



Changing Currents

LAURA ESTES

Instrumentation

Full Score	1
Flute 1	4
Flute 2	4
Oboe	2
B $\flat$ Clarinet 1	4
B $\flat$ Clarinet 2	4
B $\flat$ Clarinet 3	4
Bass Clarinet	2
Bassoon	2
Alto Saxophone 1	2
Alto Saxophone 2	2
Tenor Saxophone	2
Baritone Saxophone	2
B $\flat$ Trumpet 1	4
B $\flat$ Trumpet 2	4
B $\flat$ Trumpet 3	4
Horn in F 1	2
Horn in F 2	2
Trombone 1	3
Trombone 2	3
Euphonium	3
Baritone T.C.	2
Tuba	4
Timpani (F: B $\flat$: C: E $\flat$)	2
Mallets 1 Bells, Marimba, Sleigh Bells	2
Mallets 2 Marimba, Vibraphone, Xylophone, Chimes	2
Percussion 1 Snare Drum, Bass Drum	2
Percussion 2 Suspended Cymbal, Wind Chimes, 2 Concert Toms, Cabasa, Triangle, Hi-hat, Crash Cymbals	7



ABOUT THE COMPOSER



Laura Estes taught middle and high school band for 36 years before retiring in 2018 from the Cobb County School System (GA). Upon retirement she began composing, and her first piece *Kvetchers (Surprises in Controversial Time)* was accepted for publication in Excelcia's 2020 catalog. In addition to her music being performed at The MidWest Clinic in Chicago, Estes' concert works have been selected for the J.W. Pepper Editor's Choice List as well as being named Five Star Features from Stanton's Sheet Music. With her composition *Walking on Air*, Estes was named the winner of the 2021 Women Band Directors International (WBDI) Composition Competition.

Throughout Estes' career, her bands consistently earned Superior ratings at performance evaluations, and she was awarded the National Band Association's Citation of Excellence as her middle and high school bands were selected to perform at clinics in the Southeast.

A South Florida native, Estes earned her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from The Florida State University and her Master's Degree in Music Education from Georgia State University. In addition to composing, Estes continues to serve as an adjudicator, guest conductor, clinician, and mentor. Estes and her husband Gil reside in Marietta, GA, and have 5 amazing children: Adrienne, April, Eric, Daniel, and Michelle.

CHANGING CURRENTS

Changing Currents is dedicated to the four children of my maternal grandparents, Frank and Rose Sokolow. Here is the story.

In the early 1900's, Frank and Rose emigrated separately from modern-day Ukraine and Russia to the United States. They met and married in New Jersey, eventually settling in Miami to raise their four children: Arthur, Jerry, Barbara, and Lois. Life was not easy for the family, but perseverance and determination helped the children find creative ways to attend and finish college. Arthur was a veteran of both the U.S. and Israeli Armies, becoming a businessman in Manila, Philippines. Jerry was also an army veteran who became a CPA specializing in Financial Forensics, Barbara an accountant and comptroller, and after a career in journalism and public relations, Lois became a renowned South Florida abstract artist. After living long, healthy lives, Barbara, Lois, and Jerry all died within eight months of each other (Arthur died in 2010).

Changing Currents features several subsections, or "currents," which are reminiscent of the rapidly changing lives of the Sokolow children. With a majestic beginning, the music's constantly shifting currents demonstrate how the siblings approached their lives: sweetly, seriously, playfully, boldly, brilliantly. Always with forward motion, brightly facing the future. And with death closing in they began to transform, to intensify, remaining fierce to the end.

Although all instrument sections are featured in some fashion, a special nod to Barbara and Lois can be found in the Trombone and Flute parts. Additionally, the idea for the title came from Lois's painting titled "Changing Current." I hope your students enjoy learning *Changing Currents*.

The Sokolow Siblings

Arthur B. Sokolow, 12/31/1927 – 10/21/2010

Jerry Sokolow, 2/2/1929 – 2/17/2022

Barbara A. Sokolow Fleet, 10/4/1934 – 6/17/2021

Lois R. Sokolow Perdue, 12/13/1941 – 1/5/2022

THANK YOU

Being able to hear a piece live and receive instant feedback during the compositional process is a special treat. My heartfelt thanks go to the students of the Viera High School Wind Ensemble, directors Dominick Eggen and Maria Dix, and the students of the Kell High School Wind Symphony, directors David Roth and Taylor Watts, for providing this valuable opportunity. *Changing Currents* was premiered on March 4, 2023, by the Georgia 9-10 All State Band under the baton of Dr. Mary Land.



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4 Dolce Current $\bullet = 116$

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Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

8

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal. 1

Mal. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Wind Chimes

f

mf

mp

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f

30

34

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rit. *G.P.*

Fl. 1, 2 *ff*

Ob. *ff*

B♭ Cl. 1 *ff*

B♭ Cl. 2, 3 *ff*

B. Cl. *ff*

Bsn. *ff* *mf* *f* *mf*

A. Sax. 1, 2 *ff*

T. Sax. *ff*

B. Sax. *ff* *mf* *mf*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *ff* *mp*

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3 *ff* *mp*

Hn. 1, 2 *ff* *f*

Tbn. 1, 2 *ff* *f*

Euph. *ff* *f*

Tuba *ff* *mf* *mf* *Solo or Soli*

Timp. *ff* *mf* *mp* *Change F to A♭*

Mal. 1 *ff*

Mal. 2 *ff* *To Chimes*

Perc. 1 *ff* *H.H.: shaft of yarn mallet* *mf* *mp* *Sus. Cym.: shaft of yarn mallet* *L.V.*

Perc. 2 *ff* *L.V.* *mf* *mp* *L.V.*

3
4
3
4
3
4
3
4

50 **Serioso Current** ♩ = 88

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

50 **Serioso Current** ♩ = 88

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal. 1

Mal. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

3
4

mf legato

cresc.

mf legato

cresc.

mf legato

cresc.

mf legato

cresc.

mf

cresc.

Play

Tri.

mf

59

[illegible]

68 Scherzando Current ♩ = 126
(Feel of One)

rit.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal. 1

Mal. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Sus. Cym.: yarn

L.V. To Marimba

L.V. To Vibraphone

mf pedal throughout

mf

f

72

Fl. 1, 2 *mf*

Ob. *mf*

B $\flat$ Cl. 1 *mf*

B $\flat$ Cl. 2, 3 *mf*

B. Cl. *mp* *mf*

Bsn. *mp* *mf*

A. Sax. 1, 2 *mp* *mf*

T. Sax. *mp* *mf*

B. Sax. *mp* *mf*

72

B $\flat$ Tpt. 1 *mf*

B $\flat$ Tpt. 2, 3 *mf*

Hn. 1, 2 *mp* *mf*

Tbn. 1, 2 *mf*

Euph. *mf*

Tuba *mf*

Timp. *mf*

Mal. 1 *mp* *mp* To Bells *mf* Bells *mf*

Mal. 2 *mp* *mp*

Perc. 1 *mf*

Perc. 2 *mf*

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Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B $\flat$ Cl. 1

B $\flat$ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

80

B $\flat$ Tpt. 1

B $\flat$ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal. 1

Mal. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Cr. Cym.

f *mp* *f*

81 82 83 84 85 86

90 Stringendo Current

Fl. 1, 2 *rit.* *mf*

Ob.

B $\flat$ Cl. 1

B $\flat$ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn. *mp*

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax. *mp*

90 Stringendo Current

B $\flat$ Tpt. 1 *rit.* *Solo* *mp*

B $\flat$ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2 *mp* *mf*

Tbn. 1, 2 *mp*

Euph. *mp*

Tuba *mp*

Timp. *mp* Change B $\flat$ to G

Mal. 1

Mal. 2

Perc. 1 *mp*

Perc. 2 *Tri.* *mp*

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108

[illegible]

FL. 1, 2
Ob.
B♭ Cl. 1
B♭ Cl. 2, 3
B. Cl.
Bsn.
A. Sax. 1, 2
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
B♭ Tpt. 1
B♭ Tpt. 2, 3
Hn. 1, 2
Tbn. 1, 2
Euph.
Tuba
Timp.
Mal. 1
Mal. 2
Perc. 1
Perc. 2

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129

134

Fl. 1, 2
mf

Ob.
mf

B♭ Cl. 1
mf

B♭ Cl. 2, 3
mf

B. Cl.
mf

Bsn.
mf

A. Sax. 1, 2
mf

T. Sax.
mf

B. Sax.
mf

134

B♭ Tpt. 1
mf

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3
mf

Hn. 1, 2
mf

Tbn. 1, 2
mf

Euph.
mf

Tuba
mf

Timp.
mf

Mal. 1
mf

Mal. 2
mf

Perc. 1
mf

Perc. 2
mf

Sus. Cym.: yarn

Cr. Cym.

Toms

mp *f*

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140 Cambiare Current

140 Cambiare Current

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

ff
Solo
mf → *mp*
Cue: Oboe Solo
Cue: Bassoon Solo
ff
mp
140 Cambiare Current
ff
Cue: Bari Sax Play
To Sleigh Bells
f
mp
Sleigh Bells
f
mp

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144

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

144

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal. 1

Mal. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

mf legato Play

mf legato

mf legato

mp

mp

mp Play

mf legato

mp

mp

mp

mf

To Bells

S.D.: cross stick

H.H.: stick

Cabasa

mp

mp

mp

mp

152

Intensificare Current

Fl. 1, 2 *mf*

Ob. *mf*

B♭ Cl. 1 *mf*

B♭ Cl. 2, 3 *mf cresc.*

B. Cl. *mp* *cresc.* *mf* *cresc.*

Bsn. *mp* *cresc.* *mf* *cresc.*

A. Sax. 1, 2 *mf cresc.* *mf* *cresc.*

T. Sax. *mf cresc.* *mf* *cresc.*

B. Sax. *mf* *cresc.*

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Intensificare Current

B♭ Tpt. 1 *mf* *mf* *cresc.*

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3 *mf* *mf* *cresc.*

Hn. 1, 2 *Intensity!* *f* *cresc.*

Tbn. 1, 2 *mf* *cresc.* *mf* *cresc.*

Euph. *mf* *cresc.* *mf* *cresc.*

Tuba *mp* *cresc.* *mf* *cresc.*

Timp. *Bells* *mf* *cresc.*

Mal. 1 *mf* *cresc.*

Mal. 2 *mf* *cresc.*

Perc. 1 *S.D.: on head* *mf* *cresc.*

Perc. 2 *Sus. Cym.: on bell with stick* *mf* *Toms* *cresc.*

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166 Feroce Current

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170

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

170

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Tbn. 1, 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal. 1

Mal. 2

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Sus. Cym.: yarn

Bells Down

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176 Fine Current

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