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Grade 3.5-4

A CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Arranged by
Chris Sharp

Instrumentation

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| 1 - Conductor's Full Score | 3 - B \flat Trumpet 1 | 1 - Timpani |
| 1 - Piccolo | 3 - B \flat Trumpet 2 | 2 - Bells/Chimes |
| 4 - Flute 1 | 3 - B \flat Trumpet 3 | 1 - Vibraphone |
| 4 - Flute 2 | 2 - F Horn 1 | 1 - Opt. Drum Set |
| 2 - Oboe | 2 - F Horn 2 | 4 - Percussion 1 |
| 2 - Bassoon | 2 - Trombone 1 | Snare Drum |
| 4 - B \flat Clarinet 1 | 2 - Trombone 2 | Bass Drum |
| 4 - B \flat Clarinet 2 | 2 - Trombone 3 | Ride Cymbal |
| 4 - B \flat Clarinet 3 | 2 - Baritone/ Euphonium | Toms |
| 2 - B \flat Bass Clarinet | 2 - Baritone T.C. | Sleigh Bells |
| 2 - E \flat Alto Saxophone 1 | 4 - Tuba | 4 - Percussion 2 |
| 2 - E \flat Alto Saxophone 2 | 1 - Opt. Electric Bass | Crash Cymbals |
| 2 - B \flat Tenor Saxophone | | Suspended Cymbal |
| 2 - E \flat Baritone Saxophone | | Hi-hat |
| | | Triangle |
| | | Tambourine |

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The Arranger

Chris Sharp is a professional composer, arranger, and orchestrator currently living in Gainesville, Florida. Educated at the University of Florida and University of Miami, he has served the music field in a wide range of capacities. As a trombonist, Mr. Sharp worked as a full-time performing musician and bandleader at Walt Disney World for 11 years. In addition, he has served as an arranger and orchestrator for Disney parks worldwide since 1984, providing music for atmosphere groups, live shows, recording sessions, and national television broadcasts. He has also written for numerous freelance clients including Universal Studios, Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, the Boston Pops, the Dallas Brass, and several service bands, including the famed USAF Airmen of Note.

Mr. Sharp is an active music educator, with experience teaching at the middle school, high school, and college levels. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in composition at the University of Florida, where he is a graduate teaching assistant in the music education and composition departments. Mr. Sharp has served as a clinician and guest conductor on numerous occasions, and has extensive experience as an adjudicator, having judged for several organizations, including Bands of America and Drum Corps International. Having received the ASCAP Plus award multiple times, Mr. Sharp's compositions and arrangements for concert and jazz band have enjoyed widespread performances, including annual appearances at the Midwest Clinic.

About the Music

Ring in the holiday season with this Yuletide “tour de force,” *A Christmas Spectacular*. Designed as a companion (or a possible substitution) for Leroy Anderson’s perennial favorite, *A Christmas Festival*, it contains popular carols not found in Anderson’s arrangement. Opening with a rousing fanfare based on *The First Noel* and a foreshadowing quote from *Here We Come a-Caroling*, it then moves into a straightforward version of *O Little Town of Bethlehem* in the clarinets and saxophones. A stirring rendition of *Angels from the Realms of Glory* in the low brass and clarinets is followed by an intimate statement of *Away in a Manger*, as the instrumental forces are reduced to a brass quintet. The woodwinds reenter for the second half of the tune.

A decidedly nautical version of *I Saw Three Ships* in 6/8 time is followed by a swashbuckling take on *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*. The woodwinds perform a Percy Grainger-inspired middle phrase, and then the brass and percussion return for a militaristic statement to finish the song. The trumpets follow with *Here We Come A-Caroling*, leading into a triumphant full ensemble statement as the meter returns to a duple feel. The ensemble forces dwindle again for the tender *Infant Holy*, *Infant Lowly* expressed by alternating choirs of low brass/clarinets and upper woodwinds.

A march-like rendition of *Once in Royal David’s City* dissolves into a motivic transition into the realm of jazz, for a swingin’ statement of *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*. A switch to a Latin feel halfway through provides extra energy as well as additional stylistic contrast. The woodwinds furnish a sentimental transition into a quote from Eric Satie’s *Gymnopédie No. 1*, leading into the opening stanza of *The First Noël*, which is orchestrated to reflect the lyric, “on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.” A modulation signals the return of the full ensemble to deliver the conclusion of *The First Noel*. A sudden *subito p* precedes a compelling return to the opening fanfare, culminating in a dramatic statement of the first phrase of *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*. Stunning harmonies conclude the piece in memorable fashion.

A Christmas Spectacular is generously cross-cued to allow access by smaller ensembles, and can be performed successfully without French horns, oboes, bassoons or baritone saxophone. The 3rd trombone part provides color, but is not necessary and should only be used in the presence of a player with good control of the lower register.

Special instructions for the percussion: for ensembles with four or fewer percussionists, a drum set part is provided that can replace the Percussion 1 and 2 parts. If there are still not enough players for all parts, be sure to retain the Bells/Chimes and Vibraphone parts for the color they provide, eliminating the timpani part if necessary.

I hope your bands and audiences will enjoy the experience of *A Christmas Spectacular*.

A CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

TRADITIONAL
Arranged by CHRIS SHARP
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Triumphantly (♩=108)

The musical score is arranged for a large ensemble. It begins with a tempo marking of **Triumphantly (♩=108)**. The score is divided into two main sections, both starting with the tempo marking. The first section includes parts for Piccolo, Flutes (1 and 2), Oboe, Bassoon, B♭ Clarinets (1, 2, 3), B♭ Bass Clarinet, E♭ Alto Saxophones (1, 2), B♭ Tenor Saxophone, and E♭ Baritone Saxophone. The second section includes B♭ Trumpets (1, 2, 3), F Horns (1, 2), Trombones (1, 2, 3), Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba, Electric Bass, Timpani, Chimes (G, C, E♭, F), Bells, Vibraphone, and Drum Set (Optional). The Drum Set part includes instructions for 'yarn mallets' and 'p' (piano) dynamics. Percussion 1 includes Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Ride Cymbal, Toms, and Steigh Bells. Percussion 2 includes Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal, Hi-hat, Triangle, and Tambourine. The score concludes with a **Cr. Cym.** (Crash Cymbal) instruction and a **2 f** (two forte) dynamic marking.



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Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./ Euph.

Tuba

E.B.

Timp.

Bells Chimes

Vibr.

D.S.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

21 22 23 24 25 26 27

28 Slightly faster
Angels from the Realms of Glory

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

28 Slightly faster
Angels from the Realms of Glory

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./ Euph.

Tuba

E.B.

Timp.

Bells Chimes

Vibr.

D.S.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

45 **Tenderly** (♩=92)
Away in a Manger

Picc. 1 2
Fls. 1 2
Ob.
Bsn.
Cls. 1 2 3
B. Cl.
A. Saxes 1 2
T. Sax.
B. Sax.

45 **Tenderly** (♩=92)
Away in a Manger

Tpts. 1 2 3
Hns. 1 2
Tbns. 1 2 3
Bar./Euph.
Tuba
E.B.
Timp.
Bells Chimes
Vibr.
D.S.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2

Picc. *mp*

Fls. 1 *mp*

Fls. 2 *mp*

Ob. *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

Cls. 1 *mp*

Cls. 2 *mp* play

B. Cl. *mp* a2

A. Saxes 1 *mp*

A. Saxes 2 *mp*

T. Sax. *mp*

B. Sax. *mp*

Tpts. 1 *tutti mp*

Tpts. 2 *tutti mp*

Tpts. 3 *tutti mp*

Hns. 1 *tutti mp*

Hns. 2 *tutti mp*

Tbns. 1 *tutti mp*

Tbns. 2 *tutti mp*

Tbns. 3 *tutti mp*

Bar./Euph. *mp*

Tuba *tutti mp*

E.B. *mp* play

Timp.

Bells Chimes *mp*

Vibr. *mp* Triangle

D.S. *mp*

Perc. 1 Triangle

Perc. 2 Triangle

52 53 54 55 56 57 *mp* 58

(♩ = ♩.)

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2
3

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

E.B.

Timp.

Bells
Chimes

Vibr.

D.S.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

59 60 61 62 63 64

65 I Saw Three Ships

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax. *mp*

65 I Saw Three Ships

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba *mp*

E.B. *mp*

Timp.

Bells
Chimes

Vibr.

D.S.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 *Tri.*

65 *mf* 66 67 68 69 70 71

This page of a musical score covers measures 72 through 77. The score is arranged in systems for various instruments. The woodwind section includes Piccolo (Picc.), Flutes (Fls. 1 and 2), Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Clarinets (Cls. 1 and 2), Bass Clarinet (B. Cl.), and Saxophones (A. Saxes, T. Sax., B. Sax.). The brass section includes Trumpets (Tpts. 1, 2, 3), Horns (Hns. 1 and 2), Trombones (Tbns. 1, 2, 3), Baritone/Euphonium (Bar./Euph.), Tuba, and Euphonium/Bass (E.B.). The percussion section includes Timpani (Timp.), Bells/Chimes, Vibraphone (Vibr.), and two sets of Drums (D.S., Perc. 1, Perc. 2). The score features dynamic markings such as *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *f* (forte). Measure 77 includes a first ending bracket labeled 'a2'. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4.

72

73

74

75

76

77

78 God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Picc. *f*

Fls. 1 *f*
2

Ob. *f*

Bsn. *f*

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl. *f*

A. Saxes 1 *f*
2

T. Sax. *f*

B. Sax. *f*

Detailed description: This block contains the woodwind section of the score for measures 78-83. It includes parts for Piccolo, Flutes (1 and 2), Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinets (1, 2, 3), Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophones (1 and 2), Tenor Saxophone, and Bass Saxophone. The music is in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The dynamic marking is *f* (forte). The Piccolo part has a melodic line with some grace notes. The Flutes and Oboe play chords and moving lines. The Bassoon and Clarinets play rhythmic patterns. The Saxophones play block chords and moving lines.

78 God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Tpts. 1 *f*
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1 *f*
2
3

Bar./Euph. *f*

Tuba *f*

E.B. *f*

Timp. *f*

Bells
Chimes

Vibr.

D.S. *f*

Perc. 1 *f*

Perc. 2 *f*
Tambourine

78 *f* 79 80 81 82 83

Detailed description: This block contains the brass and percussion section of the score for measures 78-83. It includes parts for Trumpets (1, 2, 3), Horns (1, 2), Trombones (1, 2, 3), Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba, Euphonium/Bass Trombone (E.B.), Timpani (Timp.), Bells and Chimes, Vibraphone (Vibr.), Double Bass (D.S.), Percussion 1 (Perc. 1), and Percussion 2 (Perc. 2). The music is in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The dynamic marking is *f* (forte). The Brass section plays block chords and moving lines. The Horns play moving lines. The Trombones play block chords and moving lines. The Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba, and Euphonium/Bass Trombone play block chords and moving lines. The Timpani play rhythmic patterns. The Bells and Chimes, Vibraphone, and Percussion parts are mostly silent or play simple rhythmic patterns.

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2
3

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

E.B.

Timp.

Bells
Chimes

Vibr.

D.S.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

84 85 86 87 88 89

(♩ = ♩)

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

(♩ = ♩)

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

E.B.

Timp.

Bells
Chimes

Vibr.

D.S.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Cr. Cym.

90 *f* 91 92 93 94 95 96

rit. Slower (♩ = 90)

Musical score for woodwinds and strings, measures 112-118. The score includes parts for Piccolo, Flutes 1 and 2, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinets 1, 2, and 3, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophones 1 and 2, Tenor Saxophone, and Bass Saxophone. The tempo is marked 'rit.' and 'Slower (♩ = 90)'. Dynamics include *mf* and *mp*. The key signature has two flats and the time signature is 3/4. The woodwinds play melodic lines, while the strings provide harmonic support.

rit. Slower (♩ = 90)

Musical score for brass and percussion, measures 112-118. The score includes parts for Trumpets 1, 2, and 3, Horns 1 and 2, Trombones 1, 2, and 3, Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba, Euphonium/Bass, Timpani, Bells/Chimes, Vibraphone, and two Drum Set parts (D.S., Perc. 1, Perc. 2). The tempo is marked 'rit.' and 'Slower (♩ = 90)'. Dynamics include *mp* and *p*. The brass instruments play sustained chords and melodic lines, while the percussion provides rhythmic accompaniment.

119 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Picc. *mp*

Fls. 1 *mp* a2

Fls. 2 *mp*

Ob. *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

Cls. 1 *mp*

Cls. 2 *mp* a2

Cls. 3 *mp*

B. Cl. *mp*

A. Saxes 1 *mp* a2

A. Saxes 2 *mp*

T. Sax. *mp*

B. Sax. *mp*

119 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Tpts. 3

Hns. 1

Hns. 2

Tbns. 1

Tbns. 2

Tbns. 3

Bar./Euph. *mp*

Tuba *mp*

E.B. *mp*

Timp. *mp* (G to Ab, C to Bb)

Bells Chimes

Vibr.

D.S.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

rit. March-like (♩ = 112)

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

mp

mp

mp

mp

mf a2

mf

rit. March-like (♩ = 112)

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2
3

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

E.B.

Timp.

Bells
Chimes

Vibr.

D.S.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

mf

p *cresc.* *mf*

p *cresc.* *mf* Cr. Cym.

mf a2

mf a2

133

134

135

136

137 *mf*

138

139 Once in Royal David's City

Picc. *mf* *tr*

Fls. 1 *mf* *tr*

Fls. 2 *mf* *tr*

Ob. *mf* *tr*

Bsn. *mf*

Cls. 1 *mf* *tr*

Cls. 2 *mf*

Cls. 3 *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

A. Saxes 1 *mf* *a2*

A. Saxes 2 *mf*

T. Sax. *mf*

B. Sax. *mf*

139 Once in Royal David's City

Tpts. 1

Tpts. 2

Tpts. 3

Hns. 1

Hns. 2

Tbns. 1 *mf*

Tbns. 2

Tbns. 3

Bar./Euph. *mf*

Tuba *mf*

E.B. *mf*

Timp.

Bells Chimes

Vibr.

D.S. *mf*

Perc. 1 *mf*

Perc. 2 *mf*

139

140

141

142

143 *mf*

144

147

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

147

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

E.B.

Timp.

Bells
Chimes

Vibr.

D.S.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

145

146

f

147

148

149

150

157 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

157 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2
3

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

E.B.

Timp.

Bells
Chimes

Vibr.

D.S.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

157 158 159 160 161 162

This musical score page covers measures 163 through 169. The instrumentation includes Piccolo, Flutes (1 and 2), Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinets (1, 2, 3), Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophones (1, 2), Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, Trumpets (1, 2, 3), Horns (1, 2), Trombones (1, 2, 3), Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba, Euphonium/Bass, Timpani, Bells/Chimes, Vibraphone, and two sets of Drums (D.S., Perc. 1, Perc. 2). The score is written in a key signature of three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor) and a 4/4 time signature. A rehearsal mark '165' is placed above the Piccolo staff at the beginning of measure 165. Dynamics include *f* (forte), *mf* (mezzo-forte), and *mf* (mezzo-forte). Performance instructions such as '(play)' and 'a2' are present. The percussion parts feature complex rhythmic patterns with many rests.

Sweetly (♩ = ♩) rit.

Picc.
 Fls. 1
 2
 Ob.
 Bsn.
 Cls. 1
 2
 3
 B. Cl.
 A. Saxes 1
 2
 T. Sax.
 B. Sax.
 Tpts. 1
 2
 3
 Hns. 1
 2
 Tbns. 1
 2
 3
 Bar./Euph.
 Tuba
 E.B.
 Timp.
 Bells/Chimes
 Vibr.
 D.S.
 Perc. 1
 Perc. 2

183

184

185

186

187

188

Slower (♩ = 90)

193 The First Noël

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Slower (♩ = 90)

193 The First Noël

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

E.B.

Timp.

Bells
Chimes

Vibr.

D.S.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

one player

mf

mp

Sleigh Bells

mp gently

Tri.

mp

189 190 191 192 193 194 195 196

211 Slightly faster (♩ = 90)

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

211 Slightly faster (♩ = 90)

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

E.B.

Timp.

Bells
Chimes

Vibr.

D.S.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 mp

Picc. *sub.p* *f*
 Fls. 1 *sub.p* *f*
 2 *sub.p* *f*
 Ob. *sub.p* *f*
 Bsn. *sub.p* *f*
 Cls. 1 *sub.p* *f*
 2 *sub.p* *f*
 3 *sub.p* *f*
 B. Cl. *sub.p* *f*
 A. Saxes 1 *sub.p* *f*
 2 *sub.p* *f*
 T. Sax. *sub.p* *f*
 B. Sax. *sub.p* *f*
 Tpts. 1 *sub.p* *f*
 2 *sub.p* *f*
 3 *sub.p* *f*
 Hns. 1 *sub.p* *f*
 2 *sub.p* *f*
 Tbns. 1 *sub.p* *f*
 2 *sub.p* *f*
 3 *sub.p* *f*
 Bar./Euph. *sub.p* *f*
 Tuba *sub.p* *f*
 E.B. *sub.p* *f*
 Timp. *f* *sub.p* *f*
 Bells/Chimes *f* Chimes
 Vibr. *f*
 D.S. *f* *sub.p* *f*
 Perc. 1 *f* *sub.p* *f*
 Perc. 2 *f* Cr. Cym. *sub.p* *f*

Picc.

Fls. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn.

Cls. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1
2
3

Hns. 1
2

Tbns. 1
2
3

Bar./
Euph.

Tuba

E.B.

Timp.

Bells
Chimes

Vibr.

D.S.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

225 226 227 228 229 230 231

