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## INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score .....	1	1st B♭ Trumpet .....	5
Flute .....	10	2nd B♭ Trumpet .....	5
Oboe .....	2	F Horn .....	4
1st B♭ Clarinet .....	6	Trombone .....	6
2nd B♭ Clarinet .....	6	Euphonium .....	2
B♭ Bass Clarinet .....	2	Euphonium T.C. ....	2
Bassoon .....	2	Tuba .....	4
E♭ Alto Saxophone .....	6	Mallet Percussion: Bells .....	4
B♭ Tenor Saxophone .....	2	Timpani .....	1
E♭ Baritone Saxophone .....	2	Percussion 1: Snare Drum, Bass Drum .....	3
		Percussion 2: Crash Cymbal, Suspended Cymbal, Gong .....	2

## PROGRAM NOTES

**Talon**, by Brian Bankston, is inspired by a heroic falcon and animal friend in this epic musical story. It soars ahead as a scout, messenger, and protector for our group of adventurers as they heroically advance their campaign to save an endangered world.

## NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

Tempo maintenance and consistency are crucial to a successful performance. Please emphasize the importance of these concepts to the band in order to keep a sense of forward momentum throughout.

Please balance the percussion and wind instruments carefully so they complement yet not overshadow each other.

Talon utilizes a majority of *mezzo forte* and *forte* dynamic levels. Please use this as an opportunity to teach students the importance of playing with a full sound without the harshness of over-blowing.

Please note the dynamic markings of the flutes and clarinets in measures 49-55. This effect is designed to refresh the intensity of this piece as it builds to an exciting conclusion.

I hope your students reap the educational benefits and have fun with **Talon**. Enjoy! 

## ABOUT THE COMPOSER



**Brian Bankston** composer, arranger, educator, saxophonist and guitarist – resides in Gadsden, Alabama. The music of Brian Bankston draws from a large bag of rhythm, bass, harmony and melody that offers a variety of style and mood giving his compositions a unique signature. His compositions are designed to focus on the needs of young Concert Bands and Jazz Ensembles but acceptable for any level. He creates beautiful and exciting music within the grasp of any eager Beginning Band as well as music that will challenge a mature ensemble. His experience teaching music at all levels has given him the insight to invent fun, creative and playable works that present the fundamentals of music to students of all ages. Mr. Bankston received a Master of Music in saxophone performance with a concentration in composition and jazz studies from Eastern Illinois University and a Bachelor of Music Education from Jacksonville State University.

**Conductor Score**  
RWS-1923-00

# TALON

Brian Bankston (ASCAP)

Sharp  $\text{♩} = 144$

The conductor score consists of 18 staves, each representing a different instrument or section. The instruments listed from top to bottom are: Flute, Oboe, 1st B♭ Clarinet, 2nd B♭ Clarinet, B♭ Bass Clarinet, Bassoon, E♭ Alto Saxophone, B♭ Tenor Saxophone, E♭ Baritone Saxophone, 1st B♭ Trumpet, 2nd B♭ Trumpet, F Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Mallet Percussion/Bells, Timpani (G, E, F), Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum), and Percussion 2 (Crash Cymbal, Suspended Cymbal, Gong). The score is set in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp. Measure numbers 1 through 5 are indicated at the bottom of the page. Dynamic markings such as *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *p* (pianissimo) are placed above specific measures. The title "TALON" is centered at the top of the page, and the copyright information is at the bottom.

Fl.

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

*Not Valid for Performance.*

6 *mf*

7 *p*

8 *f*

9 *p*

10 *f*

- 4 -

Fl.

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Gong

11

12

13

14

15

*For reference only. Not valid for performance.*

20

Fl.

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

16

17

18

19

20

p

mf

Fl.

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

21

22

23

24

25

p

wavy line

mf

28

Fl.

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Fl.

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

31 32 33 34 35

p f

**36**

Fl.

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

**36**

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

36      37      38      39      40

- 10 -

Fl. 
  
 Oboe 
  
 1st Clar. 
  
 2nd Clar. 
  
 B. Cl. 
  
 Bsn. 
  
 A. Sax 
  
 T. Sax 
  
 B. Sax 
  
 1st Trpt. 
  
 2nd Trpt. 
  
 F. Hn. 
  
 Tbn. 
  
 Euph. 
  
 Tuba 
  
 Mlt. 
  
 Timp. 
  
 Perc. 1 
  
 Perc. 2

49

Fl. *f*

Oboe *f*

1st Clar. *f*

2nd Clar. *f*

B. Cl. *f*

Bsn. *f*

A. Sax *f*

T. Sax *f*

B. Sax *f*

1st Trpt. *f*

2nd Trpt. *f*

F Hn. *f*

Tbn. *f*

Euph. *f*

Tuba *f*

Mlt. *f*

Timp. *f*

Perc. 1 *f*

Perc. 2 *f*

Fl. *mp*

Oboe *mp*

1st Clar. *mp*

2nd Clar. *mp*

B. Cl. *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

A. Sax *mp*

T. Sax *mp*

B. Sax *mp*

1st Trpt. *mp*

2nd Trpt. *mp*

F Hn. *mp*

Tbn. *mp*

Euph. *mp*

Tuba *mp*

Mlt. *mp*

Timp. *mp*

Perc. 1 *mp*

Perc. 2 *mp*

Gong

Fl.

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

53 54 55 56 57 58

61

Fl.

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. 8

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

59

60

61

62

63

64

*p*

*f*

*p*

- 14 -

Fl.

Oboe

1st Clar.

2nd Clar.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

65      66      67      68      69      70

*f*

*p*

71

Fl. *mf*

Oboe *mf*

1st Clar. *mf*

2nd Clar. *mf*

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax *mf*

T. Sax *mf*

B. Sax

71

1st Trpt. *mf*

2nd Trpt. *mf*

F Hn. *mf*

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. *mf*

Timp. *mf*

Perc. 1 > > > > > > > >

Perc. 2 > > > > > > > >

Fl. *f*  
 Oboe *f*  
 1st Clar. *f*  
 2nd Clar. *f*  
 B. Cl. *f*  
 Bsn. *f*  
 A. Sax *f*  
 T. Sax *f* *fp* *f*  
 B. Sax *f*  
 1st Trpt. *f* *fp* *f*  
 2nd Trpt. *f* *fp* *f*  
 F Hn. *f* *fp* *f*  
 Tbn. *f*  
 Euph. *f*  
 Tuba *f*  
 Mlt. *f*  
 Timp. *f* *fp* *f*  
 Perc. 1 *f* *fp* *f*  
 Perc. 2 *f*  
*Gong*

div

77 78 79 80 81 82

*p* - 17 - *f*