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# The Cottage On The Lake

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## Rising Band Series (Grade levels 1½ - 2)

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#### Instrumentation

Full Conductor Score	I
Flute	10
Oboe	2
1st B <sup>J</sup> Clarinet	6
2nd B <sup>J</sup> Clarinet	6
B <sup>J</sup> Bass Clarinet	2
Bassoon	2
E <sup>J</sup> , Alto Saxophone	8
B <sup>J</sup> Tenor Saxophone	2
E <sup>J</sup> , Baritone Saxophone	2
1st B <sup>J</sup> Trumpet	5
2nd B <sup>J</sup> Trumpet	5
F Horn	4
Trombone	6
Baritone B.C.	2
Baritone T.C	2
Tuba	4
Mallet Percussion: Marimba, Chimes, Bells	4
Timpani	
Percussion: Small Triangle, Suspended Cymbal	
Piano/Keyboard (optional)	1

#### **Program Notes**

"Who we are as adults is often defined by who we were as children. It's also about the people who, when we were young, cared enough to make a positive and lasting impression in our lives."

For years, I have occasionally called my friend Andy to seek an answer to a question about the business in which we are both involved. When informed by the receptionist that he would return the following week, I smiled, knowing that he was likely visiting his cottage on Turtle Lake, located near Marcell, Minnesota. This has been his place of refuge that allows him to work on projects that require some "alone time." This past summer, after one such trip, we talked, and I could tell he wanted to share a story. The cottage where, for many years, his grandparents had entertained family and friends is well within sight of his own place. One day, the current owners were standing outside when Andy walked by and casually informed them that he was quite familiar with their cottage. In fact, he proudly announced that he still had in his possession a childhood photograph that was taken in front of their fireplace. The couple graciously invited him to take a current picture. Andy was quite moved by this gesture of kindness. Needless to say, our conversation was unusually long that day as Andy shared recollections about his family and all the good and lasting memories that resulted from this beautiful cottage on the lake. mes sweamyll



#### **About the Composer**



James Swearingen's talents as a performer, composer/arranger and educator include a background of extensive training and experience. He has earned degrees from Bowling Green State University and The Ohio State University. In recognition of distinguished contributions, Mr. Swearingen was recently accorded the title of Professor Emeritus from Capital University located in Columbus, Ohio. Prior to his appointment at Capital in 1987, he spent eighteen years teaching instrumental music in the public schools of central Ohio. His first teaching assignment took

him to the community of Sunbury, Ohio. He then spent fourteen years as Director of Instrumental Music at Grove City High School, where his marching, concert, and jazz bands all received acclaim for their high standards of performing excellence.

Mr. Swearingen currently serves as a staff arranger for the famed Ohio State University Marching Band. In addition to his arranging responsibilities, Mr. Swearingen manages to be very active as a guest conductor, adjudicator and educational clinician. Appearances have included trips throughout the United States, as well as Australia, Canada, Europe, Japan, Norway, the Republic of China and Singapore.

School directors, student performers and audiences worldwide have enthusiastically received Mr. Swearingen's numerous contributions for band. With over 650 published works, he has written band compositions and arrangements that reflect a variety of musical forms and styles. Many of his pieces, including 120 commissioned works, have been chosen for contest and festival lists. He is a recipient of several ASCAP awards for published compositions and in 1992 was selected as an Accomplished Graduate of the Fine and Performing Arts from Bowling Green State University. In March of 2000, he was invited to join The American Bandmasters Association, considered to be the most prestigious bandmaster organization in the world. Mr. Swearingen received the 2002 Community Music Educator Award given annually by the Columbus Symphony Orchestra. In that same year, he became conductor of the Grove City Community Winds. This highly talented ensemble consists of many fine musicians from the central Ohio area. On June 20, 2009, The American School Band Directors Association, Inc., presented Mr. Swearingen with the A. Austin Harding Award. This prestigious award is presented annually by the organization and is reflective of valuable and dedicated service to the school bands of America. In 2011, he received the Hall of Fame Award presented by the Ohio Chapter (Mu) of Phi Beta Mu. The OMEA Distinguished Service Award was presented to him at the 2014 OMEA Professional Development Conference. Later that year, he was presented the Signature Sinfonian Award by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. On April 21, 2015, The Ohio State School of Music honored Mr. Swearingen with their Distinguished Alumnus Award. It should be noted that he is also a member of numerous professional and honorary organizations including NAfME, ASBDA, Phi Beta Mu and Pi Kappa Lambda.

Many of Mr. Swearingen's most popular band compositions have been recorded by the prestigious Washington Winds and are available on Walking Frog Records compact discs: His recordings include In All Its Glory, Exaltation, Celebration For Winds And Percussion, The Light Of Dawn, and the newest release, Flight of Valor.



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