

RWS VERY BEGINNING BAND SERIES

Grade: 0.5

Conductor Score: RWS-2415-01

Rock Solid

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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score	1	F Horn	4
Flute	10	Trombone	6
Oboe	2	Euphonium B.C.	2
B♭ Clarinet	12	Euphonium T.C.	2
B♭ Bass Clarinet	2	Tuba	4
Bassoon	2	Mallet Percussion: Bells	4
E♭ Alto Saxophone	8	Timpani	1
B♭ Tenor Saxophone	2	Percussion 1: Snare Drum, Bass Drum	3
E♭ Baritone Saxophone	2	Percussion 2: Ride Cymbal, Tamborine, Crash Cymbals, High Wood Block, Low Wood Block	4
B♭ Trumpet	10		

PROGRAM NOTE

Rock Solid is a vibrant and concise musical exploration crafted for beginning bands. You are invited to be an active participant and help bring the spirit of rock to life in this rhythmic experience of energetic beats and catchy melodies. Get ready for an engaging performance that sets the stage to capture the essence of rock music. The title, **Rock Solid**, encapsulates the strength and stability of rock and roll.

NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

At the very beginning of the piece, the percussion section lays down the rock groove. Remind these players to be aware of the *decrescendo* at measure 4 so that the melody is not overpowered at measure 5.

At measure 5, many players clap their hands. To achieve proper balance, this should be rehearsed first without the melody and then with the melody. Before clapping, the players should safely position their instruments to quickly bring them up one measure before entering.

Measure 21 features the percussion section, so ensure their instruments are positioned without obstructions. (They are the rock stars at this point and need to be heard.)

At measure 29, the snare drummer plays stick clicks. Ensure that both sticks are held high for the audience to see, and the conductor can encourage the audience to clap along on beats 2 and 4.

At measure 45, dynamics drop suddenly and then build. Percussion imitates this musical surprise at measure 47. The piece concludes with a segment of the main theme repeated at *forte*.

I hope you enjoy **Rock Solid**. Please visit my composer page at rwsmusic.com to connect. 

ABOUT THE COMPOSER



Alexandre Carlin is a music teacher, composer and band conductor from France. He began playing the clarinet and after classical studies, he decided to enroll at the University of Paris Sorbonne. He discovered orchestral conducting and writing for band with Désiré Dondeyne, former conductor of the french police symphonic band of Paris.

In 2012 he followed composer Stéphane Bortoli's composition classes at the Mantes en Yvelines conservatory. The same year, he also took lessons in film music composition at the Levallois-Perret conservatory. He became associate professor of music in 2020.

Since 1996 he has been director of the « Société Musicale de Bû », conducting the beginning band and the concert band, and managing the music school. Since 2014 he is also a music teacher at Charles de Gaulle middle school in Bû and since 2020 at Rotrou high school in Dreux.

Member of SACEM since 1995, its catalog consists of original works for concert band, brass band, young band, instrumental pieces for competitions and exams, and arrangements.

He currently lives in France, 60 kms south-west of Paris, with his wife Ingrid, and their three children Fiona, Sean and Eileen.



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Fl.

Ob.

Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph. B.C.

Tuba

Mlt.

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

6 7 8 9 10

mf
Play
mf
Play
mf
Play

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13

Fl.

Ob.

Clar.

B. Cl.

Play

mf

f

Bsn.

Play

mf

f

A. Sax

T. Sax

Play

f

B. Sax

Play

mf

f

Trpt.

13

F Hn.

Play

f

Tbn.

Play

mf

f

Euph. B.C.

Play

mf

f

Tuba

Play

mf

f

Mlt.

Play

f

Timp.

mf

f

Perc. 1

f

Perc. 2

11 12 13 f Tambourine 14 15

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Fl.

Ob.

Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph. B.C.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

21

Fl.

Ob.

Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

21

Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph. B.C.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

On Rim

Cr. Cym.

Perc. 2

Wood Blocks

f

Fl.

Ob.

Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph. B.C.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

31 32 33 34 35

37

Fl.

Ob.

Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph. B.C.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

On Head

Ride Cym.

36

37 Tamb.

38

39

40

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37

Fl.

Ob.

Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph. B.C.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

On Head

Ride Cym.

36

37 Tamb.

38

39

40

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45

Fl.

Ob.

Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax *f*

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt. *f*

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph. B.C.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

45

Fl.

Ob.

Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph. B.C.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

mf

f

p

mp

mf

f

dampen

dampen

S.D.

B.D.

Cr. Cym.

Ride Cym.

dampen

46

47

48

49

50