Young Band

Grade 2



# A New Day

## Alan Lee Silva

### YPS74 INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score1	
Flute	
Oboe (Opt. Flute 2)	
Clarinet 1 in Bb	,
Clarinet 2 in Bb4	
Bass Clarinet in Bb	
Bassoon	,
Alto Saxophone in Eb	)
Tenor Saxophone in B	
Baritone Saxophone in Eb2	
Trumpet 1 in Bb	
Trumpet 2 in Bb	
Horn in F	
Trombone	
Baritone T.C. in Bb	
Baritone B.C3	
Tuba3	,
Mallet Percussion	,
Chimes, Bells	
Timpani1	
Percussion 1	
Snare Drum, Bass Drum	
, and the second	
Percussion 2	)
Triangle, Wind Chimes, Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals, Finger Cymbals, Claves	
Cidan Cymbaia, ringei Cymbaia, Cidves	

#### **Program Notes**

This uptempo, dance-like piece, written in an AABAC form, features a celebratory trumpet melody, intricate woodwind passages, sparkling percussion, and call-and-responses between sections of the band. From the opening measure, the woodwinds establish the energy and momentum with a combination of legato and staccato tonguing. The percussion creates a joyous tone with chimes, wind chimes, triangle and bells.

A call-and-response setting begins the main theme in m. 9. The trumpets establish the main tune for two measures, then the rest of the ensemble joins in for two measures; this pattern continues. Rehearse this section slowly to clarify the different articulations. In mm. 15 and 31, rehearse the "slur-one, tongue-three" pattern under tempo for accuracy and cohesion within the group. At m. 17, the upper woodwinds play the legato B-melody, joined by the saxophones two measures later. The brass come in two measures later (m. 21) with fills, and the ensemble builds to the main theme (m. 25).

The bridge at m. 35 is a lyrical departure, played softly and smoothly. As different sections of the band are added in subsequent measures (beginning at m. 39), the piece grows and builds back to the A-melody at m. 42. Emphasize the accents and *ritard*. at m. 57 as well as the ritard. at m. 65 and strive for a grand ensemble sound. The tempo variations at this point in the piece add to the drama as it moves to a close. The ending (m. 67) is a variation of the introduction with added counterlines in the horn and an ensemble build at m. 71.

#### **About the Composer**

Alan Lee Silva is a composer and arranger whose credits include orchestration for television's popular 7th Heaven and Eight Simple Rules, arrangements for feature and television movies Enough and Soul Collector, and scores for independent films Eli's Coming, State of the Artist, and The Studio. He has arranged for an eclectic mix of artists ranging from Broadway's Susan Egan to the Nuclear Whales Saxophone Orchestra to Disney's California Adventure Theme Park to the rock group KISS. His pieces have been performed by some of Hollywood's finest studio musicians, and his strong melodic style and contemporary harmonies are influenced by the music of Aaron Copland, Dave Grusin, and Jerry Goldsmith.

Alan earned a BA in jazz composition and performance from San Jose State University. He then went on to study at the acclaimed Dick Grove School of Music in Los Angeles, where he later taught composing, arranging and keyboard. His contemporary jazz piece *The Flight* recorded on the Burning Bridges CD Forethought, became a favorite on San Francisco radio stations. He has worked proofreading film and television scores in the music libraries of 20th Century Fox, Sony Pictures Entertainment, and Paramount Pictures.

Alan's compositions reflect his belief that music at all levels must be melodically strong in order to be both satisfying to the listener and engaging to a young musician. Alan lives in Los Angeles with his wife and two daughters.



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