

BEGINNING BAND

CEREMONIUM

ROBERT W. SMITH (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- I Conductor
- 10 C Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B[,] Clarinet
- 2 B_b Bass Clarinet
- 6 E Alto Saxophone
- 4 B[,] Tenor Saxophone/

Baritone Treble Clef

- 2 E^J Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B Trumpet

- 4 Horn in F
- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon
- 4 Tuba
- 2 Mallet Percussion (Chimes or Bells, Bells)
- 3 Percussion I (Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Suspened Cymbal)
- 2 Percussion II (Crash Cymbals, Sleigh Bells)

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

"Ceremonium" was written as a concert opener or festival work. It also serves as a musical vehicle to teach the concepts of phrasing, articulations, and key modifications (accidentals). Great care should be taken to convey the stylistic differences between the two main sections of the work. The introductory fanfare should be a stark contrast to the flowing melody beginning at measure 17.

Measure 49 gives the opportunity to teach the concept of countermelody. I suggest rehearsing this section without the flutes, oboes, and bells to reinforce the melody in the trumpets, horns, alto saxes, and clarinets. The introduction of the flute/oboe/bells countermelody may be best served by first rehearsing this line with the accompaniment only. Once the students understand the "melodic" qualities of this musical line, the teaching process may be completed by the full ensemble.

I hope you and your students find "Ceremonium" to be musically rewarding. Best of luck in your teaching endeavors.

Robert W. Smith

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