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## Instrumentation

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Piano Solo.....	1
1st Flute .....	5
2nd Flute .....	5
Oboe .....	2
1st B♭ Clarinet .....	4
2nd B♭ Clarinet .....	4
3rd B♭ Clarinet.....	4
B♭ Bass Clarinet.....	2
Bassoon .....	2
1st E♭ Alto Saxophone.....	3
2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone.....	3
B♭ Tenor Saxophone.....	2
E♭ Baritone Saxophone.....	2
1st B♭ Trumpet.....	3
2nd B♭ Trumpet .....	3
3rd B♭ Trumpet.....	3
1st F Horn .....	2
2nd F Horn .....	2
1st Trombone.....	2
2nd Trombone.....	2
3rd Trombone .....	2
Euphonium (Baritone) B.C. ....	2
Euphonium (Baritone) T.C. ....	2
Tuba .....	4
String Bass .....	1
Mallet Percussion: Bells, Chimes .....	2
Timpani.....	1
Percussion 1: Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Tam-Tam, Triangle .....	3
Percussion 2: Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal .....	2

## Program Notes

**Rhapsody In Blue** was premiered on February 12, 1924 at the Aeolian Hall in New York City. George Gershwin was the piano soloist with the Paul Whiteman band. The audience included such notables as Sergei Rachmaninoff, Igor Stravinsky, Leopold Stokowsky, and John Philip Sousa.

Commissioned by Paul Whiteman and written in the span of three weeks, "Rhapsody In Blue" was intended to be an example of symphonic jazz. Ferde Grofe orchestrated the piece, penned a revision in 1926, and later wrote a version for symphony orchestra in 1942. This latter version has maintained a place in the standard orchestral repertoire.

In addition to being a favorite of orchestras world-wide, "Rhapsody In Blue" has been featured in movies (Disney's "Fantasia" and Woody Allen's "Manhattan,") at the 1984 Olympics, and in countless commercials. The music is uniquely American. Gershwin described it as "a musical kaleidoscope of America, of our vast melting pot, of our unduplicated national pep, of our metropolitan madness."

## Notes to the Conductor

The music of this iconic American masterpiece is characterized by (among other things) multiple changes in tempo, style and character. Most of these changes are indicated in the music, but many are not. These changes represent an interpretive challenge to the conductor. They also grant a certain amount of interpretive freedom.

As one of the most popular American concert compositions, **Rhapsody In Blue** has been performed and recorded by many of the world's top ensembles. These recordings can serve to stimulate the conductor's imagination as they study this score in preparation for rehearsal and performance.

Best of luck in your performances of **Rhapsody In Blue**.



## About the Arranger



**Robert Longfield** is an award-winning composer, arranger, and educator. Born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan, he graduated with honors from the University of Michigan where he studied with Jerry Bilik and Paul Boylan and was a member of the band under William Revelli and George Cavender. He also earned a degree from the University of Miami where he was a student of Alfred Reed.

For fifteen years Mr. Longfield was the band and orchestra director at Davison High School, Davison, Michigan. Since 1987 he has held a similar position at Miami Palmetto Senior High School, Miami, Florida. Mr. Longfield was the recipient of the "Teacher of the Year" award by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association. In 1996 he received the "Mr. Holland Award" from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences for outstanding contributions to music education.

A member of ASCAP, Mr. Longfield has received several commissions and his compositions and arrangements have been played and recorded by bands throughout the United States as well as in Europe and Japan.



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# RHAPSODY IN BLUE

**Conductor Score**  
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George Gershwin  
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**Molto moderato ( $\text{♩} = 80$ )**

Piano Solo

1st & 2nd Flute

Oboe

1st B♭ Clarinet

2nd & 3rd B♭ Clarinet

B♭ Bass Clarinet

Bassoon

1st & 2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

1st B♭ Trumpet

2nd & 3rd B♭ Trumpet

1st & 2nd F Horn

1st & 2nd Trombone

3rd Trombone

Euphonium (Baritone)

Tuba

String Bass

Mallet Percussion  
Bells, Chimes

Timpani

Percussion 1  
Snare Dr., Bass Dr.  
Tam-Tam, Triangle

Percussion 2  
Suspended Cymbal  
Crash Cymbals

Pno.  
 1st & 2nd Fl.  
 Ob.  
 1st Cl.  
 2nd & 3rd Cl.  
 Bass Cl.  
 Bsn.  
 1st & 2nd Alto Sax.  
 Ten. Sax.  
 Bari. Sax.  
 1st Trpt.  
 2nd & 3rd Trpt.  
 1st & 2nd Hn.  
 1st & 2nd Trom.  
 3rd Trom.  
 Euph. (Bar.)  
 Tuba  
 Str. Bass  
 Mallets  
 Timp.  
 Perc. 1  
 Perc. 2

*One player*  
 St. Mute

*div.*  
*mf*  
*Play*  
*div.*  
*mf*  
*Play*  
*mf*  
*mf*

*Tutti*  
*mf*  
*arco*

**[11] Più mosso ( $\text{♩} = 112$ )**

*poco rit.*

Pno.

1st &  
2nd Fl.

Ob.

1st Cl.

2nd &  
3rd Cl.

Bass Cl.

Bsn.

1st & 2nd  
Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

**[11] Più mosso ( $\text{♩} = 112$ )**

*poco rit.*

1st Trpt.

2nd &  
3rd Trpt.

1st &  
2nd Hn.

1st &  
2nd Trom.

3rd Trom.

Euph.  
(Bar.)

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mallets

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

**16** *a tempo*

**Moderato assai (♩ = 66)**

Pno.

1st & 2nd Fl.

Ob.

1st Cl.

2nd & 3rd Cl.

Bass Cl.

Bsn.

1st & 2nd Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

**16** *a tempo*  
Wa Wa Mute

**Moderato assai (♩ = 66)**

1st Trpt.

2nd & 3rd Trpt.

1st & 2nd Hn.

1st & 2nd Trom.

3rd Trom.

Euph. (Bar.)

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mallets

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2



Pno.

1st &  
2nd Fl.

Ob.

1st Cl.

2nd &  
3rd Cl.

Bass Cl.

Bsn.

1st & 2nd  
Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd &  
3rd Trpt.

1st &  
2nd Hn.

1st &  
2nd Trom.

3rd Trom.

Euph.  
(Bar.)

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mallets

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

**[30] Tempo giusto ( $\text{♩} = 132$ )**

Pno.

1st & 2nd Fl.

Ob.

1st Cl.

2nd & 3rd Cl.

Bass Cl.

Bsn.

1st & 2nd Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd & 3rd Trpt.

1st & 2nd Hn.

1st & 2nd Trom.

3rd Trom.

Euph. (Bar.)

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mallets

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

**[30] Tempo giusto ( $\text{♩} = 132$ )**

Pno. *sffz* *sffz* RH RH (b) simile LH LH LH

1st & 2nd Fl.

Ob.

1st Cl. Solo *f*

2nd & 3rd Cl.

Bass Cl. *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

1st & 2nd Alto Sax. *mp*

Ten. Sax. *a2* *mp*

Bari. Sax.

Flutter Tongue *p* *ff* *mf* *mf* *ff* *div.* *mf*

1st Trpt. *Flutter Tongue*

2nd & 3rd Trpt. *Flutter Tongue*

1st & 2nd Hn.

1st & 2nd Trom.

3rd Trom.

Euph. (Bar.)

Tuba *mp*

Str. Bass *pizz. (let string snap)* *mp*

Mallets

Timp.

Perc. 1 S.D. with Brushes *mp*

Perc. 2 B.D.

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Pno.

1st & 2nd Fl.

Ob.

1st Cl.

2nd & 3rd Cl.

Bass Cl.

Bsn.

1st & 2nd Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd & 3rd Trpt.

1st & 2nd Hn.

1st & 2nd Trom.

3rd Trom.

Euph. (Bar.)

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mallets

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Flutter Tongue

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Pno.

1st & 2nd Fl.

Ob. Solo Slap Tongue

1st Cl. *gliss.*

2nd & 3rd Cl. *p*

Bass Cl. *p*

Bsn. *p* Slap Tongue

1st & 2nd Alto Sax. Solo *f*

Ten. Sax. *p*

Bari. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd & 3rd Trpt. Cue: Hn. 1, 2 *p*

1st & 2nd Hn. *p*

1st & 2nd Trom.

3rd Trom.

Euph. (Bar.)

Tuba *p*

Str. Bass *p*

Mallets

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno. 8  
 1st & 2nd Fl.  
 Ob.  
 1st Cl.  
 2nd & 3rd Cl.  
 Bass Cl.  
 Bsn. mf  
 1st & 2nd Alto Sax. Tutti div.  
 Ten. Sax. mf  
 Bari. Sax. mf  
 1st Trpt. mf  
 2nd & 3rd Trpt. Play mf div.  
 1st & 2nd Hn. mf  
 1st & 2nd Trom. mf  
 3rd Trom. mf  
 Euph. (Bar.) mf  
 Tuba mf  
 Str. Bass mf arco  
 Mallets  
 Timp.  
 Perc. 1  
 Perc. 2 Sus. Cym. mf

50 cresc. 5  
5 5 5

Pno. 
  
 1st & 2nd Fl. 
  
 Ob. 
  
 1st Cl. 
  
 2nd & 3rd Cl. 
  
 Bass Cl. 
  
 Bsn. 
  
 1st & 2nd Alto Sax. 
  
 Ten. Sax. 
  
 Bari. Sax. 
  
 1st Trpt. 
  
 2nd & 3rd Trpt. 
  
 1st & 2nd Hn. 
  
 1st & 2nd Trom. 
  
 3rd Trom. 
  
 Euph. (Bar.) 
  
 Tuba 
  
 Str. Bass 
  
 Mallets 
  
 Timp. 
  
 Perc. 1 
  
 Perc. 2

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rall. e dim. a tempo

Pno.

1st & 2nd Fl.

Ob.

1st Cl.

2nd & 3rd Cl.

Bass Cl.

Bsn.

1st & 2nd Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd & 3rd Trpt.

1st & 2nd Hn.

1st & 2nd Trom.

3rd Trom.

Euph. (Bar.)

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mallets

Timpani

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

**60** **Tempo giusto (♩ = 132)**

Pno.  
1st & 2nd Fl.  
Ob.  
1st Cl.  
2nd & 3rd Cl.  
Bass Cl.  
Bsn.  
1st & 2nd Alto Sax.  
Ten. Sax.  
Bari. Sax.

1st Trpt.  
2nd & 3rd Trpt.  
1st & 2nd Hn.  
1st & 2nd Trom.  
3rd Trom.  
Euph. (Bar.)  
Tuba  
Str. Bass  
Mallets  
Timp.  
Perc. 1  
Perc. 2

**60** **Tempo giusto (♩ = 132)**

1st Trpt.  
2nd & 3rd Trpt.  
1st & 2nd Hn.  
1st & 2nd Trom.  
3rd Trom.  
Euph. (Bar.)  
Tuba  
Str. Bass  
Mallets  
Timp.  
Perc. 1  
Perc. 2

68

Pno.

1st & 2nd Fl.

Ob.

1st Cl.

2nd & 3rd Cl.

Bass Cl.

Bsn.

1st & 2nd Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd & 3rd Trpt.

1st & 2nd Hn.

1st & 2nd Trom.

3rd Trom.

Euph. (Bar.)

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mallets

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

68

*G to A♭*

Cue: Hn. 1, 2

75 Meno ( $\text{♩} = 88$ )

*rit.*

**Pno.**

**1st & 2nd Fl.**

**Ob.**

**1st Cl.**

**2nd & 3rd Cl.**

**Bass Cl.**

**Bsn.**

**1st & 2nd Alto Sax.**

**Ten. Sax.**

**Bari. Sax.**

**1st Trpt.**

**2nd & 3rd Trpt.**

**1st & 2nd Hn.**

**1st & 2nd Trom.**

**3rd Trom.**

**Euph. (Bar.)**

**Tuba**

**Str. Bass**

**Mallets**

**Timp.**

**Perc. 1**

**Perc. 2**

*Slower ( $\downarrow = 66$ )*

*rubato e legato*

*mp*

*rall.*

*L.H.*

*8va*

*p*

*rit.*

**Slower ( $\downarrow = 66$ )**

*rall.*

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**81** Andantino moderato ( $\text{♩} = 84$ )

Musical score for measures 81-86. The score includes parts for Pno., 1st & 2nd Fl., Ob., 1st Cl., 2nd & 3rd Cl., Bass Cl., Bsn., 1st & 2nd Alto Sax., Ten. Sax., and Bari. Sax. The music is in common time, key signature is B-flat major. Measure 81: Pno. rests. Measures 82-85: Various woodwind and brass entries with dynamic *p con espressione*. Measure 86: Bari. Sax. entry.

**81** Andantino moderato ( $\text{♩} = 84$ )

Musical score for measures 81-86. The score includes parts for 1st Trpt., 2nd & 3rd Trpt., 1st & 2nd Hn., 1st & 2nd Trom., 3rd Trom., Euph. (Bar.), Tuba, Str. Bass, Mallets, Timp., Perc. 1, and Perc. 2. The music is in common time, key signature is B-flat major. Measure 81: 1st Trpt. rests. Measures 82-85: Various brass and woodwind entries with dynamics *p* and *a2*. Measure 86: Mallets and Timpani entries.

Pno.

1st & 2nd Fl.

Ob.

1st Cl.

2nd & 3rd Cl.

Bass Cl.

Bsn.

1st & 2nd Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd & 3rd Trpt.

1st & 2nd Hn.

1st & 2nd Trom.

3rd Trom.

Euph. (Bar.)

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mallets

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

The musical score page 89 displays a complex arrangement for a large orchestra. The instrumentation includes Pno., 1st & 2nd Fl., Ob., 1st Cl., 2nd & 3rd Cl., Bass Cl., Bsn., 1st & 2nd Alto Sax., Ten. Sax., Bari. Sax., 1st Trpt., 2nd & 3rd Trpt., 1st & 2nd Hn., 1st & 2nd Trom., 3rd Trom., Euph. (Bar.), Tuba, Str. Bass, Mallets, Timp., Perc. 1, and Perc. 2. The score is divided into measures 89 through 92. Measure 89 starts with a rest for most instruments. Measures 90 and 91 feature dynamic markings 'p' (piano) and 'f' (fortissimo). Measure 92 concludes the page. A large, diagonal watermark reading 'Not valid for performance.' is overlaid across the page.

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Pno.

1st & 2nd Fl.

Ob.

1st Cl.

2nd & 3rd Cl.

Bass Cl.

Bsn.

1st & 2nd Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

95

1st Trpt.

2nd & 3rd Trpt.

1st & 2nd Hn.

1st & 2nd Trom.

3rd Trom.

Euph. (Bar.)

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mallets

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

99 rit.

Pno.

103 Grandioso ma non troppo ( $\text{♩} = 96$ )  
a tempo1st &  
2nd Fl.

Ob.

1st Cl.

2nd &  
3rd Cl.

Bass Cl.

Bsn.

1st & 2nd  
Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd &  
3rd Trpt.1st &  
2nd Hn.1st &  
2nd Trom.

3rd Trom.

Euph.  
(Bar.)

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mallets

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

99 rit.

103 Grandioso ma non troppo ( $\text{♩} = 96$ )  
a tempo

*poco rubato*  
 Pno.

*ff leggiere*  
 1st & 2nd Fl.

*simile*  
 Ob.

1st Cl.

2nd & 3rd Cl.

Bass Cl.

Bsn.

1st & 2nd Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd & 3rd Trpt.  
 3.  
 2.  
*ff*

1st & 2nd Hn.  
 8  
 8

1st & 2nd Trom.  
*ff*

3rd Trom.

Euph. (Bar.)

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mallets

Timp.

Perc. 1  
 S.D.  
*mf*

Perc. 2



## Allargando

121

125 Grandioso (not too slow) ( $\text{♩} = 84$ )

Pno.

1st & 2nd Fl.

Ob.

1st Cl.

2nd & 3rd Cl.

Bass Cl.

Bsn.

1st & 2nd Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd & 3rd Trpt.

1st & 2nd Hn.

1st & 2nd Trom.

3rd Trom.

Euph. (Bar.)

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mallets

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

1st & 2nd Fl.

Ob.

1st Cl.

2nd & 3rd Cl.

Bass Cl.

Bsn.

1st & 2nd Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd & 3rd Trpt.

1st & 2nd Hn.

1st & 2nd Trom.

3rd Trom.

Euph. (Bar.)

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mallets

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

135

Pno.

1st & 2nd Fl.

Ob.

1st Cl.

2nd & 3rd Cl.

Bass Cl.

Bsn.

1st & 2nd Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd & 3rd Trpt.

1st & 2nd Hn.

1st & 2nd Trom.

3rd Trom.

Euph. (Bar.)

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mallets

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

135

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*poco a poco rit.*

Pno.

1st & 2nd Fl.

Ob.

1st Cl.

2nd & 3rd Cl.

Bass Cl.

Bsn.

1st & 2nd Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd & 3rd Trpt.

1st & 2nd Hn.

1st & 2nd Trom.

3rd Trom.

Euph. (Bar.)

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mallets

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

*poco a poco rit.*

**143** Molto allargando (not too slow) ( $\downarrow = 84$ )

*molto rit.*

(8) 1

Pno.

1st & 2nd Fl.

Ob.

1st Cl.

2nd & 3rd Cl.

Bass Cl.

Bsn.

1st & 2nd Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

1st Trpt.

2nd & 3rd Trpt.

1st & 2nd Hn.

1st & 2nd Trom.

3rd Trom.

Euph. (Bar.)

Tuba

Str. Bass

Mallets

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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