A CHRISTMAS FANFARE

by Randall D. Standridge

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A Christmas Fanfare Instrumentation Complete Band

1 Full Score

8 Flute 8 Trumpet

2 Oboe 3 F Horn

9 Clarinet 9 Trombone, Baritone, Bassoon

1 Bass Clarinet 2 Baritone T.C.

4 Alto Saxophone 4 Tuba

2 Tenor Saxophone

1 Baritone Saxophone

1 Bells

2 Percussion 1: Snare Drum, Bass Drum

2 Percussion 2: Crash Cymbals, Sleigh Bells

1 Timpani

Program Notes

A Christmas Fanfare combines the melodies from In Excelsis Deo and Deck the Halls to create an energetic fanfare that stays within the range of young band musicians. The piece is written primarily with the first six notes that most band students learn, and it provides excellent opportunities to develop ensemble playing, dynamic expression, style, and percussion techniques.

Rehearsal Suggestions

As is the case with any arrangement, students should be made aware of the original songs from which the composition draws its melodies. Directors may consider teaching unison versions of *In Excelsis Deo* and *Deck the Halls* prior to teaching this piece, or at least teaching students to sing the songs.

Students should be made aware of which other instruments their part lines up with (for example, m.7 Flutes, Clarinets, Mallets, and Sleigh Bells create a background texture together; the students should be made aware of this).

Encourage the musicians to make obvious and noticeable differences in the dynamics. This will encourage excellent ensemble development for future musical achievement.

About the Composer

Randall Standridge was born in Little Rock. Arkansas. He attended college at Arkansas State University, where he received a Bachelor of Music Education and Masters of Music in Composition. He has studied composition with Dr. Tom O'Connor and Dr. Tim Crist. His works are gaining attention on the national and international level with performances at several state conferences and the Midwest Clinic. In 2010, his work "Art(isms)" became his first commission to be performed at a CBDNA conference. His music has also been included in the series *Teaching Music Through Performance in* Band. Randall Standridge is currently the Director of Bands at Harrisburg Public Schools in northeast Arkansas, where he continues to compose for young and advanced band.

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