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# FJH SYMPHONIC BAND

Grade 4

# GALOP

ARTHUR BIRD

*Edited by*

James Syler

## Instrumentation

1 - Conductor's Full Score	2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 1	2 - Trombone 1
1 - Piccolo	2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 2	2 - Trombone 2
8 - Flute	2 - B♭ Tenor Saxophone	2 - Trombone 3
1 - Oboe 1	2 - E♭ Baritone Saxophone	2 - Trombone 4
1 - Oboe 2	2 - B♭ Trumpet 1	2 - Baritone/ Euphonium
1 - Bassoon 1	2 - B♭ Trumpet 2	2 - Baritone T.C.
1 - Bassoon 2	2 - B♭ Trumpet 3	2 - Tuba 1
1 - E♭ Clarinet	2 - B♭ Trumpet 4	2 - Tuba 2
4 - B♭ Clarinet 1	1 - F Horn 1	2 - Snare Drum
4 - B♭ Clarinet 2	1 - F Horn 2	Bass Drum
4 - B♭ Clarinet 3	1 - F Horn 3	
2 - B♭ Bass Clarinet	1 - F Horn 4	

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## The Editor

James Syler (b. 1961) was born in Hyde Park, New York, and raised in New York and Florida. In 1983, he received a B.M. degree from Northern Illinois University, and in 1988 an M.M. degree from the University of Miami. In 1991, he continued his studies at the University of Texas at Austin. Mr. Syler has studied composition privately with composers Alfred Reed, Karl Korte, and Pulitzer prizewinner Michael Colgrass.

Equally at ease with modern and traditional techniques, Mr. Syler's compositions have been noted for their lyricism, energy, and drama. His personal style is eclectic and innovative, yet communicates with a variety of audiences. Band, wind ensemble, orchestral, chamber, and choral works have been performed throughout the United States, Europe, and South America.

Awards include the 1993 National Band Association Composition Award, two grants from the American Music Center in New York, the 1993 Arnald Gabriel Composition Award, and numerous commissions. Mr. Syler has been on the music faculty at the University of Texas at San Antonio since 2001, and teaches private composition and courses in American music.

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## About the Music

American composer Arthur Bird composed only three works for military band, the *French Overture in A minor* (1878), the *March in A Major* for the Taunton Band in Massachusetts and the *Galop* (ca. 1909). The *Overture and March* are among his earliest works and unfortunately have been lost. The *Galop* then is the only known band work of Bird. This publication for standard symphonic band was edited from the original unpublished score for military band. No changes were made in the original music, only the reassigning of parts from obscure military brass instruments to current instrumentation.

The original score in Bird's hand is undated, but is believed to have been composed between 1908 and 1910 and possibly represents his Opus 47. After 1890 Bird composed very little. The *Galop* was his next to last composition for large ensemble. It reflects his interest in dance forms (he was America's first composer of ballets) and his lifelong emulation of French music. Unfortunately, nothing else is known about this work. Why it was composed or for whom remains a mystery. Whatever its origin it is delightful music — clear and buoyant with a humorous lightness that is true to the popular galop dance.

Arthur Bird (1856–1923) was born on a farm in Belmont, Massachusetts and studied with his father and uncle, both of whom were composers and music teachers. In 1875 he continued his studies at the Berlin Hochschule. In 1881, after a four year appointment as organist at St. Matthew's Church in Halifax, Nova Scotia, he returned to Berlin for further studies. He settled in Berlin and began his career as a composer and pianist, later becoming a friend and student of Liszt. His works are noted for their harmonically rich late Romantic style, idiomatic scoring, contrapuntal texture and, although he was German trained, adherence to the current concepts of French music. Bird was among the first American composers of the late nineteenth century to bring "American" music to European audiences. He remained in Berlin until his death in 1923.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Syler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "James" on the top line and "Syler" on the bottom line, slightly overlapping.

**GALOP**

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**ARTHUR BIRD**  
edited by **JAMES SYLER**  
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**Allegro ( $\text{J}=160$ )**

The musical score consists of two systems of staves. The first system starts with a dynamic of *f* and includes parts for Piccolo, Flute, Oboes (2 parts), Bassoons (2 parts), Eb Clarinet, Bb Clarinets (3 parts), Bb Bass Clarinet, Eb Alto Saxophones (2 parts), Bb Tenor Saxophone, Eb Baritone Saxophone, and Bb Trumpets (4 parts). The second system begins with a dynamic of *f* and includes parts for F Horns (4 parts), Trombones (4 parts), Baritone/Euphonium, Tubas (2 parts), Double Bass, and Snare Drum/Bass Drum. Measures 1 through 5 are shown in the first system, and measures 6 through 6 are shown in the second system.

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Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cls. 2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3  
4

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Bar./Euph.

Tubas 1  
2

D.B.

S.D. B.D.

7 8 9 10 11 12

13  $\frac{8}{8}$

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cls. 2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3  
4

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Bar./Euph.

Tubas 1  
2

D.B.

S.D./B.D.

*p*

*1sts only*

*p*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*a2*

*p cresc.*

*p cresc.*

*cresc.*

*p cresc.*

*cresc.*

*pizz.*

*cresc.*

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl.

*p cresc.*

1

B♭ Cls. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

*f*

1  
2

Tpts.

3  
4

*a2*

*f*

1  
2

Hns.

3  
4

*f*

1  
2

Tbns.

3  
4

*f*

Bar./  
Euph.

Tubas

1

*f*

2

D.B.

S.D.  
B.D.

19 *p cresc.*

20

21 *f*

22

23

24

**Picc.**

**Fl.**

**Obs. 1**

**Bsns. 1**

**E♭ Cl.**

**B♭ Cls. 2**

**3**

**B. Cl.**

**A. Saxes 1**

**T. Sax.**

**B. Sax.**

**Tpts. 1**

**Hns. 1**

**Tbns. 1**

**Bar./Euph.**

**Tubas 1**

**D.B.**

**S.D. B.D.**

**29** **Marcato**

25      26      27      28      29      30

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cls. 2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3  
4

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Bar./Euph.

Tubas 1  
2

D.B.

S.D. B.D.

31      32      33 *f*      34      35      36

37

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cls. 2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

37

Tpts. 1  
2  
3  
4

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2

a2

Bar./  
Euph.

Tubas 1  
2

D.B.

S.D.  
B.D.

37      38      39      40      41f      42

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cls. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3  
4

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Bar./Eup.

Tubas 1  
2

D.B.

S.D./B.D.

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

43 44 45 46 47 48

**49**

Picc.

Fl. *p*

Obs. 1  
2 1sts only *p*

Bsns. 1  
2 *p*

E♭ Cl. 1 *p*

B♭ Cls. 2 3 *p*

B. Cl. *p*

A. Saxes 1  
2 *p*

T. Sax. *p*

B. Sax. *p*

Tpts. 1  
2 1sts only *p*

Hns. 1  
2 *p*

3  
4 *p*

Tbns. 1  
2 *p*

Bar./Euph. *p*

Tubas 1 *p*

2 *p*

D.B. *p*

S.D.  
B.D.

To Coda ♩

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl.

*p cresc.*

1

B♭ Cls. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

3

4

Hns. 1  
2

3

4

Tbns. 1  
2

3

4

Bar./Eup.

Tubas 1

2

D.B.

S.D./B.D.

To Coda ♩

55 *p cresc.*

56

57 *f*

58

59

60

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl.

1  
2

B♭ Cls. 2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3  
4

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Bar./  
Euph.

Tubas 1  
2

D.B.

S.D.  
B.D.

61 62 63 64 65 66

69 Trio

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cls. 2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

69 Trio

Tpts.

Hns.

Tbns.

Bar./  
Euph.

Tubas

D.B.

S.D.  
B.D.

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cls. 2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

3  
4

Hns. 1  
2

3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2

3  
4

Bar./  
Euph.

Tubas 1  
2

D.B.

S.D.  
B.D.

1sts only

p

74 75 76 77 78 79 80

85

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cls. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hns. 3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2

Tbns. 3  
4

Bar./Euph.

Tubas 1

Tubas 2

D.B.

S.D./B.D.

85  
1sts only

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cls. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

3

Hns. 1  
2

3

4

Tbns. 1  
2

3

4

Bar./  
Euph.

Tubas 1

2

D.B.

S.D.  
B.D.

poco rit.

97 A tempo

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cls. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts.

3  
4

Hns.

3  
4

Tbns.

3  
4

Bar./  
Euph.

Tubas

2

D.B.

S.D.  
B.D.

2nds only

p

pizz.

93      94      95      96      97      98

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cls. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

3

Hns. 1  
2

3

Tbns. 1  
2

3

Bar./Euph.

Tubas 1  
2

D.B.

S.D. B.D.

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cls. 2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

Hns. 3  
4

Tbns. 3  
4

Bar./  
Euph.

Tubas 1

2

D.B.

S.D.  
B.D.

1sts only

p

105      106      107      108      109      110

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cls. 2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3  
4

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Bar./Euph.

Tubas 1  
2

D.B.

S.D./B.D.

III 111      III 112      III 113      III 114      III 115      III 116

117

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cls. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

117

a2

Tpts. 1  
2  
3  
4

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2

a2

pp

cresc.

117 pp

118

119

120

121 cresc.

122

123

D.S. §§ al Coda

Picc. *f*

Fl. *f*

Obs. 1, 2 *f*

Bsns. 1, 2 *f* dim.

E♭ Cl. 1 *f* dim.

B♭ Cls. 2 *f* dim.

3 *f* dim.

B. Cl. *f* dim.

A. Saxes 1, 2 *f*

T. Sax. *f* dim.

B. Sax. *f*

D.S. §§ al Coda

Tpts. 1, 2 *f*

3, 4 *f*

Hns. 1, 2 *f*

3, 4 *f*

Tbns. 1, 2 *f*

3, 4 *f*

Bar./Euph. *f*

Tubas 1, 2 *f*

D.B. *f*

S.D. B.D. *f*

124 *f* 125 126 127 128 129 130

*Coda*

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cls. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

*Coda*

1  
2

Tpts. 3  
4

Hns. 1  
2

3  
4

1  
2

Tbns. 3  
4

Bar./Euph.

Tubas 1

2

D.B.

S.D. B.D.

135

135

131 132 133 134 135 136

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cls. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

3

Hns. 1  
2

Hns. 3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2

3

Bar./Euph.

Tubas 1

2

D.B.

S.D.  
B.D.

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl.

1  
2

B♭ Cls. 2  
3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3  
4

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

a2

Tbns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Bar./Euph.

Tubas 1  
2

D.B.

S.D. B.D.

143      144      145      146      147      148      *f*

150

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cls. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

3  
4

Hns. 1  
2

3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2

3  
4

Bar./  
Euph.

Tubas 1  
2

D.B.

S.D.  
B.D.

149      150      151      152      153

Picc.

Fl.

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

E♭ Cl.

1

B♭ Cls. 2

3

B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2

3

4

Hns. 1  
2

3

4

Tbns. 1  
2

3

4

Bar./Euph.

Tubas 1

2

D.B.

S.D. B.D.

154      155      f      156      157      158      159