



Dances of Serenity

ROBERT SHELDON

Instrumentation

Full Score	1
Flute	8
Oboe	2
B♭ Clarinet 1	4
B♭ Clarinet 2	4
B♭ Clarinet 3	4
Bass Clarinet	2
Bassoon	2
Alto Saxophone 1	2
Alto Saxophone 2	2
Tenor Saxophone	2
Baritone Saxophone	2
B♭ Trumpet 1	4
B♭ Trumpet 2	4
B♭ Trumpet 3	4
Horn in F 1	2
Horn in F 2	2
Trombone 1	3
Trombone 2	3
Trombone 3	3
Euphonium	3
Baritone T.C.	2
Tuba	4
Timpani (F; B♭; C; E♭)	3
Mallets	2
Bells, Xylophone	
Percussion 1	2
Snare Drum, Bass Drum	
Percussion 2	4
Tambourine, Triangle, Hi-hat, Suspended Cymbal	



ABOUT THE COMPOSER



Robert Sheldon (b. Feb 3, 1954) has taught instrumental music in the Florida and Illinois public schools and has served on the faculty at Florida State University where he taught instrumental music education classes, conducting, and directed the university bands. Following seventeen years as Director of Concert Band Publications for Alfred Music, he now maintains an active composition and conducting schedule, regularly accepting commissions for new works. Sheldon received the Bachelor of Music in Music Education from the University of Miami and the Master of Fine Arts in Instrumental Conducting from the University of Florida. In 2020, VanderCook College of Music presented him with an honorary Doctorate in Music Education.

An internationally recognized clinician, his music is performed around the world and frequently appears on many international concert and contest lists. Sheldon has conducted Regional and All-State Honor Bands throughout the United States, Italy, Japan, Australia, Taiwan, China, Canada and Germany. With over three million copies of his compositions and books sold, he is one of the most performed composers of wind band music today.

DANCES OF SERENITY

This charming composition features a rhythmic dance in 3/2 time, a playful tune in 3/4 time and a heartfelt lyrical interlude in 4/4 time. These three themes seamlessly flow into each other to create a tapestry of contrasting styles and emotions.

Dances of Serenity was commissioned by the Del Valle High School Band in memory of Delia Ramirez, a sophomore band member whose life was tragically ended in an automobile accident. The music attempts to capture and represent her personality and friendships with her fellow band members.



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Full Score

Dances of Serenity

Dedicated to the memory of Delia Ramirez

ROBERT SHELDON

Andante con spirito $\text{♩} = 80$

Flute
Oboe
B♭ Clarinet 1
B♭ Clarinet 2
B♭ Clarinet 3
Bass Clarinet
Bassoon
Alto Saxophone 1
Alto Saxophone 2
Tenor Saxophone
Baritone Saxophone

The score shows measures 3 and 2. Measures 3 begin with sustained notes followed by eighth-note patterns. Measures 2 begin with sustained notes followed by eighth-note patterns.

Andante con spirito $\text{♩} = 80$

B♭ Trumpet 1
B♭ Trumpet 2
B♭ Trumpet 3
Horn in F 1
Horn in F 2

The score shows measures 3 and 2. Measures 3 feature eighth-note patterns. Measures 2 begin with sustained notes followed by eighth-note patterns.

Trombone 1
Trombone 2
Trombone 3
Euphonium
Tuba
Timpani (F: B♭; C: E♭)

The score shows measures 3 and 2. Measures 3 begin with sustained notes followed by eighth-note patterns. Measures 2 begin with sustained notes followed by eighth-note patterns.

Mallets (Bells, Xylophone)
Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
Percussion 2 (Tambourine, Triangle, Hi-hat, Suspended Cymbal)

The score shows measures 3 and 2. Measures 3 begin with sustained notes followed by eighth-note patterns. Measures 2 begin with sustained notes followed by eighth-note patterns. The Percussion 1 part includes a dynamic marking of p .

Dances of Serenity - Full Score

Fl.

Ob.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

Bb Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Bb Tpt. 1

Bb Tpt. 2

Bb Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

8

mf

mp

8

mf

mp

8

mf

mp

medium mallets

mp

Bass Drum

5 6 7 8 9

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Dances of Serenity - Full Score

5

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Xylophone: Medium hard mallets

3

4

3

4

3

4

10 11 12 13 14

Dances of Serenity - Full Score

15 

Fl. *p*

Ob. *p*

B♭ Cl. 1 *p*

B♭ Cl. 2 *p*

B♭ Cl. 3 *p*

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2 *p*

B♭ Tpt. 3 *p*

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Tim. *p*

To Bells

Mal. *p*

Perc. 1 *p*

Triangle

Perc. 2

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15 16 17 18 19 20 21

p



Dances of Serenity - Full Score

7

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Tim.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

23

23

Bells

Hi-hat

Dances of Serenity - Full Score

30

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

30

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Tri.

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29

Tamb.

30

31

32

33

34

35

The musical score consists of two systems of staves. The top system (measures 29-31) features woodwind instruments: Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Bassoon/Bassoon/Bassoon, Alto Saxophone 1, Alto Saxophone 2, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Trombone 3, Horn 1, Horn 2, Bass Trombone, Bassoon, Timpani, and Percussion 1. The bottom system (measures 32-35) features brass instruments: Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Trombone 3, Horn 1, Horn 2, Bass Trombone, Bassoon, Timpani, and Percussion 1-2. Measure 29 begins with a bassoon solo. Measures 30-31 are a tutti section with woodwind entries. Measures 32-33 feature brass entries. Measures 34-35 conclude with a final tutti section.

Dances of Serenity - Full Score

9

38

Musical score for Dances of Serenity, Full Score, page 9, measures 38-42. The score includes parts for Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinets 1 & 2, Clarinets 3 & Bassoon, Alto Saxophone 1 & 2, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, Trombones 1 & 2, Trombone 3, Horns 1 & 2, Tuba, Timpani, and Mallet Percussion. Measure 38 starts with woodwind entries followed by brass entries. Measures 39-40 feature sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. Measure 41 includes dynamic markings like *f* and *mf*. Measure 42 concludes with a final dynamic *f*.

Fl.
Ob.
B♭ Cl. 1
B♭ Cl. 2
B♭ Cl. 3
B. Cl.
Bsn.
A. Sax. 1
A. Sax. 2
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
B♭ Tpt. 1
B♭ Tpt. 2
B♭ Tpt. 3
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Tbn. 3
Euph.
Tba.
Timp.
Mal.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2

Dances of Serenity - Full Score

Div.

Fl. *mf*

Ob. *mf*

B♭ Cl. 1 *mf*

B♭ Cl. 2 *mp*

B♭ Cl. 3 *mp*

B. Cl. *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

A. Sax. 1 *mp*

A. Sax. 2 *mp*

T. Sax. *mp*

B. Sax. *mp*

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal. *mf*

Perc. 1 *p*
Hi-hat

Perc. 2

45

46

47

48

49

50

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Dances of Serenity - Full Score

11

53

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

53

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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Dances of Serenity - Full Score

61

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Unis.

61

mp

p

mp

mf

p

mf

Musical score for Dances of Serenity - Full Score, page 12, measures 59-66. The score includes parts for Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinets 1 & 2, Clarinets 3, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone 1, Alto Saxophone 2, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, Trombones 1 & 2, Trombone 3, Horns 1 & 2, Tuba, Timpani, Marimba, and Percussion 1 & 2. Measures 59-60 show woodwind entries with dynamics mf. Measures 61-62 show woodwind entries with dynamics mp. Measures 63-64 show brass entries with dynamics mp. Measures 65-66 show percussion entries with dynamics p.

Dances of Serenity - Full Score

13

69

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Tim.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Tim.

Mal.

Xyl.

Perc. 1

p

Perc. 2

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80

81

82

83

84

Dances of Serenity - Full Score

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87 Andante espressivo ♩ = 76

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

rall.

87 Andante espressivo ♩ = 76

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

To Bells

Suspended Cymbal: mallets

Dances of Serenity - Full Score

17

95 più mosso ♩ = 92

Fl.

Ob. *mf*

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

95 più mosso ♩ = 92

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Dances of Serenity - Full Score

Solo:
Flute or Clarinet

rall.

Solo:
Flute or Clarinet

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

97

98

99

100

101

102

103 Andante semplice ♩ = 80

Musical score for measures 103-109. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Bass Clarinet (B. Cl.), Alto Saxophones 1 & 2 (A. Sax. 1 & 2), Tenor Saxophone (T. Sax.), Bass Saxophone (B. Sax.), Trombones 1-3 (B♭ Tpt. 1, B♭ Tpt. 2, B♭ Tpt. 3), Horns 1 & 2 (Hn. 1 & 2), Tuba (Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, Tbn. 3), Euphonium (Euph.), Timpani (Timp.), Marimba (Mal.), and Percussion 1 & 2 (Perc. 1 & 2). Measure 103 starts with Flute and Bassoon playing eighth-note patterns. Measures 104-105 show various woodwind entries. From measure 106 onwards, the instrumentation becomes more dense, with multiple voices of each instrument and some entries from brass and percussion. Measure 109 concludes with a dynamic marking of *p*.

103 Andante semplice ♩ = 80

Continuation of the musical score for measures 103-109. The score includes parts for Trombones 1-3, Horns 1-2, Tuba, Timpani, Marimba, and Percussion 1 & 2. Measures 103-105 show sustained notes or rests. Measures 106-108 feature rhythmic patterns primarily from the brass and percussion sections. Measure 109 concludes with a dynamic marking of *p*.

Dances of Serenity - Full Score

111 più mosso ♩ = 92 **Andante espressivo** ♩ = 72

Fl. Ob. B♭ Cl. 1 B♭ Cl. 2 B♭ Cl. 3 B. Cl. Bsn. A. Sax. 1 A. Sax. 2 T. Sax. B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1 B♭ Tpt. 2 B♭ Tpt. 3 Hn. 1 Hn. 2 Tbn. 1 Tbn. 2 Tbn. 3 Euph. Tba. Timp. Mal. Perc. 1 Perc. 2

rall. **Tutti** **mp** **mp** **Tutti** **mp** **mp**

111 più mosso ♩ = 92 **Andante espressivo** ♩ = 72

rall. **Tutti** **mp** **mf** **mp** **mf** **mp** **mf** **mp** **mp** **mp** **mp** **mp** **mp** **mp** **mp**

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Dances of Serenity - Full Score

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Adagio $\text{♩} = 66$

rall.

Div.

122 **Tempo primo** $\text{♩} = 80$

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

3
2

This section contains staves for Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinets 1, 2, and 3, Bassoon/Clarinet, Alto Saxophone 1, Alto Saxophone 2, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, and Bassoon/Clarinet. The music consists of sustained notes and sustained eighth-note patterns. Measure numbers 117 through 122 are indicated at the bottom.

rall.

Adagio $\text{♩} = 66$

122 **Tempo primo** $\text{♩} = 80$

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

3
2

To Xyl.

Xyl.

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

Tamb.

This section contains staves for Brass (Trumpet 1, Trumpet 2, Trumpet 3), Horns (Horn 1, Horn 2), Trombones (Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Trombone 3), Euphonium, Bass Trombone, Timpani, Marimba, and Percussion (Percussion 1, Percussion 2). The music includes sustained notes, eighth-note patterns, and dynamic markings like p , mp , and f . Measures 117 through 122 are numbered at the bottom.

Dances of Serenity - Full Score

Unis.

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Tim.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Dances of Serenity - Full Score

132 

Fl. cresc. ff mp 3

Ob. cresc. ff mp 4

B♭ Cl. 1 cresc. ff mp 3

B♭ Cl. 2 cresc. ff mp 4

B♭ Cl. 3 cresc. ff mp 3

B. Cl. mf cresc. ff mp 4

Bsn. mf cresc. ff mp 3

A. Sax. 1 mf cresc. ff mp 4

A. Sax. 2 mf cresc. ff mp 3

T. Sax. mf cresc. ff mp 4

B. Sax. mf cresc. ff mp 3

B♭ Tpt. 1 mf cresc. ff mp 3

B♭ Tpt. 2 mf cresc. ff mp 3

B♭ Tpt. 3 mf cresc. ff mp 3

Hn. 1 mf cresc. ff mp 3

Hn. 2 mf cresc. ff mp 3

Tbn. 1 mf cresc. ff mp 3

Tbn. 2 mf cresc. ff mp 3

Tbn. 3 mf cresc. ff mp 3

Euph. mf cresc. ff mp 3

Tba. mf cresc. ff mp 3

Tim. mf cresc. ff mp 3

Mal. mf cresc. ff mp 3

Perc. 1 cresc. f mp p Tri. 4

Perc. 2 mp 132

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Dances of Serenity - Full Score

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

133

134

135

136

137

138

139

Dances of Serenity - Full Score

25

140

Fl. f

Ob. f

B♭ Cl. 1 f

B♭ Cl. 2 f

B♭ Cl. 3 f

B. Cl. f

Bsn. f

A. Sax. 1 f

A. Sax. 2 f

T. Sax. f

B. Sax. f

32

140

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1 f

Hn. 2 f

Tbn. 1 f

Tbn. 2 f

Tbn. 3 f

Euph. f

Tba. f

Timp. f

Mal. f

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Hi-hat $\begin{smallmatrix} \ddagger & + \\ x & x \end{smallmatrix}$ $\begin{smallmatrix} \circ & \ddagger \\ x & x \end{smallmatrix}$ $\begin{smallmatrix} \ddagger & + \\ x & x \end{smallmatrix}$ $\begin{smallmatrix} \circ & \ddagger \\ x & x \end{smallmatrix}$ $\begin{smallmatrix} \ddagger & + \\ x & x \end{smallmatrix}$ $\begin{smallmatrix} \circ & \ddagger \\ x & x \end{smallmatrix}$ $\begin{smallmatrix} \ddagger & + \\ x & x \end{smallmatrix}$ $\begin{smallmatrix} \circ & \ddagger \\ x & x \end{smallmatrix}$

32

Dances of Serenity - Full Score

147

Fl. *mp*

Ob. *mp*

B♭ Cl. 1 *mp*

B♭ Cl. 2 *mp*

B♭ Cl. 3 *mp*

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1 *mp*

A. Sax. 2 *mp*

T. Sax. *mp*

B. Sax.

147

B♭ Tpt. 1 *mp*

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1 *mp*

Hn. 2 *mp*

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal. *mp*

Perc. 1 *p*

Perc. 2

Tamb. *mp*

To Xyl.

Dances of Serenity - Full Score

27

155

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Xyl.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

155

3

4

155

3

4

156

157

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153

154

155

156

157

To Bells

p cresc.

Hi-hat

mp cresc.

mf cresc.

Bells

Dances of Serenity - Full Score

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

158

159

160

161

162

163

164