# SYMPHONIC BAND

# HARRY POTTER SYMPHONIC SUITE

Music by

JOHN WILLIAMS Arranged by ROBERT W. SMITH

## INSTRUMENTATION

- I Conductor
- I C Piccolo

Relwin

- 3 Ist C Flute
- 3 2nd C Flute
- I Ist Oboe
- I 2nd Oboe
- I English Horn
- 3 Ist B<sup>,</sup> Clarinet
- 3 2nd B<sub>b</sub> Clarinet
- 3 3rd B<sup>,</sup> Clarinet
- 2 B<sub>b</sub> Bass Clarinet
- I EE Contrabass Clarinet
- 2 Bassoon
- 2 Ist E Alto Saxophone
- 2 2nd E<sup>,</sup> Alto Saxophone
- I B<sup>1</sup> Tenor Saxophone
- I E Baritone Saxophone
- 3 Ist B<sup>b</sup> Trumpet
- 3 2nd B<sup>J</sup> Trumpet

- 3 3rd B♭ Trumpet
  I st Horn in F
  I 2nd Horn in F
  I 3rd Horn in F
- I 4th Horn in F
- 2 Ist Trombone
- 2 2nd Trombone
- 2 3rd Trombone
- 2 Baritone
- I Baritone Treble Clef
- 4 Tuba
- 2 Piano (Optional Celeste or Synthesizer)
   I Mallet Percussion (Bells)
- 2 Timpani/Vibraphone
- 2 Percussion I (Wind Chimes, Triangle, Tambourine)
- 2 Percussion II (Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals)

WORLD PARTS Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts Ist Horn in E 2nd Horn in El 3rd Horn in E♭ 4th Horn in E Ist Trombone in B<sup>1</sup> Bass Clef 2nd Trombone in B<sub>b</sub> Bass Clef 3rd Trombone in B, Bass Clef Ist Trombone in B<sup>1</sup> Treble Clef 2nd Trombone in B<sup>1</sup> Treble Clef 3rd Trombone in B<sup>1</sup> Treble Clef Baritone in B<sub>b</sub> Bass Clef Tuba in E<sup>1</sup> Bass Clef Tuba in E<sup>1</sup> Treble Clef Tuba in B<sup>1</sup> Bass Clef Tuba in B<sup>1</sup> Treble Clef

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### **PROGRAM NOTES**

**Harry Potter.** The mere mention of the name stirs the imaginations of young and old alike. John Williams' musical score based upon the J. K. Rowling literary masterpiece takes that multi-generational artistic connection to even greater heights.

Robert W. Smith's setting of the score to *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* for concert band features six of the film's most memorable themes. The work opens with the introduction of Hedwig, the beautiful owl who magically and mysteriously delivers mail to Harry at Hogwarts School. Hedwig is musically portrayed by the celeste, a luminous little instrument that is capable of producing crystalline, pearly tones at dazzling speeds. In *Hedwig's Theme*, the celeste begins alone but soon is joined by the flutes and clarinets at the dizzying pace needed to defy gravity and achieve flight.

Nimbus. The dictionary tells us that this wonderful word was used in classical mythology to describe a shining cloud or halo-effect created by a heavenly light. What a perfectly appropriate word for naming the Nimbus 2000, Harry Potter's own personal broomstick. To musically portray this ingenious mode of transportation, we have the flutes, oboes, clarinets, saxophones, and bassoons of the band, all of which with their extraordinary leaps and astonishing agility are a perfect match for the nimble Nimbus 2000.

Stately is a word that is perfectly suited to describe Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, that august institution that has trained and taught young wizards for centuries. Hogwarts is, of course, to be Harry Potter's own alma mater. Aptly entitled *Hogwarts Forever*, the noble and stately French horn section presents the musical anthem with support by the remainder of the brass.

Author J. K. Rowling in the first of her Harry Potter books has created the game of *Quidditch*. This, you may remember, is a form of intramural competition that's played on flying broomsticks, and it's a little like playing a game of hockey in the air. The games are conducted every year at the Hogwarts School with great pageantry, featuring colorful flags and cheering crowds. The pomp and ceremony of these *Quidditch* games can best be described by the brass section of the band with its tubas, euphoniums, trombones, French horns, and heraldic trumpets.

Following the simple and beautiful theme entitled Leaving Hogwarts, Mr. Williams concluded his score with Harry's Wondrous World capturing the youthful imagination and exuberance in all of us. Perhaps best stated in chapter seven of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, Professor Dumbedore says, "Ah music ... a magic beyond all we do here!"

# NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

John Williams has created an absolutely wonderful musical score with his work for *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. For interpretive research, I suggest joining the millions of children around the world who have read the book. It is only through those personal insights into the story and the world of Harry Potter that the music will come to life.

The celeste is an integral part of the original score as recorded for the movie soundtrack. I have cued this part in the piano using a synthesizer. However, if an actual celeste is available, please take advantage of this wonderful color. In an effort to keep the percussion active in this particular arrangement, I scored the celeste part in the percussion using orchestra bells and vibes. As an option, you may wish to use offstage mallet percussion in the opening phrases to give a more distant effect. As the clarinets and flutes enter, make the transition back to mallets on stage for presence.

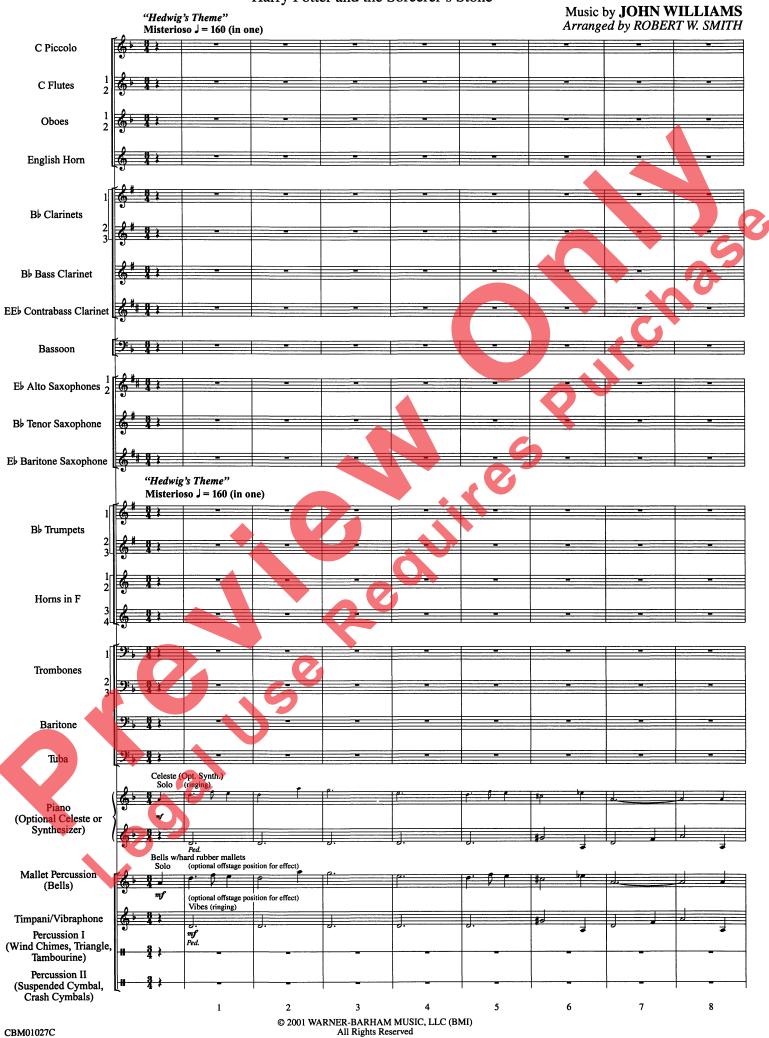
Please note that my great admiration for the *Quidditch* theme does not alleviate the challenges for the brass section. I have included an alternative performance option in an attempt to make this work accessible to a wider audience. I leave that decision in your very capable hands!

I hope that you, your ensemble, and your audience enjoy this wonderful musical score by John Williams. As always, I wish you the best in your musical endeavors!

----Robert W. Smith

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