by the euphonium (in a soloist capacity), accompanied only by flute, oboe, all B<sub>b</sub> clarinets, and the optional plane on the sixteenth passages, or one player on a part for those woodwings that are doubled on the piano.



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