

# Junkanoo

Traditional Bahamian Folk Song Arranged by Michael Story (ASCAP)

#### INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B♭ Clarinet
- 2 Bb Bass Clarinet
- 6 E♭ Alto Saxophone
- 4 By Tenor Saxophone
- 2 E Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B Trumpet
- 4 F Horn

- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon
- 2 Baritone Treble Clef (World Part Trombone in B<sup>1</sup> Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba
- 2 Percussion 1 (High Tom-Tom or Share Drum, Bass Drum)
- 2 Percussion 2 (Cowbell, Low Tom-Tom)
- 1 Percussion 3 (Police Whistle)

## WORLD PARTS

Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in Eb

Trombone/Baritone in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in Eb Bass Clef

Tuba in Eb Treble Clef

Tuba in B<sub>b</sub> Bass Clef

Tuba in Barreble Clef

## **PROGRAM NOTES**

A *Junkanoo* is a type of street parade popular in the Bahamas. The participants are clad in vividly colorful costumes, and the energetic music is performed on various brass instruments, drums, cowbells, and whistles. Although Junkanoo parades occur throughout the year, they are most prevalent during Boxing Day (December 26), New Year's Day, and Bahamian Independence Day (July 10).

This arrangement is based on the popular Bahamian folk song "The John B. Sails." The song is also the basis of other arrangements known as "I Want to Go Home," "Wreck of the John B," and "Sloop John B."

## **NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR**

One of the most recognizable features of *Junkanoo* music is the energetic drumming. This arrangement is written for five percussionists. If you have extra players, by all means split all of them between both tomtom parts using snare drums (with snares off), bongos, extra tom-toms, etc. The bass drum part should be played with hard mallets to give a more authentic sound as well as rhythmic clarity.

The percussion contribution is crucial. Repetitive and easy to master, there are two versions provided for the percussion 1 and percussion 2 parts. The standard part is designed with two-measure repeats. The alternate part has each measure written out. Carefully teaching your percussionists how to read these unique repeats will provide clarity.

Although the police whistle part is written out, encourage your players to improvise any rhythms they feel comfortable doing—there really is no right or wrong way!

I hope you and your ensemble enjoy Junkanoo!

Michael Story





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Based on The John B. Sails



\*See notes to conductor for teaching percussion repeats.







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