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Commissioned for the Killian Middle School Saxophone Trio

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Instrumentation

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Program Notes

Three was commissioned by Mr. Mark Smith, a close friend of mine, for his extremely talented saxophone trio at Killian Middle School in Carrollton, Texas. Mark drove his three saxophone students from Carrollton to the 2015 Houston Underground Saxophone Competition for the premiere of the work in which the trio placed 1st in their division. **Three** is certainly not a “young ensemble” composition, and as I was writing it, I aimed to stretch the premiering group in very specific ways, at the request of the director – such as the creation of independent parts, many meter changes, sections demanding fast tonguing and a section with aleatoric entrances of a trill. Additionally, Dr. David Maslanka’s *Recitation Book* for saxophone quartet was of particular inspiration to me in the creation of this work.

Performance Notes

I have an indication written in the first measure for “slow, progressive vibrato” – and I mean it! My undergraduate trumpet teacher told me once that vibrato should be like a woman’s make-up – something you might not notice at first, but in successful application enhances beauty without overwhelming it. M. 74-78 and m. 155-159 both include footnotes with further instructions, but generally my goal in these sections is to create random-sounding entrances. The goal of m. 74-78 and m. 155-159 is also to intensify, build excitement, and transition to either the next section or the end, respectively. A performing group can try and play exactly what I have written in these sections, or can choose to make them *quasi ad lib*. At m. 79, the quarter notes marked staccato should be given a generous length, like a “long lift.” As always, please observe the tempo marking as closely as possible!

Composer Bio

Haley Woodrow is a composer, educator and trumpet player. Haley graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Music degree in jazz studies from the University of Texas at Arlington, and magna cum laude from Texas Christian University, where she earned a Master’s of Music in composition. She served as orchestra director and arranger for Cornerstone Baptist Church from 2006-2013.

She has been commissioned by the Kenosha Community Foundation, the Walsh Middle School Trombone Choir, and has been commissioned to write works for soloists such as Steve Norrell (Metropolitan Opera bass trombonist) and jazz tenor trombone soloist Michael Dease. Haley’s compositions have received awards from the National Band Association (for *And it Begins*), the Texas Music Educators Association (for *And it Begins* and *March for Jazz*) and the Noteflight Big Band Composition Contest (for *Something Entirely Different*). Alfred, Hal Leonard and MurphyMusicPress offer published versions of several of her compositions and she also actively self-publishes through her company, Woodrow Music.



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♩ = 60 **Slowly**

slow, progressive vib.

Alto Saxophone 1

Alto Saxophone 2

Baritone Saxophone

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

5

un poco tenuto

3

6

6

tr

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

9

♩ = 80 **Faster**

subito **p**

poco accel.

12

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

p

molto rit.

15

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

f

f

f

legato

grad. crescendo quasi ad lib

18

$\text{♩} = 60$ **Slowly**

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

p

mf

p

mf

f

Agitated $\text{♩} = 188$

22

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

f

mf

mf

f

25

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

mf

tr

5

29

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

2 + 3

34

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

2 + 2 + 2 + 3

38

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

2 + 3

fp *f*

fp *f*

fp *f*

3

Alto Sax. 42 $3+3+2$ $2+2+2+2$ *fp* *f* *p*

Alto Sax. $3+3+2$ $2+2+2+2$ *fp* *f* *p*

Bari. Sax. $3+3+2$ $2+2+2+2$ *fp* *f*

Alto Sax. 46 $3+3+2$ *f*

Alto Sax. $3+3+2$ *f*

Bari. Sax. $3+3+2$ *fp* *f*

Alto Sax. 50 3 *fp* *f* *fp* *f* *fp*

Alto Sax. *fp* *f* *fp* *f* *fp*

Bari. Sax. *fp* *f* *fp* *f* *fp*

Alto Sax. 55 3 3 3 *f*

Alto Sax. *f* 3

Bari. Sax. *f* 3 3

60

7

Alto Sax. *f* 3 3 3 3 3 3

Alto Sax. *f* 3 3 3 3 3 3

Bari. Sax. *f* tr

Alto Sax. 3 3 3 3 3 3

Alto Sax. *tr* *tr* *tr* *f* 3 3

Bari. Sax. *tr* *tr* *f* 3 3

Alto Sax. 3 3 3 3 3 3

Alto Sax. 3 3 3 3 3 3

Bari. Sax. 3 3 3 3 3 3

Alto Sax. 3 3 3 3 3 3 *ff* 3 3 3 3 3 3

Alto Sax. 3 3 3 3 3 3 *ff* 3 3 3 3 3 3

Bari. Sax. 3 3 3 3 3 3 *tr* *tr* *ff*

(trill G to A)

75

Alto Sax. *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fmf*

**quasi ad lib through m. 77*

Alto Sax. *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fmf*

Bari. Sax. *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fmf*

79

Cue (if no conductor)

80

Alto Sax. *f* 3 3 *subito p*

Alto Sax. *f* 3 3 *subito p*

Bari. Sax. *f* 3 *legato* *mf*

84

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

90

Alto Sax. *mf*

Alto Sax. *mf*

Bari. Sax. *mf*

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95 **95**

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Measures 95-99. The Alto Sax. part has a whole rest in measure 96. The other parts have eighth and quarter notes with slurs and ties.

100

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Measures 100-104. Measures 100-101 are in 5/8 time, and measures 102-104 are in 6/8 time. The Alto Sax. part has eighth notes with slurs and ties. The Bari. Sax. part has eighth and quarter notes with slurs and ties.

105

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Measures 105-108. Measures 105-106 are in 5/8 time, and measures 107-108 are in 2/4 time. The Alto Sax. part has eighth notes with slurs and ties. The Bari. Sax. part has eighth and quarter notes with slurs and ties.

109

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Measures 109-113. Measures 109-110 are in 6/8 time, and measures 111-113 are in 2/4 time. The Alto Sax. part has eighth notes with slurs and ties. The Bari. Sax. part has eighth and quarter notes with slurs and ties.

117

114

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

f

119

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

mf

rit.

124

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

f

mf

< f

129

As before ♩ = 188

Alto Sax.

Alto Sax.

Bari. Sax.

mf

mf

f

2 + 2 + 2 + 3

2 + 2 + 2 + 3

2 + 2 + 2 + 3

3

3

3

3

3

133

Alto Sax. *f* *tr* *tr* *2 + 3*

Alto Sax. *ff* *2 + 3*

Bari. Sax. *f* *tr* *tr* *2 + 3*

138

Alto Sax. *2 + 3*

Alto Sax. *2 + 3* *f* *3 + 2 + 3*

Bari. Sax. *2 + 3* *3 + 2 + 3*

145

143

Alto Sax. *fp* *f* *subito p* *grad. cresc. to end* *mp*

Alto Sax. *fp* *f* *grad. cresc. to end* *subito p* *mp*

Bari. Sax. *grad. cresc. to end* *subito p* *mp*

147

Alto Sax. *mf* *f* *3* *3*

Alto Sax. *mf* *f* *3* *3*

Bari. Sax. *mf* *f* *3* *3*

Alto Sax. *ff*

Alto Sax. *ff*

Bari. Sax. *ff*

(trill G# to A#)

Alto Sax. *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fmf*

Alto Sax. *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fmf*

Bari. Sax. *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fmf*

**quasi ad lib through m. 159*

Alto Sax. *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fff*

Alto Sax. *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fff*

Bari. Sax. *fmf* *fmf* *fff*

Cue (if no conductor)

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Alto Saxophone 1

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$\text{♩} = 60$ Slowly
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mf *p* *un poco tenuto*

6 *mf* *p* *mf* 3

9 $\text{♩} = 80$ Faster *poco accel.*
subito p

14 *molto rit.*

17 *legato* $\text{♩} = 60$ Slowly *grad. crescendo quasi ad lib*
f *p* 3 6 3

21 *Agitated* $\text{♩} = 188$
f 3 3 3 3 3 3

24 $2+2+2+3$ 2 *tr* *mf* *tr*

29 $2+3$

33 $2+2+2+3$

37 $2+3$ *fp* *f*

2 42 $3+3+2$ Alto Saxophone 1

42 $2+2+2+2$ *fp* *f* *p*

46 $3+3+2$ *f*

50 3 3

54 3 3 3 3 3 3

60 60 *f* 3 3 3 3 3 3

63 2 3 3 3 3 3

68 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

72 *ff* 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

(trill G to A)

75 *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *f* 3 3 Cue (if no conductor)

*quasi ad lib through m. 77

80 80 *subito p*

84

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90 **2**
mf

95 **95**

99

102

106

110

114 **117**

118

122 **rit.**
f

126
f

129 **As before** ♩ = 188
mf

132 **2 + 2 + 2 + 3**
f

Alto Saxophone 1

136 $2 + 3$

140 $3 + 2 + 3$

145 *grad. cresc. to end*

fp *f* *subito p*

mf 3

149 *f* 3 3

153 *ff* 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

(trill G# to A#)

156 *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fmf*

**quasi ad lib through m. 159*

159 *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fff*

Cue (if no conductor)

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mf *p* *p*

6 *mf* *p* *mf* *p* un poco tenuto

9 $\text{♩} = 80$ Faster

12 poco accel. *p*

16 molto rit. $\text{♩} = 60$ Slowly *f* *mf*

19 Agitated $\text{♩} = 188$ *p* *mf*

24 $2 + 2 + 2 + 3$ 2 *tr* *tr*

29 $2 + 3$

34 $2 + 2 + 2 + 3$

38 $2 + 3$ *fp* *f*

Alto Saxophone 2

42 **42** 3 + 3 + 2 2 + 2 + 2 + 2

46 3 + 3 + 2

50

54

60 **60**

63

66

71

*quasi ad lib
through m. 77

75

79 **80**

84

Alto Saxophone 2

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90 *mf*

95 **95**

99

102

106

110

114 **117**

118

122 *rit.* *f*

126 *mf* *f*

129 As before ♩ = 188 *mf*

132 $2 + 2 + 2 + 3$ *f*

136 $2+3$ *ff* $2+3$

140 $3+2+3$ *f* *fp* *f*

145 *grad. cresc. to end*
subito p *mp* *mf* 3

149 *f* 3

153 *ff* 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

**quasi ad lib through m. 159*

156 *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fmf*

159 (tr) *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fff*

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14 *f* molto rit.

18 $\text{♩} = 60$ Slowly *mf* *p*

22 Agitated $\text{♩} = 188$ *mf*

24 *f* 2 + 2 + 2 + 3

29

34 2 + 2 + 2 + 3

38 2 + 3 2 *fp* *f*

42 42 3 + 3 + 2 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 *fp* *f*

46 $3 + 3 + 2$

50

55

60 **60**

66

71

**quasi ad lib
through m. 77*

75

80 **80** *legato*

84

90

95 **95**

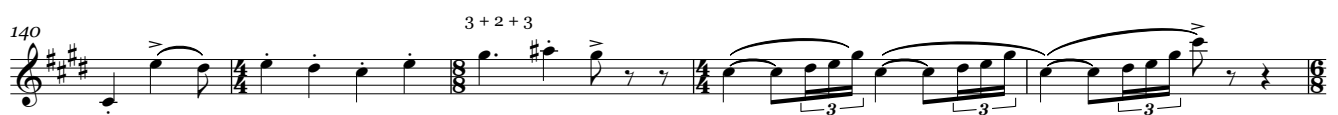
99

The musical score is written for Baritone Saxophone. It begins at measure 46 with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The first system (measures 46-49) includes a triplet of eighth notes marked '3 + 3 + 2' and dynamic markings *fp* and *f*. The second system (measures 50-54) continues with eighth and sixteenth notes, marked *fp* and *f*. The third system (measures 55-59) features eighth notes and triplets, marked *f*. The fourth system (measures 60-65) includes a rehearsal mark **60**, trills, and dynamic markings *f*, *mf*, and *ff*. The fifth system (measures 66-70) contains eighth notes and triplets, marked *f*. The sixth system (measures 71-74) continues with eighth notes and triplets, marked *ff*. The seventh system (measures 75-79) includes a performance instruction **quasi ad lib through m. 77*, trills, and dynamic markings *mf* and *f*. The eighth system (measures 80-83) starts with a rehearsal mark **80** and the instruction *legato*, followed by dotted notes marked *mf*. The ninth system (measures 84-89) continues with eighth notes. The tenth system (measures 90-94) features eighth notes. The eleventh system (measures 95-98) includes a rehearsal mark **95** and eighth notes. The final system (measures 99-100) ends with eighth notes.

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Baritone Saxophone

3



145 *grad. cresc. to end*
subito p *mp* *mf* 3

149 *f* 3

153 *ff* *tr*

**quasi ad lib*
through m. 159

156 *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *fmf* *tr*

159 *fmf* *fmf* *fff*

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