Spirits Awake

Bill Calhoun

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INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score ........................................... 1
Flute .................................................. 8
Oboe (Opt. Flute 2) ............................... 2
Clarinet 1 in B♭ ................................. 4
Clarinet 2 in B♭ ................................. 4
Bass Clarinet in B♭ ......................... 2
Bassoon ............................................. 2
Alto Saxophone in E♭ ....................... 5
Tenor Saxophone in B♭ .................... 2
Baritone Saxophone in E♭ ................. 2
Trumpet 1 in B♭ ................................ 4
Trumpet 2 in B♭ ................................ 4
Horn in F .......................................... 4
Trombone ......................................... 6
Euphonium T.C. in B♭ ......................... 2
Euphonium B.C. ................................. 3
Tuba .................................................. 3
Mallet Percussion ............................ 2
Bells, Chimes
Timpani .............................................. 1
Percussion 1 ..................................... 3
Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Gong
Percussion 2 ..................................... 5
Tambourine, Suspended Cymbal,
Crash Cymbals, Triangle, Mark Tree
About the Composition

Composed in G minor, *Spirits Awake* begins with a dark and mysterious introduction in the brass, utilizing the upper woodwinds to mimic the final calls of birds at twilight. The percussion are then dramatically used to "awaken the spirit world" and introduce the dance-like main theme. The playful quality of this theme conjures up visions of spirits playing and dancing in the moonlight. After a brief contrasting section, the main theme returns, embellished by a counter line in the upper woodwinds. The "merrymaking" comes to a sudden halt and is followed by fragments of the theme as the spirits steal away into the night.

The piece then transitions into a $\frac{3}{4}$ allegro that begins with a variation of the upper woodwind motive from the introduction. A heroic entrance by the brass signals the arrival of an opposing force. This segment is short-lived as the "spirits" are nowhere to be found. As this segment fades, the spirits reappear, again announced by the percussion, and the merry making begins anew.

*Spirits Awake* will stir the imagination of both the performer and the listener. With its musical character and thematic development, it is the perfect vehicle for both concert and festival use.

About the Composer

Bill Calhoun received his Master of Music degree from Mansfield State University (PA) and his Bachelor of Music Education and Applied Music degree from Ithaca College (NY). Having been a public school music educator for over 30 years, he was most recently Director of Bands and Department Chair at DeWitt Middle School in the Ithaca City School District where he was also the district-wide Curriculum Chair for Instrumental Music. Bill retired from public school teaching July 1, 2010.

Currently a member of BMI and NAfME (formerly MENC), Bill has written countless band, brass and percussion arrangements/compositions for groups both concert and marching throughout the United States, Japan, Canada and England. He has music for string orchestra as well as concert band published with Carl Fischer Music, and has also published with Warner Bros. Publications and Ethos Publications. His music has been performed at the Midwest Clinic in Chicago, Illinois and by numerous Honors organizations. The Osaka Municipal Symphonic Band of Osaka, Japan also featured one of his pieces on a CD of contemporary wind band music. Bill also serves as an adjudicator for NYSSMA, the New York State Field Band Conference and the New York State Percussion Circuit.
Fl.

Ob.

Cl. in B♭

B. Cl. in B♭

Bsn.

A. Sax. in E♭

T. Sax. in B♭

Bar. Sax. in E♭

Tpt. in B♭

Hn. in F

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mall. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

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- Addition of a separate Trombone and Baritone part
- Addition of simple sixteenth-note rhythms
- Clarinet 2 still below break
- Low brass writing carefully considered
- Keys carefully considered
- Logical voice leading
- Still limited independence of parts
- Active percussion writing with more instrument options