First Plus Band

Grade 11/2



Latin Smiles

Joseph Compello

FPS65 INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score1
Flute
Oboe (opt. Flute 2)
Clarinet 1 in Bb4
Clarinet 2 in Bb4
Bass Clarinet in Bb
Alto Saxophone in Eb
Tenor Saxophone in B♭2
Baritone Saxophone in E>
Trumpet 1 in B
Trumpet 2 in B
Horn in F
Trombone, Baritone B.C., Bassoon6
Baritone T.C. in Bb2
Tuba
Mallet Percussion
Percussion 1
Percussion 2
Percussion 3

Program Notes

Latin Smiles is suitable for first or second year bands. It is very rhythmic. The beat should feel like a combination of cha-cha and easy rock. Using more or fewer percussion instruments is completely at the discretion of the director, who must decide what will balance with the rest of the band.

First-year bands can use *Latin Smiles* to gain experience playing a few accidentals. The countermelody at m. 15, for example, will provide the horn player with a good exercise for learning written Eb and Eb. Copious reminders are included in all parts to help young players.

The bass-drum player will have an opportunity to stand alone several times, the first being in m. 2. Experiment with the right amount of dampening to get a solid sound.

Between mm. 23 and 38, the second theme is fragmented between various sections in an echoing style. Note that the echoing is not scored the same in the second eight measures. Strive for dynamic balance and tonal contrast as sections alternate.

Thank you for choosing this composition. I hope you and your students find it educational and enjoyable.

—Joseph Compello, Glen Arm, Maryland 2008

About the Composer

Joseph Compello, a native of Carbondale, Pennsylvania, holds degrees in music education from the Peabody Conservatory and Towson University. During his thirty-one year career as an instrumental music teacher in Maryland, he wrote numerous compositions for his students. In 1994, Carl Fischer began publishing many of these classroom-tested pieces including his debut publication Cadets on Parade, and the 1996 best-seller Rock to the Max, Mr. Sax. In 2003, Compello's journey from local band director to internationally published composer was chronicled in the prestigious Baltimore Sun. Now retired from teaching, Compello, continues to draw on his extensive background in music education to compose new music exclusively for Carl Fischer's Performance Series, which now contains over eighty-five of his works.

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- Short pieces length is a consideration

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