

A Christmas Carol

For Concert Band and Narrator, Grade 2.5
By Randall D. Standridge (ASCAP)

Instrumentation

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| 1 - Full Score | |
| 1 - Narrator | 4 - Bb Trumpet 1 |
| 8 - Flute | 4 - Bb Trumpet 2 |
| 2 - Oboe | 4 - F Horn |
| 2 - Bassoon | 3 - Trombone 1 |
| 5 - Bb Clarinet 1 | 3 - Trombone 2 |
| 5 - Bb Clarinet 2 | 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 | |
| 2 - Timpani | |
| 2 - Percussion 1: Bells/Chains/Tambourine | |
| 2 - Percussion 2: Chimes/Bells | |
| 2 - Percussion 3: Vibraphone/Chains/Tam-Tam | |
| 2 - Percussion 4: Sleigh Bells/Snare Drum/Wind Chimes/Tam-Tam | |
| 2 - Percussion 5: Bass Drum/Triangle | |
| 2 - Percussion 6: Suspended Cymbals/Tam-Tam/Crash Cymbal/
Ride Cymbal/2 Woodblocks | |

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Program Notes

Charles Dickens first published his novella *A Christmas Carol* in 1843. Since then, it has become one of the most well known Christmas tales, thanks in large part to its combination of festive cheer, ghostly chills, and philosophical elements. It has become so popular that even the name of its main character, Scrooge, has become a word unto itself in the English lexicon.

This new work, *A Christmas Carol*, attempts to illustrate this timeless tale through narration and hints of familiar holiday tunes. It is presented in the form of an attacca suite with five distinct movements (or "scenes") that mirror the five chapters of Dickens's novella. The piece begins on Christmas Eve with Scrooge being visited by the ghost of his business partner who warns him he will be doomed to a terrible fate if he does not change, and that he will be visited by three spirits ("I. Marley's Ghost"). The piece continues as Scrooge is shown bittersweet scenes from days gone by ("II. The Ghost of Christmas Past"), scenes of holiday merriment ("III. The Ghost of Christmas Present"), and dark visions of a possible future ("IV. The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come"). The piece ends with Scrooge awakening a changed man, his heart full of festive cheer ("V. Christmas Morning").

I hope you and your loved ones enjoy this heartwarming and ghostly tale, and I wish you all happy holidays.

Peace Love and Music

Special Notes:

- The "ghostly moaning" in movement one should be performed as if tormented and in great pain. Please avoid a campier approach. The effect should be eerie and unsettling...not funny.
- The bass drum note that signals the cellar door opening should be shockingly loud. Don't hold back. Scare them.
- The tempo of each movement is critical to its dramatic effect. Please stick as closely as possible to the suggested tempi.
- The narration cues may be read live or you may download them from our website at randallstandridge.com.

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

A Christmas Carol

Randall D. Standridge(ASCAP)
based on the story by Charles Dickens

Mvt. I: Marley's Ghost

Mysterious $\text{♩} = 60$

Play 3 times

1. Once upon a time, on Christmas Eve, Ebenezer Scrooge sat alone in his room.
2. He sat in front of the fire, hating Christmas, hating his fellow man, and saying "Bah-Humbug" to everything.
3. When suddenly, his chamber bell began to ring all by itself!

Narrator

Flute/Pic.

Oboe

Bassoon

Bb Clarinet 1

Bb Clarinet 2

Bb Bass Clarinet

E Alto Saxophone

Bb Tenor Saxophone

E Baritone Saxophone

Bb Trumpet 1

Bb Trumpet 2

Horn in F

Trombone 1-2

Euphonium

Tuba

Timpani

Percussion 1
Bells/Chains/
Tambourine

Percussion 2
Chimes/Bells

Percussion 3
Vibraphone/
Chains/Tam-Tam

Percussion 4
Sleigh Bells/
Snare Drum/
Wind Chimes/
Tam-Tam

Percussion 5
Bass Drum/
Triangle

Percussion 6
Suspended Cymbal/
Tam-Tam/
Crash Cymbals/
Ride Cymbal/
2 Woodblocks

1

2

3

4

A Christmas Carol - Score

2

Nar. The basement door boomed as it opened on its own!

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

And he heard the sounds of ghostly moans and chains dragging up his stairs.

Before him appeared the ghost of Jacob Marley, dead now seven years!

Ghostly Moans, and "Ebenezer Scrooge" gradually getting louder

Trombones Glissandi up and down at varying tempi, creating a nightmarish effect

Glissandi continue

Ghostly Moans, and "Ebenezer Scrooge" gradually getting louder

Chains (rattle)

Chains (rattle)

Chains (rattle)

(shockingly loud)

ff

p Tam-Tam

8 With Terror! $\text{♩}=124$

Nar.

Fl. f

Ob. f

Bsn. f

B♭ Cl. 1 f

B♭ Cl. 2 f

B. Cl.

A. Sx. f

T. Sx. f

B. Sx. f

B♭ Tpt. 1 f

B♭ Tpt. 2 f

Hn. f

Tbn. 1-2 f

Euph. f

Tuba f

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 f

Perc. 3

Perc. 4 f

Perc. 5 f

Perc. 6 f

Sus. Cym.

8 9 10 11 12 13

16

Nar.

Fl. cresc.

Ob. cresc.

Bsn. cresc. *f*

B♭ Cl. 1 cresc.

B♭ Cl. 2 cresc.

B. Cl. cresc. *f*

A. Sx. cresc.

T. Sx. cresc. *f*

B. Sx. cresc. *f*

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2 *p* — *f*

Hn. cresc.

Tbn. 1-2 cresc. *f*

Euph. cresc. *f*

Tuba cresc. *f*

Timp. *p* — *f*

Perc. 1 *f*

Perc. 2 *f*

Perc. 3

Perc. 4 cresc. *mf* — *f*

Perc. 5 *mf* — *f* Crash Cymbals

Perc. 6 *mf*

Mysterious ♩=60

Nar.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

You will be visited by Three spirits.
Heed their words, change your ways, or my fate will be yours!

Div.

(Ch.)

20 21 22 23 24 25

Mvt. II: The Ghost of Christmas Past**Nostalgia** $\text{♩} = 120$

Nar. The ghost of Christmas Past came first, showing Scrooge scenes of his childhood, young love won...and lost.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1 *mf*
Play 2nd Time Only

Perc. 2 *mf*

Perc. 3 *mf*

Perc. 4 Wind Chimes
p
Triangle

Perc. 5 *mp*
Sus. Cym.
Play 2nd Time Only

Perc. 6 *p*

A Christmas Carol - Score

7

30

Nar.

Fl. Play 2nd Time Only

Ob. Play 2nd Time Only

Bsn. *mp* Play 2nd Time Only

B♭ Cl. 1 *mp* Play 2nd Time Only

B♭ Cl. 2 *mp* Play 2nd Time Only

B. Cl. *mp* Play 2nd Time Only

A. Sx. Play 2nd Time Only

T. Sx. *mp* Play 2nd Time Only

B. Sx. *mp* Play 2nd Time Only

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn. Play 2nd Time Only

Tbn. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

B♭ Bass Clarinet

mp

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 *mf*

Perc. 3

Sleigh Bells

Perc. 4 *p*

Perc. 5 *mp* Ride Cym. (stick)

Perc. 6 *mf* Sus. Cym.

30 31 *mp* 32 33 34 35 36 *p* 37

A Christmas Carol - Score

8

2.

Nar.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Sus. Cym.

Perc. 6

Play 2nd Time Only
mf
mf
f
p
mf

38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45

A Christmas Carol - Score

rit.

Wistful $\text{♩}=100$
rit.

The Ghost of Christmas present was a giant of a man,
 sitting amongst a Christmas bounty and bidding Scrooge to join him
 for scenes of Christmas merriment.

Nar.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

Mvt. III: The Ghost of Christmas Present
Festive $\text{♩} = 120$

Nar. "Come in! Come in and know me better, man!"

Fl. *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Bsn. *p*

B♭ Cl. 1 *mf*

B♭ Cl. 2 *mf*

B. Cl.

A. Sx. *p*

T. Sx. *p*

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn. 1-2 *p*

Euph. *p*

Tuba *p*

Timp. Tambourine *mp*

Perc. 1 *mp*
Play 2nd Time Only
Bells

Perc. 2 *mp*

Perc. 3 *mp*

Perc. 4 *mp*
Tom Drum (Sn w/snares off)

Perc. 5 *mp*
Play 2nd Time Only
Triangle

Perc. 6 *mp*

A Christmas Carol - Score

Nar. -

Fl. -

Ob. -

Bsn. *mf*

p

B♭ Cl. 1 -

B♭ Cl. 2 -

B. Cl. -

A. Sx. -

T. Sx. *mf*

p

B. Sx. -

p

B♭ Tpt. 1 > *mf*

B♭ Tpt. 2 > *mf*

Hn. > *mf*

p

Bn. 1-2 *mf*

p

Euph. *mf*

p

Tuba -

Timp. o -

p

Perc. 1 -

Perc. 2 -

mf

Perc. 3 -

Perc. 4 -

p

Perc. 5 -

Perc. 6 -

69

Nar.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

Play

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

f Play

B. Sx.

f

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

f

Timp.

f

Perc. 1

f

Perc. 2

f

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

f B.D.

Perc. 5

f Crash Cymbals

Perc. 6

f

73

70

71

72

73

74

Nar.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

75 76 77 78 79 80 81

A Christmas Carol - Score

15

82

Nar.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

f

Crash Cymbals

Eerie**Mvt. IV: The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come**

A lone figure in robes stood silently before Scrooge; it was the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come.

Nar. The spirit led Scrooge to a graveyard, where those gathered laughed and spoke ill of the recently deceased.

Fl. f Play 2nd Time Only Div.

Ob. f

Bsn. > B. Cl. 1 f B. Cl. 2 f B. Cl. A. Sx. T. Sx. B. Sx. B. Tpt. 1 B. Tpt. 2 Hn. Tbn. 1-2 Euph. Tuba Timp. Perc. 1 Perc. 2 Perc. 3 Perc. 4 Perc. 5 Perc. 6

(Play 1st time only, fade out 1st time)

Tam-Tam, rub with Friction Ball or Chains

Tom Drum (Sn w/snares off)

B.D.

(Ch.) Sus. Cym. Play 2nd Time Only

92 With urgency ♩=72

A Christmas Carol - Score

97

Mvt. V: Christmas Morning**Joyous!** $\text{♩}=120$

Nar. With joy in his heart, he rushed outside to wish a Merry Christmas to All!

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn. *p* cresc.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl. *p* cresc.

A. Sx. *p* cresc.

T. Sx. *p* cresc.

B. Sx. *p* cresc.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2 *mf*

Hn. *p* cresc.

Tbn. 1-2 *p* cresc.

Euph. *p* cresc.

Tuba *p* cresc.

Timp. *p* cresc.

Perc. 1 *mp* cresc.

Perc. 2 *mp* cresc.

Perc. 3 *mp* cresc. Snare Drum (snares on)

Perc. 4 *p* B.D.

Perc. 5 *p*

Perc. 6 *mf*

A Christmas Carol - Score

106

111

Nar.

Fl. *mf* cresc.

Ob. *mf* cresc.

Bsn. *mp* cresc.

B♭ Cl. 1 cresc.

B♭ Cl. 2 cresc.

B. Cl. *mp* cresc.

A. Sx. *mp* cresc.

T. Sx. *mp* cresc.

B. Sx. *mp* cresc.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2 *mf* cresc.

Hn. *mp* cresc.

Tbn. 1-2 *mp* cresc.

Euph. *mp* cresc.

Tuba *mp* cresc.

Timp.

Perc. 1 *mf* cresc.

Perc. 2 *mf* cresc.

Perc. 3 cresc.

Perc. 4 *p* *mf* cresc. *p*

Perc. 5 *p*

Perc. 6 *mf*

111

112

113

114

115

116

117

Nar.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

A Christmas Carol - Score

23

Nar.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

Div.

B♭ Tpt. 2

fp

Hn.

Tbn. 1-2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

fp

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

p

f

Perc. 5

p

f

(Ch.)

Perc. 6