Ritual Dance

Kevin Kaisershot

Ritual Dance (Danse Rituale) musically portrays the preliminary dance surrounding a fictional rite of passage ceremony. The initial announcement of dignitaries is followed by their parade (m. 9) past those in attendance. This is followed by the candidate's procession (m. 59) who is then trailed by family and relatives (m. 75). All in attendance then follows the procession (m. 91) to the designated ritual area where the ceremony will take place. The accelerando (m. 123) indicates that all is ready and the ceremony is about to begin.

With the exception of the *accelerando*, the tempo should remain consistent throughout. The dynamic shifts from smaller scored sections to large groups are very important to the overall character of the piece and should be observed carefully so as not to overshadow key melodic lines.

PREVIEW ONLY

Mr. Kaisershot earned a Bachelors Degree in Music Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He received his Masters Degree in Trumpet Performance from Illinois State University where, in addition to playing in the Faculty Brass Quintet, he was also the Graduate Assistant and Assistant Conductor in the ISU Band Department. He has done additional postgraduate work at Northern Illinois University (Supervisory Endorsement) and Vandercook College of Music. He was a finalist for Kane County (IL) Educator of the Year where he received the Distinguished Educator Award. He also received an Award of Special Recognition from the Illinois State Board of Education as part of their "Those Who Excel" program. Recognized as one of the foremost achievers in his field, Mr. Kaisershot has been included in numerous editions of Marquis' Who's Who in America as well as many former students nominating him for Who's Who of America's Teachers.

As a conductor and clinician, Mr. Kaisershot has become well traveled throughout the midwest USA. Internationally recognized as a composer/arranger, especially of music for trumpet and brass, his music has achieved critical acclaim. His music has been performed not only in the United States, but also in several other countries including Japan, Korea, Canada, Mexico, Denmark, Switzerland, England, Norway and Germany.

He has won several awards for his band compositions, including the distinction that his march, *Spectre of Fortune*, was adopted by the State of Massachusetts Lions Club Organizations as their "official" march. In 2009 he won the ASCAP/MENC (now NAfME) composition competition wherein his march entry was selected as "The Music Teachers March." Since 1994 he has been almost a yearly recipient of the annual ASCAP standard awards for his contributions to the advancement of American/Educational music.

After 35+ years of successful teaching, Mr. Kaisershot retired in June of 2015 but still continues to contribute to the educational music field and on occasion will find an outlet to perform (trumpet).

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