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Grade: 0.5

Conductor Score: RWS-2506-01

Dover Castle

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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score	1	F Horn	4
Flute	10	Trombone	6
Oboe	2	Euphonium B.C.	2
B $\flat$ Clarinet	12	Euphonium T.C.	2
B $\flat$ Bass Clarinet	2	Tuba	4
Bassoon	2	Mallet Percussion: Bells	4
E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone	8	Timpani	1
B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone	2	Percussion 1: Snare Drum, Bass Drum	3
E $\flat$ Baritone Saxophone	2	Percussion 2: Tambourine, Crash Cymbals	2
B $\flat$ Trumpet	10		

PROGRAM NOTE

Dover Castle is located in the Southeast region of England. It was built for King Henry II during the 11th century as a defensive fortress against the French. As Dover is the closest point from England to mainland France, the castle was one of England's key strategic locations for centuries, defending against not only the Medieval French but Napoleon's army and the Nazis as well. Today, the port of Dover is a busy travel area for tourists and cargo ships going to and from mainland France.

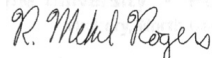
Dover Castle was composed to be a musical representation of the fortress and the high white cliffs upon which it stands.

NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

Dover Castle uses only the first six pitches usually learned by beginning band students and contains no rhythms beyond the difficulty of pairs of eighth notes.

All low brass and low reed parts are in unison to allow for limited instrumentation.

The feel of the work should be heroic and grand to represent the imposing presence of the castle guarding the mainland of England.

I hope you and your ensemble enjoy working on this piece. Please visit my composer page at rwsmusic.com to connect! 

ABOUT THE COMPOSER



Mekel Rogers has been involved in music education as a middle school band director and orchestra conductor since 1995. He is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Appalachian State University, a charter member of the Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps, and the founding conductor of the Union Symphony Youth Orchestra. Mekel is also active as a frequent guest clinician and adjudicator for both concert band and orchestral events.

Mekel's music for concert band and orchestra has been performed internationally and is published by the FJH Music Company, Alfred Music Publishing, Grand Mesa Strings, RWS Music, and TUX People's Music. Mekel's concert band and string orchestra compositions have received several Editors Choice Awards from the J. W. Pepper Music Company. Mekel's works have been performed at various district and state honor band events, music educator association conferences, adjudicated festivals, and the Midwest Clinic in Chicago. International performances include concert festivals in Canada, Japan, Australia, and the United Kingdom as well as world premieres in both London, England and Paris, France.

Mekel was inducted into the American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA) in 2008 and is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP).



DOVER CASTLE

Conductor Score

Mekel Rogers (ASCAP)

RWS-2506-00

Allegro $\text{♩} = 144$

Flute

Oboe

B♭ Clarinet

B♭ Bass Clarinet

Bassoon

E♭ Alto Saxophone

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

B♭ Trumpet

F Horn

Trombone

Euphonium B.C.

Tuba

Mallet Percussion Bells

Timpani F, B♭

Percussion 1
S.D.
Snare Drum
B.D.
Bass Drum

Percussion 2
Tambourine
Crash Cymbals

7

2

3

4

5

6

DOVER CASTLE

9

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

7 8 9 10 11 12

DOVER CASTLE

[illegible]

DOVER CASTLE

[illegible]

DOVER CASTLE

27

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

25 26 27 28 29 30 31

DOVER CASTLE

35

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

mp

f

35

32 33 34 35 36 37 38

DOVER CASTLE

41

Fl.

Ob.

Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

41

Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph. B.C.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

39

40

41

42

43

44

DOVER CASTLE

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

45 46 47 48 49 50