



Byzantine Dances

CAROL BRITTIN CHAMBERS

Instrumentation

Part A

C Instruments (High)	3
(Suggested use: Flute, Violin, Guitar)	
C Instruments	3
(Suggested use: Oboe, Violin, Guitar)	
B $\flat$ Instruments	3
(Suggested use: B $\flat$ Clarinet, B $\flat$ Trumpet)	
E $\flat$ Instruments	3
(Suggested use: Alto Saxophone)	

Part B

C Instruments	3
(Suggested use: *Oboe, Violin, Guitar)	
B $\flat$ Instruments	3
(Suggested use: B $\flat$ Clarinet, B $\flat$ Trumpet)	
E $\flat$ Instruments	3
(Suggested use: Alto Saxophone)	

Part C

C Instruments	3
(Suggested use: Violin, Guitar)	
C Instruments (Alto Clef)	2
(Suggested use: Viola)	
B $\flat$ Instruments	3
(Suggested use: B $\flat$ Clarinet, B $\flat$ Trumpet, *Tenor Saxophone)	
E $\flat$ Instruments	3
(Suggested use: Alto Saxophone, *Baritone Saxophone)	
F Instruments	3
(Suggested use: Horn in F)	

Part D

C Instruments	3
(Suggested use: Trombone, Euphonium, Bassoon, Cello, String Bass)	
B $\flat$ Instruments	3
(Suggested use: Bass Clarinet, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone T.C.)	
E $\flat$ Instruments	3
(Suggested use: Baritone Saxophone, E $\flat$ Contra Alto Clarinet)	
F Instruments	3
(Suggested use: Horn in F)	

Part E

C Instruments	3
(Suggested use: Trombone, Euphonium, Bassoon, Cello, String Bass)	
B $\flat$ Instruments	3
(Suggested use: Bass Clarinet, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone T.C.)	
E $\flat$ Instruments	3
(Suggested use: Baritone Saxophone, E $\flat$ Contra Alto Clarinet)	
C Instruments (low)	3
(Suggested use: Tuba)	

Percussion

Timpani	2
(F: B $\flat$: E $\flat$)	
Mallets	2
(Bells)	
Percussion 1	3
(Snare Drum, High Castanet, Bass Drum)	
Percussion 2	4
(Tam-tam, Suspended Cymbals, Tambourine, Tom-toms, Finger Cymbals)	
Piano	1

* This part can be used with this instrument but is not ideal

ABOUT THE COMPOSER



Carol Brittin Chambers is currently on the music faculty at Texas Lutheran University. She lives in San Antonio, Texas, where she is the owner and composer of Aspenwood Music. She also maintains an active performance schedule, including appearances with the Mid-Texas and San Antonio Symphonies. Chambers is commissioned each year to compose and arrange works for concert band, marching band, and various other ensembles. She has arranged and orchestrated marching shows for numerous high school bands across the country, as well as The Crossmen Drum Corps.

Before coming to TLU, Chambers taught middle school and high school band for many years in the North East Independent School District, San Antonio, TX. She also taught private lessons in NEISD. Chambers received a Master of Music in Trumpet Performance from Northwestern University and a Bachelor of Music Education from Texas Tech University. She studied under Vincent Cichowicz, John Paynter, Arnold Jacobs, James Sudduth, and Will Strieder.

ABOUT BYZANTINE DANCES

Byzantine Dances was commissioned by the Ronald Reagan High School Band in San Antonio, TX, Dan Morrison, Greg White, Mason Daffinee, and Ray Ulibarri, directors. The piece premiered at the Midwest Clinic in Chicago, December 2018.

Byzantine Dances is generally meant to portray a set of Turkish Dances. The opening dance is fast and energetic, written in the style of a Roma Gypsy dance. During this upbeat dance, the melody incorporates grace notes that are fun to play, while the harmony and bass line incorporate enjoyable countermelodies and syncopated lines. The slower section in the middle of the piece is written in the style of a Zeybek dance. This type of dance is often performed by a solo dancer symbolizing courage and heroism. The dancer uses out-stretched arms, almost resembling a great hawk.

In this piece, I chose to incorporate some uniquely Turkish-sounding elements. Much of the melodic material is based on either the Byzantine scale or the Harmonic Major scale, both of which produce a somewhat exotic sound. Another element is the use of Turkish Zills, or finger cymbals, which are often used in dances of this region.

The Byzantine Empire, also known as the Eastern Roman Empire, lasted from about 400-1453 A.D. and covered much of the area of what is now Turkey. With the conquest of the Byzantine Empire's capital, Constantinople, the Ottoman Empire began its reign in 1453. After WWI, the Ottoman Empire fell, and the Republic of Turkey was formed in 1923.

Please enjoy *Byzantine Dances*!

NOTE TO THE CONDUCTOR

Use this piece to introduce or reinforce the following musical concepts:

- Grace notes (optional for less-advanced players)
- Variety of styles – fast articulation vs. slower lyrical passages
- Unique body instruments, such as fingersnaps and handclaps
- Syncopation (small amount)



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Full Score

Byzantine Dances

CAROL BRITTIN CHAMBERS
(ASCAP)

Part A

Vivo! ♩ = 152-160

Part A

C Instruments (High)

C Instruments

B Instruments

E Instruments

Part B

Part B

C Instruments

B Instruments

E Instruments

Part C

C Instruments (Violin, Guitar)

C Instruments (Viola)

B Instruments

E Instruments

F Instruments

Part D

Vivo! ♩ = 152-160

Part D

C Instruments/
E Instruments

B Instruments

F Instruments

Part E

Part E

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Pt. A

13

C Inst. (High)

C Inst.

B> Inst.

E> Inst.

Pt. B

C Inst.

B> Inst.

E> Inst.

Pt. C

C Inst.

C Inst.

B> Inst.

E> Inst.

F Inst.

Pt. D

13

C Inst.

B> Inst.

F Inst.

Pt. E

C Inst./
E> Inst.

B> Inst.

C Inst.
(Low)

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

Pt. A

17

C Inst. (High)

C Inst.

B $\flat$ Inst.

E $\flat$ Inst.

f *mf*

Pt. B

C Inst.

B $\flat$ Inst.

E $\flat$ Inst.

f *mf*

Pt. C

C Inst.

C Inst.

B $\flat$ Inst.

E $\flat$ Inst.

F Inst.

f *mf*

Pt. D

17

C Inst.

B $\flat$ Inst.

F Inst.

f *mf*

Pt. E

C Inst./
E $\flat$ Inst.

B $\flat$ Inst.

C Inst.
(Low)

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

f *mf*

Sus. Cym.
stick end

on dome

Pt. A

25

C Inst. (High)

C Inst.

B^b Inst.

E^b Inst.

f

Pt. B

C Inst.

B^b Inst.

E^b Inst.

f

Pt. C

C Inst.

C Inst.

B^b Inst.

E^b Inst.

F Inst.

f

Pt. D

25

C Inst.

B^b Inst.

F Inst.

f

Pt. E

C Inst./E^b Inst.

B^b Inst.

C Inst. (Low)

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

turn sus. cym. mallets around

Sus. Cym. with mallet

pp

f

Pt. A

31 *rit.*

C Inst. (High)

C Inst.

B $\flat$ Inst.

E $\sharp$ Inst.

Pt. B

C Inst.

B $\flat$ Inst.

E $\sharp$ Inst.

Pt. C

C Inst.

C Inst.

B $\flat$ Inst.

E $\sharp$ Inst.

F Inst.

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

Pt. D

31 *rit.*

C Inst.

B $\flat$ Inst.

F Inst.

mp

mp

mp

Pt. E

C Inst./E $\sharp$ Inst.

B $\flat$ Inst.

C Inst. (Low)

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

29

30

31

32

33

34

35

Pt. A Exotic, but
Valiant ♩ = 80 **37**

Snap, both arms overhead,
palms facing audience

C Inst. (High)

C Inst.

B♭ Inst.

E♭ Inst.

Pt. B

C Inst.

B♭ Inst.

E♭ Inst.

Solo or Soli

mf

mf

mf

Pt. C

C Inst.

C Inst.

B♭ Inst.

E♭ Inst.

F Inst.

mf

mf

mf

mf

Pt. D Exotic, but
Valiant ♩ = 80 **37**

Snap, both arms overhead,
palms facing audience

C Inst.

B♭ Inst.

F Inst.

Pt. E

C Inst./
E♭ Inst.

B♭ Inst.

C Inst.
(Low)

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

Tam-tam

Tom-Toms
Med., High

high castanet

Zills
(Finger Cyms.)

ppp

mf

mf

Pt. A

45 Più mosso ♩ = 84

C Inst. (High) *mp*

C Inst. *mp*

B♭ Inst. *mp*

E♭ Inst. *mp*

Pt. B

C Inst. *mp*

B♭ Inst. *mp*

E♭ Inst. *mp*

Pt. C

C Inst. *mp*

C Inst. *mp*

B♭ Inst. *mp*

E♭ Inst. *mp*

F Inst. *mp*

Pt. D

45 Più mosso ♩ = 84

C Inst. *mp*

B♭ Inst. *mp*

F Inst. *mp*

Pt. E

C Inst./E♭ Inst. *mp*

B♭ Inst. *mp*

C Inst. (Low) *mp*

Timp. *mp*

Mal. *mp* Brass Mallets

Perc. 1 *mp*

Perc. 2 *mp*

Pno. *mp*

43

44

45

46

47

48

49

The image shows a musical score for the song "The Rose Tree". It is a four-part setting for voices and instruments. The vocal parts are Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The instrumental parts are C Instrument (C Inst.), B Instrument (B Inst.), and E Instrument (E Inst.). The score is in 2/4 time, indicated by the large numbers "2" and "4" at the end of the staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked "Moderato". The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains measures 1 through 6. The second system contains measures 7 through 10. The vocal parts have lyrics in both English and German. The instrumental parts provide accompaniment. The score is written on a grand staff with four staves. The vocal parts are on the top two staves, and the instrumental parts are on the bottom two staves. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 2/4. The tempo is marked "Moderato". The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains measures 1 through 6. The second system contains measures 7 through 10. The vocal parts have lyrics in both English and German. The instrumental parts provide accompaniment. The score is written on a grand staff with four staves. The vocal parts are on the top two staves, and the instrumental parts are on the bottom two staves.

C Inst.

B $\flat$ Inst.

E $\flat$ Inst.

The image shows a musical score for the song "The Rose Tree". It is a five-part setting for voices and instruments. The parts are labeled on the left: C Inst. (C Instrument), C Inst. (C Instrument), B^b Inst. (B-flat Instrument), E^b Inst. (E-flat Instrument), and F Inst. (F Instrument). The score is written on five staves. The first staff is for C Instrument, the second for C Instrument, the third for B-flat Instrument, the fourth for E-flat Instrument, and the fifth for F Instrument. The music is in 2/4 time, as indicated by the large "2" over the "4" on the right side of the score. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The score includes dynamic markings such as *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *f* (forte). The music is a simple melody with some accompaniment. The score is for a five-part setting, with the first part being the C Instrument, the second part being the C Instrument, the third part being the B-flat Instrument, the fourth part being the E-flat Instrument, and the fifth part being the F Instrument. The score is in 2/4 time and has a key signature of one flat. The music is a simple melody with some accompaniment. The score includes dynamic markings such as *mf* and *f*. The score is for a five-part setting, with the first part being the C Instrument, the second part being the C Instrument, the third part being the B-flat Instrument, the fourth part being the E-flat Instrument, and the fifth part being the F Instrument.

The musical score for 'Excelsia' is presented for three instrumental parts: C Instrument (C Inst.), B♭ Instrument (B♭ Inst.), and F Instrument (F Inst.). The score is written on three staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B♭) and a common time signature (C). The C Inst. part is in bass clef, while the B♭ and F parts are in treble clef. The music features a series of eighth and quarter notes, with dynamic markings of *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *f* (forte) indicated. A large, stylized watermark 'Excelsia' is overlaid across the center of the page, and a registered trademark symbol (®) is visible in the top right corner.

This musical score is for the song "The Sound of Silence" by Simon & Garfunkel. The score is written for a full band and piano. The time signature is 2/4. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The instruments and parts included are:

- Inst./E♭ Inst.:** Electric guitar, playing a melodic line with a *mf* (mezzo-forte) dynamic.
- B♭ Inst.:** Baritone saxophone, playing a melodic line with a *mf* (mezzo-forte) dynamic.
- C Inst. (Low):** Contrabass, playing a melodic line with a *mf* (mezzo-forte) dynamic.
- Timp.:** Timpani, playing a rhythmic pattern with a *mf* (mezzo-forte) dynamic.
- Mal.:** Maracas, playing a rhythmic pattern with a *mf* (mezzo-forte) dynamic.
- Perc. 1:** Percussion 1, playing a rhythmic pattern with a *mf* (mezzo-forte) dynamic.
- Perc. 2:** Percussion 2, playing a rhythmic pattern with a *mf* (mezzo-forte) dynamic.
- Pno.:** Piano, playing a complex harmonic accompaniment with a *mf* (mezzo-forte) dynamic.

The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. A large watermark "Music Publishing PREVIEW ONLY" is overlaid on the score. The time signature "2/4" is prominently displayed on the right side of the score.

*Note:
Hand claps should be head-high
so as to be seen by the audience.

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Pt. B

C Inst.

B♭ Inst.

E♭ Inst.

Pt. C

C Inst.  Hand Claps

C Inst.  Hand Claps

B⁺ Inst.  Hand Claps

E⁺ Inst.  Hand Claps

F Inst.  Hand Claps

Pt. D

Pt. D Tempo Primo $\text{♩} = 152-160$ **58**

Hand Claps **62**

C Inst.

B⁺ Inst.

F Inst.

Pt. E

The image displays a musical score for 'The Four Seasons' by Vivaldi, specifically the first movement of 'Spring'. The score is arranged for a full orchestra and includes a large, stylized '4' and the text 'PREVIEW ONLY' across the top. The instruments listed on the left are: C Inst./E Inst., B+ Inst., C Inst. (Low), Timp., Mal., Perc. 1, Perc. 2, and Pno. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first measure shows a forte (f) dynamic for the percussion and a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic for the woodwinds. The percussion part includes a 'strike with mallet' instruction. The woodwind parts are marked with 'mf' and 'Plastic mallets'. The string parts are marked with 'f' and 'Rim'. The piano part is marked with 'f' and 'mf'. The score is presented in a clean, professional layout with a white background and black notation.

Pt. A

C Inst. (High)

C Inst.

B♭ Inst.

E♭ Inst.

Pt. B

C Inst.

B♭ Inst.

E♭ Inst.

Pt. C

C Inst.

C Inst.

B♭ Inst.

E♭ Inst.

F Inst.

Pt. D

C Inst.

B♭ Inst.

F Inst.

Pt. E

C Inst./
E♭ Inst.

B♭ Inst.

C Inst.
(Low)

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

On Head

f

64

65

66

67

68

69

70

Pt. A

72

C Inst. (High)

C Inst.

B♭ Inst.

E♭ Inst.

f

Pt. B

C Inst.

B♭ Inst.

E♭ Inst.

f

Pt. C

C Inst.

C Inst.

B♭ Inst.

E♭ Inst.

F Inst.

f

Pt. D

72

C Inst.

B♭ Inst.

F Inst.

f

Pt. E

C Inst./E♭ Inst.

B♭ Inst.

C Inst. (Low)

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

f

mf on dome

Sus. Cym. stick end

71

72

73

74

75

76

Pt. A

C Inst. (High)

C Inst.

B♭ Inst.

E♭ Inst.

mp

mp

mp

mp

Pt. B

C Inst.

B♭ Inst.

E♭ Inst.

mp

mp

mp

Pt. C

C Inst.

C Inst.

B♭ Inst.

E♭ Inst.

F Inst.

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

Pt. D

C Inst.

B♭ Inst.

F Inst.

mp

mp

mp

Pt. E

C Inst./
E♭ Inst.

B♭ Inst.

C Inst.
(Low)

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

pp

turn sus. cym.
mallets around

Sus. Cym.

77

78

79

80

81

82

83

Pt. A 84

C Inst. (High) *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

C Inst. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

B> Inst. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

E> Inst. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

Pt. B

C Inst. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

B> Inst. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

E> Inst. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

Pt. C

C Inst. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

C Inst. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

B> Inst. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

E> Inst. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

F Inst. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

Pt. D 84

C Inst. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

B> Inst. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

F Inst. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

Pt. E

C Inst./E> Inst. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

B> Inst. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

C Inst. (Low) *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

Timp. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

Mal. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

Perc. 1 *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!

Perc. 2 *f* *pp* *f* *ff* HEY!

Pno. *f* *mp* *f* *ff* HEY!