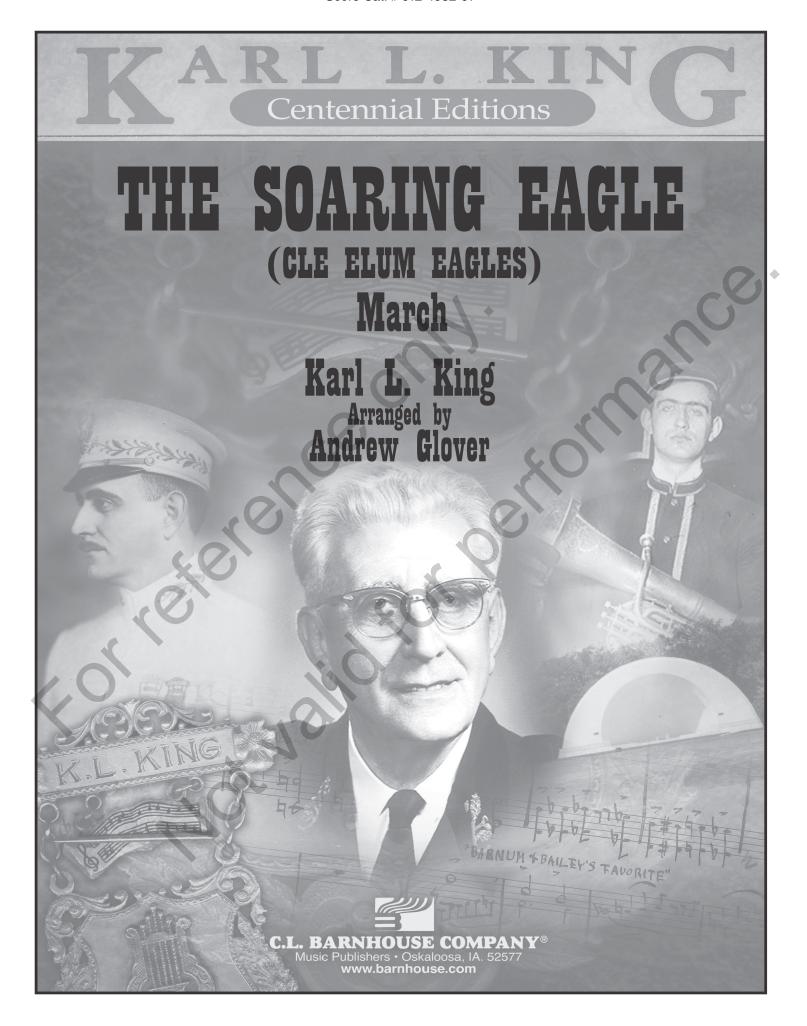
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Full Conductor Score	1
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3rd Bb Clarinet	
Bb Bass Clarinet	
Bassoon	2
1st Eb Alto Saxophone	3
2nd Eb Alto Saxophone	3
Bb Tenor Saxophone	2
Eb Baritone Saxophone	2
1st Bb Cornet (Trumpet)	3
2nd Bb Cornet (Trumpet)	3
3rd Bb Cornet (Trumpet)	3
1st & 2nd F Horns	2
3rd & 4th F Horns	2
1st Trombone	2
2nd Trombone	2
3rd Trombone	2
Euphonium (Baritone) B.C	2
Euphonium (Baritone) T.C	2
Tuba	
Bells	1
Snare Drum	2
Bass Drum, Crash Cymbals	2

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## KARL L. KING CENTENNIAL EDITIONS

Karl C, King

These new Karl L. King Centennial Editions, produced and distributed by the C. L. Barnhouse Company, celebrate 100 years of the music of Karl Lawrence King (1891-1971.) King's first published music came into print in 1909, and he published nearly 300 works, with the last appearing in 1962. This landmark of American music has been preserved largely through the music archives of the C. L. Barnhouse Company and now, we are pleased to introduce this meticulously edited and annotated series for the next generations of bands, musicians and audiences.

## These editions:

Strive to correct original engraving errors and find consensus on inconsistent placement of articulations and dynamics. Virtually all of King's 185 marches were first published in tiny quickstep format, necessitating cramped music engraving which not only was difficult to read, but which nearly made impossible the production of music plates with consistent notation.

Add a full conductor score. Many original King editions had no published score; or, in some cases, a two or three line "condensed" score was added later. (Full scores did not become common until the 1940's; on April 10, 1941 Mr. King wrote, "...I have never made a full score in my life!") Scores for these new editions eliminate conducting "guesswork", as to scoring with the inclusion of carefully engraved full conductor scores.

Adapt instrumentation to meet the needs of most twenty-first century bands. Mr. King was acutely aware, especially later in his career, that bands had evolved considerably in his own lifetime. Consequently, he was continually updating his older publications by creating parts not published in the original editions; usually parts for C Flute, F Horns, saxophones, and conductor scores. He lamented the need for printed F Horn parts, wondering why musicians (even school-aged ones) were unable

to learn transposition from Eb horn. In an April 1, 1963 letter to C. L. Barnhouse Jr., Mr. King wrote, "...(I) can't see why they can't teach the young monsters (horn players) to transpose an afterbeat a tone lower. That shouldn't be much mental strains on brains that are supposed to understand science, space travel, etc."

Incorporate performances practices of marches in the classic concert band style. Through listening to recorded King performances, talking with bandsmen who played in his band, and reading many letters penned by Mr. King, very clear techniques and performances practices of Mr. King have been identified, and are included in the music of these new editions.

Provide extensive program notes, rehearsal suggestions, biographical information, and any other relevant historical information. Many King works have colorful stories associated with them, or interesting histories behind them.

Introduce these wonderful Karl L. King classic works to new generations of band musicians. While virtually all King works have been available for decades, these new full-sized editions, along with professional recordings of them (available separately), will introduce these march classics to newer generations of audiences.

#### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Unabashedly, I love the music of Karl King. I also believe in its importance to American band music history, and also its purposefulness with today's bands. As someone who is committed to classic concert band and its utilization by modern bands, I take very seriously my role in editing these works for the Karl L. King Centennial Series.

The archives of the C. L. Barnhouse Company include several hundred letters exchanged between Mr. King and various members of the staff of the Barnhouse Co. These letters were written between 1918-1971. Covering a wide range of topics, as well as business matters, they also provide a wonderfully documented look at Mr. King's attitudes and philosophies of bands, music, and performance styles. Excerpts from several of those letters are included here, to support various aspects of performance style.

The notion of "concert-sized" editions of King marches was broached with Mr. King during the last few years of his life. He wrote to C. L. (Chuck) Barnhouse III, on January 3, 1970, about this very matter:

"I just hope that whoever arranges them that way will not 'emasculate' them by thinning them out too much. Especially the more 'circusy" ones as they may lose too much of the 'circus' flavor if the brass is repressed too much."

I take this as sound advice. Having read hundreds of letters written by Mr. King, and having talked to many people who knew him, I feel that I have a strong insight into his musical beliefs and standards. As such, it is my goal to honor Mr. King and his music by producing editions of which I believe Mr. King would approve.

- Andrew Glover

## KARL L. KING: A BIOGRAPHY



Karl Lawrence King was born February 21, 1891 in Paintersville, Ohio. His family moved to Xenia a short time later, and for an undetermined period of time, lived in Cleveland. Around the turn of the century, the King family moved to Canton, where young Karl would begin to develop an interest in bands and music. King's pre-teen and early teenage years

coincided with the post Spanish-American War era; a period of history when American patriotism was quite prevalent. Many town bands appeared in parades and at concerts, and hearing these bands inspired the young Karl King to want to become a band man. Saving his money from selling newspapers on Canton street corners, King purchased a cornet for \$15 – and paid for it, \$1 per week with his proceeds from selling papers. In those days, public schools did not offer music instruction, so King took lessons from William Strassner. After receiving some instruction on the cornet, and at the suggestion of Strassner, King switched to baritone, and years later, King recalled that the switch suited him well. He did not complete high school; various sources indicate that he left school as early as the sixth grade, which was not unusual at the time. (In his later years, King made light of his lack of formal education by referring to himself as "... the least educated member of the American Bandmasters Association.")

His first band experience was with Strassner's Band and the Thayer Military Band of Canton, most likely around 1905-1906. During this period, King learned the printing trade, and worked in a Canton area printing shop. In 1909 King spent some time as a member of bands in Columbus (the Fred Neddermeyer Band, which King considered to be his first "professional" job) and also Danville, Illinois (with the Soldier's Home Band.) While a member of these bands, King began to compose marches and other works. His earliest works,



Karl King in his late teens, while a member of the Thayer Military Band of Canton, Ohio. This photo dates from around 1908 or 1909, when King's first published music came into print.

submitted to various publishers, were rejected; King later recalled, in his usual modest way, that this was a fortunate circumstance. In 1909, however, the first published Karl King band works came into print.

It would be difficult, if not impossible, to discern what was King's first published work. He published nine compositions in 1909, with three different publishers. "March T.M.B." (named for the Thayer Military Band) was published by William Strassner, while the march "Salute to Camp Harrison" and the dirge "Our Last Farewell" were published by Roland F. Seitz of Glen Rock, Penn. Six other works were published by C. L. Barnhouse of Oskaloosa, lowa, beginning a long association for both King and Barnhouse. Of these six, the first – "Moonlight on the Nile, Valse Orientale" was accepted for publication on February 26, 1909, and was published on June 19 of that

year, so the early dates suggest that this might have been King's first published work. Regardless of sequence, these first King publications enjoyed sufficient success for his publishers to release twenty-seven more new works in 1910.

Also beginning in 1910, King began a decade-long career as a circus musician, first as a baritone player in the band of Robinson's Famous Circus. (According to Mr. King, "The world lost a good printer..." when he abandoned his career in the printing trade to join the circus.) He spent one season each on the bands of Robinson's Famous Circus, the Yankee Robinson Circus, the Sells Floto Circus, and the Barnum and Bailey "Greatest Show On Earth." He continued to write music while a member of these bands, and in 1913 wrote what would become his masterpiece and most famous work, "Barnum and Bailey's Favorite."

In 1914 King accepted the position as bandleader on the Sells Floto/Buffalo Bill Combined Shows, a position he would hold for three seasons. In 1917 and 1918 he returned to the Barnum and Bailey Circus band, this time as its leader and conductor. He nearly entered military service, working with bands at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, but the First World War ended before King was inducted. Recently married and intent upon settling down, King ended his circus "trouping days" and returned to Canton in 1919, where he very capably led the popular Grand Army Band. In 1920 King relocated to Fort Dodge, lowa, where he assumed leadership of the municipal band and operated his own publishing company, the K. L. King Music House. During his tenure, the Fort Dodge band gained national recognition, and King became a beloved member of the community as well as a band musician of national and international repute.

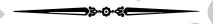


A famous photograph of Karl L. King, riding in a convertible down Central Avenue in Fort Dodge, Iowa, around 1960. The Carver Building in the background still stands, although the overhang with the building's name is now gone. On the opposite side of this building was the K. L. King Music House, at 1012 Central Avenue.

Among many honors bestowed upon King was membership in the prestigious American Bandmasters Association. He served as ABA President in 1938 and was later named an Honorary Life President. He lived in Fort Dodge for the remainder of his life, passing away on March 31, 1971. His Fort Dodge band was subsequently renamed the "Karl L. King Municipal Band" in his honor. On October 22, 2006, a life-sized bronze statue of Mr. King was unveiled on the city square in Fort Dodge, as a testament and monument to the city's most famous musician and citizen.

As a composer, King was one of the most prolific and popular in the history of band music. He composed at least 291 works, including 185 marches, 22 overtures, 12 galops, 29 waltzes, and works in many other styles. Not only did he compose some of the most brilliant and famous marches for experienced bands at the professional and university levels; he also displayed a remarkable ability to compose first-rate music for younger, less experienced musicians and bands. His music continues to be performed worldwide by bands of all experience levels.

Visit the Karl King website: www.karlking.us



## PERFORMING MARCHES FROM THE CLASSIC CONCERT BAND ERA

As a general rule, marches should be played in a bold, solid, and aggressive style. It is important to not confuse these characteristic with excessive levels of volume. Generally, notes are well articulated and played on the short side (unless otherwise indicated.) Conductor Leonard B. Smith often stated that music fell into two broad categories: songs and dances. "Songs" were to be played with full-value note durations, while "dances" should be played on the short side. Marches are "dances" and should therefore be played on the short side of the note.

Dynamics are also to be carefully observed. It is a misconception that marches are always loud. Loud passages can be more effective when contrasted with softer sections. It is important, however, to note that in softer passages, the same level of finesse and style should be employed as when playing louder passages.

Tempo is another important and often misunderstood aspect of march performance. Most American marches can be effectively performed at a tempo in the m.m. 116 – 132 range, keeping in mind that some marches are better suited to brighter tempos. A common performance error comes from playing marches at tempos too fast to allow for proper technical execution. Mr. King did not play marches at galop tempos. Also, many conductors are fond of slower, "grandioso" tempos on final strains, or in inserting fermatas and caesuras into marches. These effects do not have musical merit, and are fully inconsistent with performance practices of the classic concert band era.

Percussion parts are critically important in marches. Please see next page ("USE OF PERCUSSION IN KARL KING MARCHES")

One common performance practice of marches from the classic concert band era is that of "de-orchestration," a term coined by Col. John R. Bourgeois, former director of the United States Marine Band. When outdoors or while marching, bands were most effective playing in a fuller and more "tutti" manner. In concert settings, however, opportunities can be presented for more musical and colorful performances through this practice of de-orchestration. In softer sections, usually trios, some instruments (usually melody brass) tacet, and other remaining parts are re-voiced into more comfortable octaves. In a letter dated October 29, 1946, Mr. King recalled hearing the Sousa Band decades earlier, and summarized Sousa's use of the technique of de-orchestration:

"...Sousa had a few little tricks on pianissimos that I observed, and I always wondered why other leaders who heard him didn't (do the same)...like the first strains of trios. Brass laid out entirely, clarinets played, but dropped it down an octave lower than written. On bad high tones like high G on clarinets, even when he had 26 clarinets and half of them playing first parts, most of them dropped it an octave, and only the two solos took the high one so it wouldn't sound out of tune...the old man was tops..."

However, King cautioned against this practice if taken to too great an extreme. When considering concert-sized arrangements of his marches for publication, he wrote, on January 3, 1970:

"I just hope that whoever arranges them that way will not 'emasculate' them by thinning them out too much; especially the more 'circusy' ones, as they may lose the circus flavor if the brass is repressed too much.

In these editions, we have strived to strike a happy medium.

It should be noted that these performance practices were "understood" a century ago, and put into place by conductors and performers as a stylistic habit. As these performances practices are lesser known to contemporary musicians, many of them have been incorporated into the printed music of these editions. The result, hopefully, provides the opportunity for contemporary bands to sound closely like what the composer intended.

## THE KARL KING STYLE

Mr. King believed that bands should play lively, melodic, and vibrant music; and that marches represented the core of the band's repertoire. He was quite opposed to contemporary music which lacked melody, or which was not appealing to "mainstream" audiences of non-musicians. To this extent, he championed the idea of music for entertainment, as opposed to music for purely aesthetic reasons. He practiced this not only through the style of his compositions, but also his choices in concert programming for his audiences.

Mr. King recognized the importance of technical excellence in performance. After hearing a recording of Rudolf Urbanec's fine Czechoslovakian Brass Orchestra playing two King marches, he wrote, "I like the style of their playing. Some of the bandmen of today have forgotten what a band is supposed to sound like. (I) have been listening to some of them on TV football shows...(and) half the time I can't figure out what they're playing. Noisy drums and blatty brass. Melody all covered up in a mess of sound. No clarity...(unlike) the Czech band where you can hear parts cleanly and distinctly."

He also preferred bold, aggressive style of attacks to the more "symphonic" style of playing, which was often promoted during the wind ensemble movement of the second half of the twentieth century. In describing this style, he wrote that he demands "...trumpet style passages in a bold manner, instead of the 'da-de-da-da' pantywaist style..." When guest conducting various bands, and asking for this kind of attack, he acknowledged that "... the crowd likes it, and it goes over big but I know the next day they go back to doing the panty-waist style and they will once again be "da-da-ing" and "la-la-la-ing" again, but for that one night at least they play like a BAND."

As his career progressed, he lamented that many contemporary band conductors of that time had forgotten (or were ignoring) traditions, programming styles, and performance practices of the past; or perhaps were unaware of them. In reference to a nearby high school band, he wrote, on May 29, 1943, "...they certainly don't know how to play marches, even the easy ones, with any style or certainty. They spend all winter on a few big numbers, and can't play an easy march on sight. Their 'panty-waist' legato style of attack is just the opposite of correct band style for march playing."

## USE OF PERCUSSION IN KARL KING MARCHES

Of particular importance in the proper performance of King marches is the use of percussion instruments. During the classic concert band era, and specifically in King's band, only three percussionists were used – and typically, only two played on marches. Snare drum was played by one musician, and the bass drum with cymbal attached to the top was played by another. The bass drum and cymbal parts are of critical importance. Not only do they "keep the beat" throughout the march, but they can add considerable emphasis, color, and musicality to the performance.

It is well-documented that published drum parts to marches were little more than a guideline for performers, as accents in the bass drum and cymbals were often added by the leader/conductor where musically appropriate. The addition of bass drum and cymbal accents can be categorized (but not necessarily exclusively) into five areas:

- When reinforcing the melodic line
- When reinforcing the rhythmic line
- When reinforcing the harmonic line
- As a musical effect separate from the melodic, rhythmic, or harmonic lines
- When utilized in contrasting ways on repeated or recapitulated strains

In **The Soaring Eagle**, several examples, included in this edition, are as follows:

- When reinforcing the melodic line –
   m. 34-35, 73-74, 77-78
- When reinforcing the rhythmic line –
   m. 17-19, 21-22, 81-82, 97-101, 141-145
- When reinforcing the harmonic line
   m. 81, 73-74, 77-78
- As a musical effect separate from the melodic, rhythmic, or harmonic lines – m. 157-158
- When utilized in contrasting ways on repeated strains – m. 113-114 vs. 157-158

It should be noted that in the era when this music was first published, these accents were typically not notated in the printed part; leaders and conductors understood where they belonged, as a performance practice of that stylistic period. It should also be noted that while Mr. King understood and championed this style, he would likely have made light of any academic analysis or theoretical representation of those practices, as is being done now.

In a letter to C. L. Barnhouse dated June 14, 1955, Mr. King lengthily and colorfully discussed bass drum and cymbal playing. He reminisced about performance practices:

"In the old days a bass drummer played cymbals too, attached to the bass drum. Sousa always did, so did the big service bands in Washington. I like it that way, but I have no objection to them having separate players for cymbals if they will just play along with the bass drum so the parts are together as in the past."

The original parts for marches usually included a single staff for all drums, written in a divisi format; snare played the top line, while the bottom part was intended for bass drum and cymbals. However, as time progressed, fewer percussionists (and conductors) understood that the bottom line was for both instruments, and often omitted cymbals. Mr. King continued:

"...and you will hear them play marches that way in concert, with the cymbal player just standing there and playing only when a cymbal solo is indicated."

He also became frustrated when indicating an added accent to the bass drum and cymbals with a conducting gesture, and not receiving one back:

"Bass drummers have been my pet peeve for years, and Henry Fillmore says the same thing. Wherever we go to guest-conduct we suffer from dumb bass drummers. We swing out for an accent and nothing happens. The guy just looks at us with a dumb expression as if to say, 'what does the man want?'"

He concluded, in an admittedly cantankerous tone:

"A bass drummer has nothing to do but read single notes on a single line, he doesn't have to learn any scales or key signatures, he doesn't even have to worry about pitch, and still the guy will miss 'em."

In summary, the percussion – especially the bass drum and cymbals – should, like the rest of the band, play in a bold and aggressive manner. However, these parts should be played musically as well, remembering that percussion instruments are musical instruments as well. For an excellent illustration of percussion performance on this march, listen to the Washington Winds recording of this march.

#### K. L. KING MUSIC HOUSE

MUSIC PUBLISHERS AND DEALERS FORT DODGE, IOWA

June 14.1955

Dear Barney:

The title page looks real nice' I like it' Have written Zimmerman and explained about accents. I put them shead of notes so bass drummer will SEE them and not think they belong to snare drum on line below. Nine times out ten he will belong to snare drum on line below. Nine times out ten he will MISS them anyway and AIGHT times out of ten the bandleader wont ask for them either because he doesnt savvy either!

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A bass drummer has nothing to do but read single notes on a single li e, he doesnt have to learn any scales or key signatures, he doesnt even have to worry about pitch and still the guy will

miss em¹

K.L.K.

King's famous letter of June 14, 1955 to C. L. Barnhouse Jr., complaining about percussionists and poor march performance techniques

## ABOUT THIS MARCH

THE SOARING EAGLE MARCH was originally published under the title CLE ELUM EAGLES MARCH, composed in 1922 and published in 1923, during a very busy period of Karl King's career. He had settled in Fort Dodge, lowa in 1920 and conducting its municipal band to great acclaim. He was also well-established with a national reputation as a leading composer of band music, and he was working as the proprietor of his own publishing company, the K. L. King Music House. Despite his busy composing activities, and his ever-growing popularity and success as a conductor and bandmaster, his early years managing his own company were fraught with financial difficulties. It is interesting to note that King continued to publish with C. L. Barnhouse, his primary publisher, during this time when he was also selfpublishing with the King Music House. Correspondence on file at the Barnhouse Co. indicates that this was a financially driven decision; selling works to Barnhouse generated much needed cash for his own company, and also relieved King of his own production expenses of music engraving and printing. In 1923, King published only one work with his own company, while in 1923 publishing nine titles with Barnhouse. Not until the 1930's did his own company enjoy greater success, his financial position became more secure, and he had largely ceased publishing with outside firms.

If King's musical output were to be defined into periods, one might suggest there were four such periods. The first represented his early work – from the time he started through his circus days and the two following years in Canton; the second, his first decade in Fort Dodge, representing many works for friends of his during this time, with many suited to the outdoor municipal band as well as other adult bands; the third, showing a growing friendship with many college and university band directors, including some of his most enduring "heavy" marches; and the fourth, highlighted by forty-eight marches published in three folio collections, designed specifically for school bands of lesser experience. Of course, a number of works overlap these periods. Cle Elum Eagles/The Soaring Eagle March is clearly from this second period.

By this time, King was well known and well established both as a composer and a bandmaster. He had first published music in 1909, and by 1923 had published well over 100 band compositions.

today primarily for his marches, King was prolific and successful in music of other styles. He ultimately composed over 100 works other than marches, including 29 waltzes, 22 overtures, 13 circus galops, and a host of serenades, intermezzos, two steps, and music in other forms. Bands had begun playing "All King" concerts, and the King Music House often mentioned these in their periodic advertising circular, called "King's Herald."

King's early career was famously spent in the circus business. He played baritone for four seasons with a different show each year, from 1910 through 1913, capping his playing career with the Barnum and Bailey Circus; and then for five years as bandmaster, first for the Sells Floto and Buffalo Bill Wild West Shows, and leading the Barnum and Bailey band in 1917 and 1918 for its final two years as a separate entity, before combining with Ringling Bros. in 1919. Circus musicians were quite well known to one another, as personnel and leaders often moved around from one show to the next. Many of King's compositions from his circus days bear dedications to musicians with whom he worked and admired, and later

works also often had a circus flavor, or were dedicated to friends and acquaintances from the trouping world. While King's tenure as a circus "trouper" lasted only nine years, his compositions – more significantly than those of any other composer – remain indelibly tied to the circus.

The band world of 1923 was starkly different than that of today. Not only were town bands (some municipally funded, some not) very prevalent, bands were often attached to police departments, fire departments, factories, fraternal organizations, and other groups. School bands as we know them today were a thing of the future. King was keenly aware that the bands of his day ranged in ability and skill level from excellent to fairly awful, and his music writing – from the very start of his career – reflected that. He recognized the need for music in all difficulty levels, to accommodate this wide range of bands.

King was well aware of the many fraternal organizations which had bands, and that many of them were very accomplished ensembles. One of John Philip Sousa's famous marches, "Nobles Of The Mystic Shrine," was dedicated to this organization, and many other composers wrote marches for various Shrine Bands, including Henry Fillmore and Fred Jewell. King composed his "Monahan Post" March for the Sioux City, Iowa American Legion Band; "The Caravan Club" March for the Des Moines Shrine Band, and honored the Fraternal Order of Eagles Band in the small town of Cle Elum (Klee ELL-um), Washington with Cle Elum Eagles/The Soaring Eagle March.

Both King and his publisher friend C. L. Barnhouse were advocates for folio collections of music, also known as "band books." These books typically included sixteen compositions, sometimes all marches, sometimes a mixture of styles, the latter which gave bands the option of playing an entire concert from one folio. By 1920, Barnhouse had already published two very successful folios of King music; the Artarmo Band Book (1910) and the Melodie Band Book (1912). Both of these collections included music in mixed styles, and were designed for less experienced bands of modest ability. King recognized early in his composing career that the skill level of bands ranged dramatically.

Barnhouse was eager to have King write 16 new works for a new folio collection, intended for bands that were somewhat more advanced than "Artarmo" and "Melodie" levels. This folio became known as "The Rivola Band Book" and was published in 1923. It contained two galops, two serenades, a waltz, a romance, and ten marches – including Cle Elum Eagles. "The Rivola Band Book" was also published for orchestra as "The Rivola Orchestra Folio."

While King felt this was one of his better marches, it never enjoyed commercial success – due, in the composer's estimation, to a "...very 'localized' and non-understandable title." Taking nearly thirty years to deplete its initial printing, in 1952 publisher C. L. Barnhouse Jr. was faced with a difficult decision – whether to reprint the march, or

let it go out of print. He asked for King's opinion, and on November 10, 1952 King wrote, "The Eagles band at Cle Elum, Washington wanted a march so I wrote this for them but I am sure if I had just called it "American Eagle" or "The Soaring Eagle" or something of the sort and then honored them with the dedication they would have been as much pleased and the march would have sold better." At this point in King's career - both as composer and publisher - he had learned the importance of music titles which were appealing and easy to pronounce and understand. Continued King, "This is true of many of my older titles like "Neddermeyer Triumphal" for instance. That is a very good march but would have sold better with a more general title but I was quite young then (age 20) and wanted to honor Fred Neddermeyer and very few people except around Columbus, Ohio ever heard of him. Same is true of "Woody Van's" March which is also a good tune. Most people don't even know it's a man's name because it's an odd name. Woody Van was bandmaster on Robinson show but I could have dedicated it to him and called it something else. Same is true about "Canton Aero Club" one of my best marches. Too 'localized' a title. I didn't think or understand those things then. Now I wish I had." In light of these considerations, this edition has been retitled accordingly.

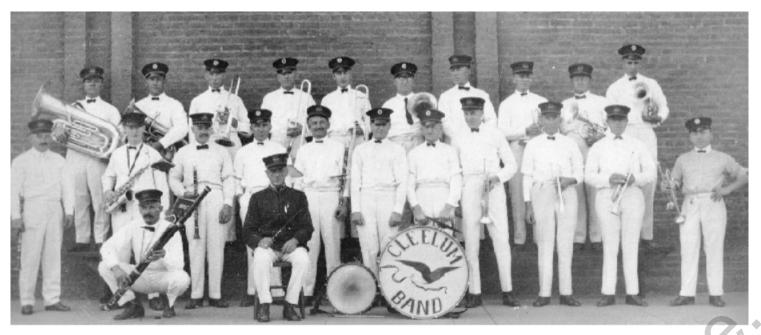
How King became connected with the Eagles band of Cle Elum, Wash. is a mystery, although it was not uncommon for King to receive requests for a march from various musicians and ensembles. Many King marches bear dedications to his friends, musical colleagues, college and university bands, and circus folk. This march was "Dedicated to James Bertello and the Cle Elum (Wash.) Eagles Band. James Bertello was a well-known musical figure in central Washington state during the first half of the twentieth century. Highly regarded by his community and his peers, an elaborate marble stone was erected at his gravesite, funded by contributions from area residents.



James Bertello (1880-June 30, 1952) was "The Music Man" of Cle Elum, Washington for 52 years. He directed the Cle Elum city band as well as the band attached to the Cle Elum Fraternal Order of Eagles.



This popular portrait of Karl King was made in 1929, a few years after composing "Cle Elum Eagles" March. King was completing his first decade as conductor of the Fort Dodge Municipal Band, but was enjoying a national reputation as a composer and conductor. The Cle Elum Eagles band was one of many organizations who requested a march from King.



The Cle Elum city band, photographed in 1923, the same year that King composed the march for their Eagles band. James Bertello is seated in front in dark jacket. For a town no bigger than Cle Elum (approximately 2,600 in 1923) this is a good-sized and well-balanced band. The band was well supported by the community, and they sport caps, ties, and white uniforms.



The original Solo Bb Cornet plate (actual size), as engraved by the Otto Zimmerman & Son Co. of Cincinnati, for the original 1923 edition of Cle Elum Eagles March.

## K. L. KING MUSIC HOUSE

MUSIC PUBLISHERS AND DEALERS
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Nov 10.1952

#### Dear Barney:

Sending you the Flute part to Cle Elum Eagles. Naturally I would like to see my thingsstay in print but I dont want you to spend much money putting out another edition of that march if you dont want too. I would just as soon that you use money and this part to add a C Flute KM book to the Rivola Band Book. This march would still be available in the book and its good book even if it didnt sell like the others and it is practically impossible to sell a customer a set of band books nowadays that doesnt have a C Flute book. So maybe it would be better business to put out a C flute book to that set. I think you already have C flute parts to quite a few of numbers in it so there shouldnt be too many to engrave. You might think that over.

This Cle Elum Eagles is a good march and we used to use it for a parade march and I remember years ago hearing Doc Atkins Legion band using it on the march. It has suffered from a very "localized" and non-understandable title.

The Eagles band at Cle Elum Wash wanted a march so I wrote this for hem but I am sure if I had just called it "American Eagle" or "The Soaring Eagle" or something of the sort and then honored them with the dedication they would have been as much pleased and the march would have sold better. This is true of many of my older titles like Neddermeyer Triumphal for instance That is very good march but would have sold better with a more general title but I was quite young then and wanted to honor Fred Neddermeyer and very few people except around Columbus, Ohio ever heard of him. Same is true of "Woody Vans" march which is also a good tune. Most people dont even know its a mans name because its an odd name. Woody Van was bandmaster on Robinson show but I could have dedicated it to him and called it something else.

Sameis true about Canton Aero Club one of my best marches. Too "localized" a title. I didnt think of or understand those things then. Now I wish I had. Many of the older titles were too hastily chosen, of course such tunes as "Barnum & Bailey" and "Robinsons Grand Entry profited by the title because people knew those shows etc

Letter from King to Barnhouse dated November 10, 1952, discussing Cle Elum Eagles and the situation regarding its title.

## ABOUT THE ORIGINAL 1925 EDITION

Cle Elum Eagles March was composed in 1922, and submitted to Barnhouse in December of that year. It was published on March 10, 1923. The original "quickstep" sized edition was engraved and printed by the Otto Zimmerman & Son firm of Cincinnati, one of the preeminent music engravers and printers of the era. Engraving plates in those days were approximately 6 1/8" x 5", with four parts fitting onto each sheet of sheet zinc or lead. Six plates (each containing four parts) were engraved by Zimmerman, with the instrumentation as follows:

Db Piccolo, Oboe, Eb Clarinet, 1st Bb Clarinet, 2nd & 3rd Bb Clarinets, Bassoon, Bb Soprano Saxophone, Eb Alto Saxophone, Bb Tenor Saxophone, Eb Baritone Saxophone, Eb Cornet, Solo Bb Cornet (Conductor), 1st Bb Cornet, 2nd & 3rd Bb Cornets, 1st & 2nd Eb Altos, 3rd & 4th Eb Altos, 1st & 2nd Trombones (bass clef), 3rd Trombone (bass clef), 1st & 2nd Tenors (trombones in treble clef), 3rd Tenor or Bb Bass (treble clef), Baritone (bass clef), Baritone (treble clef), Basses, Drums.

This instrumentation is consistent with marches published by most mainstream publishers of the day, although it was from an era when parts for double reeds and saxophones, often "luxury" instruments in larger bands, weren't always included in standard band sets. Note other features which are dated by today's standards: trombone parts in both clefs, Piccolo in Db (not C, and no published flute part), no parts for horns in F, and the absence of a conductor score. The Solo Bb Cornet part served as a conductor part, containing cues for other instruments. King later expressed his consternation at younger conductors who balked at having to conduct from a solo cornet part.

King spent the later years of his career updating better-selling older publications to more modern instrumentation, and when the decision was made to reprint a certain work, often additional modern parts would be engraved and printed with the new edition. In 1952, when the march was reprinted, King wrote a C Flute part which was added to the reprint edition. After King's death in 1971, composer Keith Latey was engaged by the Barnhouse Co. to create condensed conductor scores and parts for modern instruments to be added with reprints of some older editions. Parts for F Horns, and a two-line condensed conductor score were created by Latey, but never published.

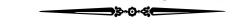
## ABOUT THIS EDITION

I have made over forty-five editions and arrangements for the Barnhouse "Heritage of the March" and "Karl L. King Centennial" series, and I am often asked by somebody perusing one of my arrangements, usually in a suspicious and leading manner, "What did you DO to it?" implying that I had wrecked the music somehow. My usual reply, when discussing these editions, is, "I pick great marches and don't screw them up." Beyond that, first and foremost, I always put first the need to preserve the composer's intent, both from the original printed music as well as how the composer most likely would have interpreted and performed the work, in making a new edition for concert bands of the twenty-first century.

Specific to this edition of Cle Elum Eagles/The Soaring Eagle March, in addition to the points addressed earlier in these notes, I believe this work will now be much easier to perform, despite not being simplified, because of the large format score and parts.

I found a handful of errors in the original edition, most of which I would suspect to have been engraver's errors; a few wrong pitches, some missing accidentals, and other problems which commonly arise from having to engrave so many symbols in so little space. Hopefully, with careful re-engraving, several thorough proofreadings, and a field-test performance by the magnificent Washington Winds, we have a clean and inviting new edition.

Three instruments have been eliminated from the original orchestration: Eb Clarinet, Soprano Saxophone, and Eb Cornet. The Eb Clarinet was a virtual double of the Db Piccolo part (transposed to C Piccolo for this edition) and in when not doubling the piccolo, mirrored the 1st Bb Clarinet. Few bands use Eb Clarinet in the present (and fewer still use it well). The Soprano Saxophone has been transposed to the 1st Alto Saxophone, with the original single Alto Saxophone part becoming the new 2nd Alto Saxophone part. This is a tidy solution for the increased use of the saxophone in concert bands of the 21st century. Finally, the Eb Cornet was a note-for-note double of the Solo Bb Cornet part, and its omission here is unimportant.



## PERFORMANCE SUGGESTIONS

Cle Elum Eagles/The Soaring Eagle March has suffered from a weak title. King regarded this as an excellent marches, illustrating some of his finest contrapuntal writing.

I recommend a bright tempo of half note =132. Tempos, of course, are a matter of musical judgement and personal taste; however, conductors should carefully select tempos based upon several factors. There are many kinds of marches, and a wide range of appropriate tempos for specific marches. I feel that Cle Elum Eagles/The Soaring Eagle March works best at a moderately bright tempo. That said, conductors should remember that marches are not galops, and the tempo should not be too fast. Of course, tempo should always be chosen so as to allow musicians to perform this march cleanly. It is not true that all circus marches, or even all King marches, are meant to be played fast. To the contrary, several musicians who played under King's baton have related that many of his compositions

were played at a more deliberate tempo, under the baton of the composer. I feel that most bands would capture the spirit and flavor by maintaining the tempo recommended here.

It should also be noted that the crash cymbals and bass drum play together throughout the entire march, except where specifically indicated otherwise. This is a rule of march performance, and one which is all too often misunderstood or ignored.

### Introduction (beginning through m. 4)

The first three and a half measures have all winds playing in unison, then "exploding" into a chord on the second half of m. 4. This introduction should be played in a very aggressive (but not overblown) style. This introduction to any march should set the tone for the entire piece. While blend and balance are, of course, generally at the discretion of the conductor, to capture the style and sound of the composer's original intent, the playing throughout should be somewhat aggressive, and not overly "polite."

As a very general rule in marches, notes should be played on the short side (unless otherwise indicated). A good example comes on the quarter notes in m. 3. The quarter notes should sound with space between the notes, almost as if the quarters are played as eighth notes followed by an eighth rest. The accent should be interpreted less as duration, and more as attack and emphasis. However, it's important not to take this interpretation to an excessive degree, to the point where the notes lose pitch and become unmusical.

#### <u>First Strain (m. 5 – 23)</u>

The first strain begins with the pickup note on the second half of m. 4. In the original quickstep sized editions, for whatever reason, dynamic markings were almost always located at the beginning of a strain – not on the pickup note, which makes greater musical sense. In this edition, the dynamic markings have been repositioned accordingly.

This strain is a busy and exciting one, containing two basic melodic elements. The melody in the upper voices (embellished in upper woodwinds, and also harmonized) plays a wonderful counterpoint to the lower voices. (King might be amused by that statement, as he had little formal schooling in music theory and composition; his idea of counterpoint was "another line starting when one ended.") The trombone, euphonium, bassoon, tenor saxophone parts in this section should be featured.

While dynamics are always important, they are especially so in this section. Note the drop in dynamics in this strain, with a crescendo leading to a restatement of the introduction at m. 19. Percussion in m. 17-22 will enhance this effect considerably.

Horns and bass line instruments often are tasked with the "oom" and "pah" elements in marches. Bass line instruments frequently play on every beat, while horns play afterbeats.

On any occasion when these parts have anything else, it should be brought out and emphasized. For example, the horns can add considerably to the mid-range sonority of the ensemble by emphasizing their parts in m. 17-22.

#### **Second Strain (m. 24 – 40)**

The second strain actually commences in m. 23 with the pickup note in the second half of the measure. Note that the ensemble should be playing at a forte level here.

The first four measures of this section should be at a strong volume level, with a decrescendo in the fourth bar. Measures 28-31 then contrast as a softer dynamic before returning to forte ar m. 32.

Starting on the second half of m. 34 through the downbeat of m. 36, these notes should be solidly accented by all winds. Percussion accents add considerably to the musical effect in this section. The fanfare figures in the brass (m. 36, 37) should be executed very cleanly but with accents. When the trombones shift from unison to divisi parts (m. 24-37, for example) all three parts should be well balanced, and the effect of a strong unison suddenly dividing in to three parts can be quite powerful and startling.

As mentioned previously, dynamic changes are especially important in this strain. Note also that the half note on the second beat of m. 40 is an accented noted – somewhat softer, but still firmly attacked.

#### Trio (m. 41-72)

Perhaps the most significant change in this edition from the original publication involves the form of the trio and breakstrain. As originally published, the march is presented in Intro + AABBCDC form. In this edition, an extra repeat has been added: Intro + AABBCDCDC. As is customary with King marches, the trio presents a very tuneful melody, which is harmonized and brilliantly embellished in repeat presentations.

The trio melody, harmonized, is first presented in woodwinds (minus bass clarinet and baritone saxophone), euphonium, and bells. Harmony parts should balance the melody line for a full, chordal effect. King disliked marches whose trios – especially those in many European marches – were very limited in their harmonization. King liked to employ what he called "Victor Herbert chords" – a nod to the famous American composer of both light opera and band music – which varied from traditional tonic, subdominant, and dominant chords. This also provides for a more interesting and engaging bass line, as evidenced throughout this trio. Whenever bass instruments do anything other than "keep the beat" on tonic and dominant pitches, they should bring out their parts a bit.

King also enjoyed embellishing phrase endings. In m. 53-56, the moving lines in bass instruments and horns should be featured prominently; the flutes as well. A similar occurrence is in m. 69-72.

Horn players often malign marches and the typical parts that horns have to play, but, in fact, they are quite important and deserve attention and virtuoso performance. The effect of a quartet of horns playing perfectly balanced chords on short after-beats and other accompanying rhythms is truly sublime, when done well; and it unfortunately is often not done well. Most of the time, the horn parts are orchestrated so that the effect of the chord is still realized even if one (or even two) players are missing. For example, starting at measure 41, the most important chordal tones (root and third) are in the first two horns. At 41, for example, the chord is tonic (E-flat major), which is B-flat major for the transposed horns in F. Root and third are the most important tones to achieve the sound of a tonic chord, and are assigned to the 1st and 2nd horns. The fifth of the triad is in the 3rd, with the 4th doubling the root. So the effect of a major triad can be obtained with only the first two horns present. When a trio (or quartet) of horns plays a progression of after-beats and similar rhythms such as is presented here, and plays it well and balanced, it provides a wonderful musical effect and adds so much to the underlying texture of marches. It can be helpful to rehearse the horns playing the afterbeats one at a time as long tones, balancing each chord and achieving a warm, characteristic tone; and then playing as written with the same balance and tone, but in perfect precision and staccato. When bass instruments play with horns alone, there should be space between every articulated pitch. The importance of virtuoso musical performance of these parts cannot be overstated, despite being dismissed frequently by performers.

Mallet percussion parts were not common in American marches of the Classic Concert Band era. However, this march is an exception. King's original drum part called for bells to play on the first trio of this march. Professional bands of this era typically used soft mallets, in stark contrast to the hard plastic mallets used today, particularly on softer sections of music.

### Breakstrain (m. 73-84)

The breakstrain (sometimes called "dogfight") is a tremendously exciting, flashy, and engaging musical section – quite simple in construction, but tremendously effective, musically. It sets us up for the climactic final strains. The breakstrain should be played with great vigor, excitement, and abandon. In this march, the breakstrain features exciting interplay between treble and bass voices.

This strain present a miniature musical "battle" – treble voices against trombones/euphoniums, and lower woodwinds, with added musical tension and interplay from higher-voiced instruments. The excitement and intensity should be palpable in this section. This strain appears twice – both here and at m. 117. Accented notes in bass drum and cymbals should also be prominent in this section.

The last note of the breakstrain (second half of m. 84) is a pickup note to the next strain, and should be played at the indicated volume of mezzo-forte.

### Second trio (m. 85-116)

This strain is a recapitulation and embellishment of the trio (first presented at m. 41). It contains embellishments in the upper woodwinds which are showcased.

Once again the trio melody is presented, this time augmented with a woodwind obbligato. The melody (and harmony) instruments should always be heard, but while taking a supporting role as the upper woodwind obbligato is featured.

As before, other instruments should bring out the moving lines at phrase endings (m. 97-100, m. 113-116.)

#### **Breakstrain (m. 117-128)**

The breakstrain is repeated here, in the same orchestration as before (m. 73).

#### Final trio (m. 129-end)

Here, the entire ensemble flays full volume, presenting the final recapitulation of the trio. Four main parts balance each other:

- Melody (and harmonized melody) in cornets, 1st
   2nd trombones, alto saxophones, and double reeds
- Obbligato in upper woodwinds
- Euphonium and tenor saxophone countermelody
- Harmonic and rhythmic framework as presented by bass instruments, horns, and percussion

All of these parts are critical, and should be well-balanced. The euphonium part should "sing out" at a full volume level. This was King's instrument.

The melody (and harmony) instruments should play this strain in a very defined marcato style; firm accent on the attack of each note, and a slight separation between notes. In the original edition, the Solo (top) cornet part included the melody written in octaves. To capture the true spirit and sound of marches from this era, the top cornet line should carry prominently over the band.

If desired, a deeper field drum may be added with the snare drum on this last strain.

The "stinger" or "bump note" (second beat of the last measure) is often problematic for bands. This is due in part, I suppose, to a level of fatigue felt by many bands at the conclusion of playing a march; and partly to a lack of understanding as to its function and musical effect. I like to think of this note as an exclamation mark at the end of a declarative sentence; it portrays a sense of emphasis and importance. While it important for this note to be a full and balanced chord, with the best level of tone quality, it is very much a short note. Many bands play this note long, which is incorrect. Some conductors omit percussion from this note, further diluting the intended musical effect. Still others omit the note entirely (a dangerous and nonsensical practice) while other conductors delay the

note, presumably as a way of showing off their conducting technique. Quite simply, play the last note on time, short, with emphasis and the best balance and tone. Don't quit one note too soon!

Another general comment regarding fatigue of wind players on marches: many marches are largely "tutti" (including this one) and some players find it difficult to play every note of every measure. Of course, trading off with a stand partner is one possible solution to relieve fatigue. That said, if players feel the need to "lay out" at some point during the march, they should be instructed to do so at places other than the following:

- 1. On the introduction
- 2. On the last strain
- 3. At the beginnings or endings of strains

Players should be encouraged to "sneak" rests in less conspicuous places.

I hope you and your audiences enjoy Cle Elum Eagles/The Soaring Eagle March by Karl L. King!

# FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT KARL KING

The handiest reference is the Karl King Website (www.karlking.us). This well-organized site contains extensive biographical information, photos, anecdotes, listing of works, and is easily the most thorough web resource for all things Karl King. It also documents and reports current happenings of today's King Band.

Several excellent resources on Karl King include:

- Karl L. King: His Life and His Music by Jess Louis Gerardi, Jr. 1973 dissertation available through University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, Ml. This dissertation was the first significant academic work about King's life and music, and continues to be an excellent Karl King resource.
- Karl L. King, An American Bandmaster by Thomas J. Hatton. Published by The Instrumentalist Company, 1975. This excellent book was the first (and thus far, only) significant commercially published biography of Karl King. The original hardback edition is out of print, but a new soft-cover edition has been reprinted by the American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA) Foundation.
- Hawkeye Glory: The History of the Karl L. King Municipal Band of Fort Dodge, Iowa by Thomas J. Hatton. Golden Dragon Press, 2002; available from the King Band (424 Central Avenue, #146, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.) While not limited to information about Karl King and his music, this wonderful book presents a thorough history of the King Band, and presents many insights into Mr. King and his music.

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As a sophomore in high school, Glover first band arrangement was performed by the school's wind ensemble, and thus began a multi-decade career in composition and arranging. His band works number over two hundred, many published by Barnhouse, and have been performed, recorded, and broadcast by bands worldwide.

In college, Glover joined the Detroit Concert Band, conducted by Leonard B. Smith, and performed for four seasons on euphonium. He participated in numerous recording sessions with the DCB, including ten phonograph records of "Gems of the Concert Band" and a documentary film soundtrack. For many years he also performed as a soloist and guest artist.

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