

Selections From

Armenian Dances—Part 1

ALFRED REED (1921–2005)
Arranged by DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 8 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 2 Bassoon
- 4 1st Bb Clarinet
- 4 2nd B Clarinet
- 2 Bb Bass Clarinet
- 5 E♭ Alto Saxophone
- 2 B, Tenor Saxophone
- 2 Eb Baritone Saxophone
- 4 1st B¹, Trumpet
- 4 2nd Bb Trumpet

- 4 F Horn
- 4 Trombone
- 2 Baritone
- 2 Baritone Treble Clef
- 4 Tuba
- 2 Mallet Percussion (Bells/Xylophone)
- 1 Timpani (Tune: F, B)
- 2 Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- 3 Percussion 2 (Crash Cymbals/Triangle/Tambourine)

WORLD PARTS

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Horn in E

Trombone in B_b Bass Clef Trombone in B_b Treble Clef Baritone in B_b Bass Clef Tuba in B_b Treble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

Part I of Armenian Dances is in fact the first of a four-movement suite drawn from the folk song arrangements and original musical works of Komitas Vardapet (1869–1935), a treasured Armenian composer, arranger, educator, and ethnomusicologist, who devoted his life's work to building the foundations of that country's rich and diverse classical music.

Alfred Reed (1921–2005) chose five tunes from the creative output of Komitas for inclusion in his colorful, rhapsodic offering. Four of those themes are featured (in order of appearance) in this edition for younger players:

- 1. Tzirani Tzar ("The Apricot Tree")
- 2. Kagavi Erg ("The Partridge's Song")
- 3. Alagyaz (named for the mountain in Northwestern Armenia)
- 4. Gna Gna ("Go, Go")

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Several excerpts from Alfred Reed's notes to the original edition also apply to this arrangement:

"Exact tempi, as always will depend on the size of the performing group, the overall ability of the performers, and the acoustical considerations of the concert room in which the performance is taking place. Therefore, all tempo indications, including the metronome markings, should be considered as guides only, with a slight deviation on either side from the given metronomic setting justifiable as a result of such conditions being present. Careful attention to dynamics and clarity of attack and phrasing, based on proper tempi, will result in a brilliant performance of this exciting and highly rewarding music."







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