Euphoria

Ryan Meeboer

The title of this piece is the perfect description of what the music conveys: happiness and joy. Every instrument is give the opportunity to perform melodic material, making it a fun performance for all.

Euphoria has several harmonic changes that allow students to learn some new pitches outside of the first notes learned in most method books. There are also lots of opportunities for performers to work on many other skills, in particular, the stylistic changes from a light, detached feel to a gentle, legato one.

It is also important that the rhythmic 'shots', for example, from measure 21-28 are not played too heavily.



Ryan Meeboer is a music educator, who obtained his degree through the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. As a composer, he has written and arranged many pieces for concert band, jazz band, and small ensembles. His young band piece, *Last Voyage of the Queen Anne's Revenge*, has been well received by performers, educators, and audiences, and his pieces are starting to be found on festival and contest lists. As a performer, he has had experience in several groups, including concert and stage bands, chamber choir, vocal jazz ensemble, acoustic duets, and the Hamilton based swing group, "The Main Swing Connection".

Ryan began studying music at the age of seven through private guitar lessons. During his years in elementary and secondary school, he gained experience in several families of instruments. Focusing on music education and theory (including composition and orchestration), he attended McMaster University to achieve his honours degree in music. Ryan is currently a teacher for the Halton District School Board in Ontario, where he continues to compose and arrange.

Please contact the composer if you require any further information about this piece or his availability for commissioning new works and appearances.

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