FULL SCORE



Concert Band

Grade 3

Fortitude

Sean O'Loughlin

CPS86 INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score 1
Flute 1 4
Flute 2 4
Oboe
Clarinet 1 in Bb
Clarinet 2 in B
Clarinet 3 in Bb
Bass Clarinet in B
Bassoon
Alto Saxophone 1 in Eb
Alto Saxophone 2 in Eb
Tenor Saxophone in Bb
Baritone Saxophone in Eb
Trumpet 1 in Bb
Trumpet 2 in Bb
Trumpet 3 in B
Horn 1 in F
Horn 2 in F
Trombone 1 3
Trombone 2 3
Baritone T.C. in Bb
Baritone B.C 3
Tuba 4
Mallet Percussion 2
Chimes, Bells
Timpani1
Percussion 1
Snare Drum, Bass Drum
Percussion 2 9
Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal, Low Toms, Triangle, Whip, Tambourine, Anvil, Tam-tam, China Cymbal

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Performance Notes

The opening brass chords announce the challenging musical journey to follow. It launches us into a fast, aggressive section full of jaunty rhythms. Bring out the accents in the eighth-note lines to provide even more interest. The trumpet states the main melody at m. 18 with a pedal tone in the low woodwinds and timpani. After some splashes of color from the upper woodwinds, the full ensemble enters at m. 26 for a full presentation of the melody. A slower interlude softens the tone a bit at m. 42. The mood here should be pensive and reflective. The fast tempo returns at m. 57. Again, emphasize those accents. The melody transforms into the new meter of $\frac{5}{8}$ time. Keep the sound full here, even though it is an odd meter. The rhythmic accents return and lead us into an interesting section at m. 91. Here a fragment of the melody becomes an accompaniment and the opening brass chords leap to the foreground. The music then presents some previous material in a new light that drives towards the final rhythmic hits to end the piece.

About the Composer

Sean O'Loughlin (b.1972) is a fresh voice and a rising name in the music world. His music is characterized by vibrant rhythms, passionate melodies, and colorful scoring. Commissions from the Boston Pops Orchestra, the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra highlight and showcase his diverse musical abilities. As a conductor, he has led performances with the Boston Pops Orchestra, the Vancouver Symphony, the Atlanta Symphony, the Baltimore Symphony, the Grant Park Orchestra, and the Philadelphia Chamber Orchestra. He was the conductor and arranger for a recent orchestral tour with the band The Decemberists.

As an arranger and orchestrator, he has worked with such artists as Natalie Merchant, Chris Isaak, Feist, Blue Man Group, Pink Martini, Christian McBride, Belle and Sebastian, Josh Ritter, and others. The Los Angeles Times calls his orchestrations "...colorful while adding ...even more dimension... to the compositions." Daily Variety heralds Sean's writing as "most impressive ...with a wide range of coloring in the orchestra...that...adds heft and rolling energy."

Growing up in Syracuse, NY, Sean displayed a passion for music and showed musical talent at an early age. Sean benefited from loving parents who supported his musical aspirations and challenged him to explore music as a career. During his undergraduate years at Syracuse University, Sean's musical career began to take shape with the guidance of Larry Clark. As Vice-President at Carl Fischer Music, Larry continues to be a major influence in Sean's professional career as mentor and friend.

An avid supporter of music education, Sean frequently writes for the Los Angeles Philharmonic's youth concert series. Through his growing number of commissions and published works, Sean is excited to continue contributing to the rich history of orchestral and wind band literature. An annual ASCAP Special Awards winner, Sean was a composition fellow at the Henry Mancini Institute in Los Angeles, and holds degrees from New England Conservatory and Syracuse University. His music is published exclusively by Carl Fischer. Sean and his wife Dena reside in Los Angeles. For more information, please visit Sean's web-site at www.grayslacks.com.



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