

# River Valley Overture

For Concert Band, Grade 3  
By Randall D. Standridge (ASCAP)

## Instrumentation

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 - Full Score            | 4 - Bb Trumpet 1   |
| 8 - Flute/Piccolo         | 4 - Bb Trumpet 2   |
| 2 - Oboe                  | 4 - Bb Trumpet 3   |
| 2 - Bassoon               | 4 - F Horn         |
| 5 - Bb Clarinet 1         | 3 - Trombone 1     |
| 5 - Bb Clarinet 2         | 3 - Trombone 2     |
| 5 - Bb Clarinet 3         | 4 - Euphonium B.C. |
| 2 - Bb Bass Clarinet      | 2 - Euphonium T.C. |
| 6 - Eb Alto Saxophone     | 4 - Tuba           |
| 2 - Bb Tenor Saxophone    |                    |
| 2 - Eb Baritone Saxophone |                    |

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| 2 - Mallets 1: Bells/Chimes                     |  |
| 2 - Mallets 2: Marimba/Chimes                   |  |
| 2 - Timpani (4)                                 |  |
| 3 - Percussion 1&2: P1: Snare Drum              |  |
| P2: Bass Drum                                   |  |
| 2 - Percussion 3: Crash Cymbals/Triangle        |  |
| 2 - Percussion 4: Tam-Tam/Sus.Cymbal/Tambourine |  |

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Groovy-8 (1)  
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The Lake of Sorrows (1.5)  
Santa the Barbarian (1.5)  
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Starfire Fanfare (1.5)  
Fanfare for the 16th Empire (1.5)  
Circuit Breaker (1.5)

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Creer (2)  
Spero (2)  
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...music speaks (3)  
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Gallowglass (3)  
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Utopia (4)  
Providence (4)  
Havana Nights (4)  
Vanishing Point (4)  
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The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse (4.5)

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Stonewall: 1969 (5)  
unBroken (5)

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Taiko (Grade 3)  
3x3 (Grade 3)

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## Program Notes

I grew up in band in the 1980's/1990's.

That is very important to this conversation.

During this time period, two of the most played band composers were Claude T. Smith and James Swearingen. They both wrote a wide variety of music and were both adept at writing catchy melodies, rhythms, and generally creating music that band students wanted to play. They were, and are, two of my compositional heroes.

In 2020, I was asked to create a new work for the Ross County Band Directors Association (Ross County, Ohio). There were no specific requirements for the commission, but I decided I wanted to use two things particular to Ohio as my sources of inspiration: the Ohio River Valley and James Swearingen.

*River Valley Overture* is a standard ABA overture. When composing the work, I wanted it to sound as if it were a forgotten piece from the era mentioned previously. It contains all of the hallmarks: catchy melodies, a contrasting 3/4 section against a driving and rhythmic 4/4 section, and a bombastic coda to cap the whole thing off.

A huge thank you to the Ross County Band Directors Association for trusting me with this work, and an even huger thank you to James Swearingen. Thank you for making my developing band years fun and memorable with your wonderful works. You made a young boy from Arkansas think "hey...this stuff is pretty neat...I could do that!"

And I did.

Peace, Love, and Music.

## About the Composer



Randall Standridge (b.1976) received his Bachelor of Music Education from Arkansas State University. During this time, he studied composition with Dr. Tom O'Connor, before returning to Arkansas State University to earn his Master's in Music Composition, studying with Dr. Tom O'Connor and Dr. Tim Crist. From 2001 to 2013, he served as the Director of Bands at Harrisburg High School in Harrisburg, Arkansas.

Mr. Standridge is currently published by Grand Mesa Music, Alfred Music, FJH Music, Wingert-Jones Music, BandWorks Publications, Twin Towers Music, and Northeastern Music Publications. Mr. Standridge has had several of his pieces performed internationally, and has had numerous works selected to the J.W. Pepper's Editor's Choice and Bandworld Top 100 lists. His compositions *Snake Charmer*, *Gently Blows the Summer Wind*, and *Angelic Celebrations* also published are included in *Teaching Music through Performance in Band* series. He has had several works performed at the Midwest Music Clinic in Chicago, IL. His work *Art(isms)* was premiered by the Arkansas State University Wind Ensemble at the 2010 CBDNA conference in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Mr. Standridge is also a contributing composer for Alfred Music's *Sound Innovations: Ensemble Development* series. His music is gaining recognition as worthwhile literature for concert festivals and performances across the United States and internationally.

In addition to his career as a composer, Mr. Standridge is the Marching Band Editor for Grand Mesa Music Publishers. He is in demand as a conductor, clinician, drill designer, composer, and music arranger for the marching arts. He is also a freelance artist, photographer, and writer. He lives in Jonesboro, AR with his family. For more information about Mr. Standridge, visit his website at: [www.randallstandridge.com](http://www.randallstandridge.com)

Score  
Grade 3

Duration: 4:30

# River Valley Overture

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**With Energy**  $\text{♩} = 144$

**4**  $\frac{8}{8}$

Flute/ Piccolo

Oboe (opt. Flute 2)

Bassoon

B♭ Clarinet 1

B♭ Clarinet 2-3

B♭ Bass Clarinet

E♭ Alto Saxophone

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

B♭ Trumpet 1

B♭ Trumpet 2-3

Horn in F

Trombone 1-2

Euphonium

Tuba

Mallets 1  
Chimes/Bells

Mallets 2  
Marimba (opt. Xylo.)/ Chimes (shared)

Timpani

Percussion 1&2  
Player 1: Snare Drum  
Player 2: Bass Drum

Percussion 3  
Crash Cymbals/  
Triangle

Percussion 4  
Tam-Tam/Sus. Cymbal/  
Tambourine

1                    2                    3                    4                    5                    6

## River Valley Overture

Fl./Pic. +Picc. *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Bsn. *mf*

B♭ Cl. 1 Play *mf* *a2*

B♭ Cl. 2-3 *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

cresc.

A. Sx. *mf*

T. Sx. *mf*

B. Sx. *mf*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *mf*

B♭ Tpt. 2-3 *a2* *mf*

Hn. *mf*

Tbn. 1-2 *mf*

Euph. *mf*

Tuba *mf*

Mal. 1

Mal. 2 Xylophone (hard mallets) *mf*

Tim. *mf*

cresc.

Perc. 1&2 S.D. *mf*

Perc. 3 *mf*

Perc. 4 Stick on Sus. Cym. Dome *p* *mf*

# River Valley Overture

3

14

Fl./Pic. *f*

Ob. *f*

Bsn. *f* *mf*

B♭ Cl. 1 *f*

B♭ Cl. 2-3 *f*

B. Cl. *f* *mf* *dim.*

A. Sx. *f* *mf* *dim.*

T. Sx. *f* *mf* *dim.*

B. Sx. *f* *mf* *dim.*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *f*

B♭ Tpt. 2-3 *f* *Div.*

Hn. *f*

Tbn. 1-2 *f* *mf* *dim.*

Euph. *f* *mf* *dim.*

Tuba *f* *mf* *dim.*

Mal. 1 *>* *>* *>* *>* *mf*

Mal. 2 *f* *mf* *High F to E* *dim.*

Tim. *fp* *f* *>* *>*

Perc. 1&2 *fp* *f* *mf* *(Ch)* *dim.*

Perc. 3 *f*

Perc. 4 *f* *mf* *Tamourine*

-Picc. *mf*

**Bells (Hard Acrylic Mallets)**

12

13

14

15

16

17

## River Valley Overture

**18**

Fl./Pic. *mp*

Ob. *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

B♭ Cl. 1 *>* *mp*

B♭ Cl. 2-3

B. Cl. *mp*

A. Sx. *mp*

T. Sx. *mp*

B. Sx. *mp*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *mf*

B♭ Tpt. 2-3 *a2* *mf*

Hn. *mp*

Tbn. 1-2 *mp*

Euph. *mp*

Tuba *mp*

Mal. 1 *mp*

Mal. 2 *mp*

Tim. *mp* *mf*

Perc. 1&2 *mp* *(Ch)* *>*

Perc. 3 *mf*

Perc. 4 *>* *z.* *z.* *z.* *z.* *z.*

# River Valley Overture

5

26

Fl./Pic. *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Bsn. *mp*

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2-3 *mp*

B. Cl. *mp*

A. Sx. *mp*

T. Sx. *mp*

B. Sx. *mp*

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2-3

Hn.

Tbn. 1-2

B♭ Bass Clarinet *mf*

Euph. *mp*

Tuba *Play* *mp*

Mal. 1 *mf*

Mal. 2

Timp. *mf*

Perc. 1&2 *p*

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Sus. Cym. *p* *mf*

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7

## To Coda

Fl./Pic. -

Ob. -

Bsn. -

B♭ Cl. 1 -

B♭ Cl. 2-3 -

B. Cl. -

A. Sx. -

T. Sx. -

B. Sx. -

B♭ Tpt. 1 -

B♭ Tpt. 2-3 -

Hn. -

Tbn. 1-2 -

Euph. -

Tuba -

Mal. 1 -

Mal. 2 -

Tim. -

Perc. 1&2 -

(Ch) (Ch) (Ch)

Perc. 3 -

Perc. 4 -

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**51**

Fl./Pic.

Ob.

Bsn. *p*

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2-3

B. Cl. *p*

A. Sx.

T. Sx. *p*

B. Sx. *p*

B♭ Tpt. 1 Solo *mf*

B♭ Tpt. 2-3

Hn.

Tbn. 1-2 *p*

Euph. *p*

Tuba *p*

Mal. 1

Mal. 2 Chimes *mf*

Timp.

Perc. 1&2

Perc. 3 Triangle *mp*

Perc. 4 *mf*

## River Valley Overture

59

Fl./Pic. *mf*

Ob. *p*

Bsn. *mf* *p*

B♭ Cl. 1 *p*

B♭ Cl. 2-3 *p* *g2*

B. Cl. *mf*

A. Sx. *mp*

T. Sx. *p*

B. Sx. *p*

B♭ Tpt. 1 Solo (opt. Soli) *mf*

B♭ Tpt. 2-3 *mp*

Hn. *mp*

Tbn. 1-2 *mf*

Euph. *mf* *Div.* *p*

Tuba *mf*

Mal. 1 *mf*

Mal. 2

Tim. *p* *mf*

Perc. 1&2

Perc. 3 *mf*

Perc. 4 *p* *mf*

# River Valley Overture

11

*rit.*

## 67 a tempo

**accel.** 71 Flowing ♩=84

## River Valley Overture

*rit.***77** **a tempo**

Fl./Pic. *mp*

Ob. *mf*

Bsn. *p* cresc.

B♭ Cl. 1 *p* cresc.

B♭ Cl. 2-3 *mf*

B. Cl. *p* cresc.

A. Sx. *mf*

T. Sx. *p* cresc.

B. Sx. *mf*

All *mp*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *mf*

B♭ Tpt. 2-3 *p* cresc.

Hn. *mf*

Tbn. 1-2 *p* cresc.

Euph. *mf*

Tuba *mf*

Mal. 1 *p* cresc.

Mal. 2 *mf*

Tim. *p* *mf*

Perc. 1&2 *p* cresc.

Triangle *p*

Perc. 3 *mf*

Perc. 4 *p* cresc.

# River Valley Overture

13

Molto Rit.

**81 Broadly** =72

# River Valley Overture

**88** With Energy ♩=144

D.S. al Coda

Fl./Pic. — — — — —

Ob. *p* — — — — —

Euphonium — — — — —

Bsn. *mf* — — — — —

B♭ Cl. 1 *p* — — — — —

B♭ Cl. 2-3 *p* — — — — —

B. Cl. *p* — — — — —

Bb Clarinet 2-3 — — — — —

A. Sx. *mf* — — — — —

Euphonium — — — — —

T. Sx. *mf* — — — — —

Play — — — — —

B. Sx. *p* — — — — —

*f* — — — — —

B♭ Tpt. 1 — — — — —

B♭ Tpt. 2-3 — — — — —

Hn. *p* — — — — —

Euphonium — — — — —

Euphonium — — — — —

Tbn. 1-2 *mf* Solo — — — — —

Euph. *mf* — — — — —

Div. — — — — —

Play *a2* — — — — —

All — — — — —

*f* — — — — —

Tuba *p* — — — — —

*f* — — — — —

Chimes — — — — —

Mal. 1 *p* — — — — —

*mp* — — — — —

Xylo. — — — — —

*f* — — — — —

Mal. 2 — — — — —

*p* — — — — —

*f* — — — — —

Timp. — — — — —

*f* — — — — —

Perc. 1&2 — — — — —

Triangle — — — — —

*p* — — — — —

*f* — — — — —

Perc. 3 — — — — —

*mp* — — — — —

*f* — — — — —

Crash Cym. — — — — —

*f* — — — — —

Perc. 4 — — — — —

*f* — — — — —

Tam-Tam — — — — —

*f* — — — — —

*p* — — — — —

85 86 87 88 89 90 91

# River Valley Overture

15

## CODA

95

Fl./Pic.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2-3

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2-3

Hn.

Tbn. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Mal. 1

Mal. 2

Timp.

Perc. 1&2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

*Div.*

*f*

*mf*

*fp*

*f* Tambourine

92

93

94

95

## River Valley Overture

Fl./Pic.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2-3

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2-3

Hn.

Tbn. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Mal. 1

Mal. 2

Timp.

Perc. 1&2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

96