FESTIVE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

by Darren Jenkins

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INSTRUMENTATION COMPLETE BAND

1 Full Score

To Trute 1, 2	10 Flute 1, 2	5 Trumpet/Cornet 1
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- 2 Oboe 5 Trumpet/Cornet 2
- 2 Bassoon 4 F Horn (divisi)
- 5 Clarinet 1 3 Trombone 1
- 5 Clarinet 2 3 Trombone 2
- 2 Bass Clarinet 2 Euphonium B.C.
- 4 Alto Saxophone 2 Euphonium T.C.
- 2 Tenor Saxophone 5 Tuba
- 1 Baritone Saxophone
 - 1 Timpani
 - 1 Bells
 - 2 Snare Drum, Bass Drum
 - 3 Crash Cymbals, Triangle, Suspended Cymbal, Sleigh Bells

Program Notes

Festive Sounds of Christmas is a medley of three of my favorite Christmas carols (The Wassail Song, We Three Kings, and Good King Wenceslas.) With this piece, I tried to give a different harmonic treatment to each of these familiar melodies then one might usually associate with each song. The work begins with a bright, opening fanfare that transitions into The Wassail Song with the melody stated in the clarinets. One of the reasons I like this particular carol is the way it shifts from the triplet feel of 6/8 time for the verses, to the duple feel of 2/4 time for the chorus. Be sure to keep the dotted quarter note and quarter note tempo consistent in the transition between those feels. The piece then winds down into the next carol, We Three Kings, which is the slower, legato part of this work. It features sections of both woodwind and brass choir. Bring out the moving lines when they happen and work for a full, rich, legato sound. The work then transitions by giving hints of the upcoming melodic fragment into the next section of Good King Wenceslas. This section should remain at the same tempo, but care should be taken to connect notes and phrases without cutting them off short. The piece ends with a few solo quotes from some recognizable Christmas carols (which I'm hoping will be pretty obvious) and then the full band brings the work to a triumphant conclusion.

About the Composer

Darren Jenkins is a native of Topeka, Kansas. He is a graduate of Washburn University and the University of Kansas, where he studied composition with James Barnes. An award-winning composer, his works have been performed and recorded by various groups across the country, as well as internationally. He has written successfully for virtually every area of instrumental music. In addition to his work as a composer/arranger, Jenkins also enjoys a successful career as a music educator.

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