

BRUCE PEARSON

A Time to Dance

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About the Composer



Bruce Pearson is a world-renowned music educator, author, composer, and clinician. He is the author of the *Standard of Excellence Comprehensive Band Method*, widely regarded as the most important contribution to the band music field in the last three decades, as well as his first contribution, *Best In Class*. His new contribution, co-authored with Ryan Nowlin, the *Tradition of Excellence Comprehensive Band Method*, is a performance-centered curriculum that seamlessly blends time-tested and innovative pedagogy with cutting-edge technology. He also co-authored, with Dean Sorenson, the *Standard of Excellence Jazz Ensemble Method* and the *Standard of Excellence Advanced Jazz Ensemble Method*.

In addition to his method books, Dr. Pearson is well-known as a composer of many frequently-performed compositions for concert band and jazz ensemble. He has led clinics in all fifty of the United States and has been guest conductor and clinician, by invitation, in countries throughout the Pacific Rim, the Orient, Europe, and the Canadian provinces.

Raised in Bloomington, Minnesota, Bruce Pearson has taught at the elementary, junior high, high school, and college levels for over 40 years. In December of 1998, Dr. Pearson was awarded the prestigious Midwest Clinic Medal of Honor in recognition of his outstanding contributions to music education. In 2007, he was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award at St. Cloud State University. Also in 2007, he was recognized as the first Patron for the Maryborough Conference in Queensland, Australia. Dr. Pearson was selected as a 2017 recipient of University of Northern Colorado's Honored Alumni Award. Additionally, the American School Band Directors Association conferred on Dr. Pearson the 2014 Edwin Franko Goldman Award "as a symbol of high esteem and respect for outstanding personal contributions to the school band movement." He continues to serve as a guest lecturer, clinician, and conductor in addition to his work as a composer, arranger, and author.

About the Composition

A Time to Dance was composed to show that just as the darkness of night gives way to morning's light, our challenges and fears often give way to joy and hope, providing for us - A Time to Dance.

Correlation with TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE™

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Instrumentation List

4 – 1st E♭ Alto Saxophone

4 – 1st Flute	2 – B♭ Tenor Saxophone	1 – Electric Bass
4 – 2nd Flute	2 – E♭ Baritone Saxophone	3 – Chimes, Bells
2 – Oboe	4 – 1st B♭ Trumpet	3 – Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal
4 – 1st B♭ Clarinet	4 – 2nd Bb Trumpet (optional)	3 – Sleigh Bells, Tambourine
4 – 2nd B♭ Clarinet	6 – F Horn	3 – Snare Drum, Bass Drum
2 – E♭ Alto Clarinet	4 – 1st Trombone	3 – Advanced Snare Drum, Bass Drum*
2 – B♭ Bass Clarinet	4 – 2nd Trombone	2 – Timpani (optional)
2 – Bassoon	2 – Baritone	1 – Rehearsal Piano

2 – Baritone TC

4 – 2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone 4 – Tuba

1 - Full Conductor Score

Additional scores and parts are available.

Approximate Performance Time—1:45

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Dates to Remember:

^{*}An Advanced Snare Drum part is provided for students with a greater achievement level. The Snare Drum and Advanced Snare Drum parts may be played simultaneously so that students of all levels may participate in the performance of this piece. The Bass Drum's music is identical in each part.

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