

# La Bruja

For Concert Band, Grade 2  
By Jorge Vargas (BMI)

## Instrumentation

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|--|--------------------|
| 1 - Full Score   |                    |
| 8 - Flute  | 4 - Bb Trumpet 1   |
| 2 - Oboe   | 4 - Bb Trumpet 2   |
| 2 - Basson   | 4 - F Horn         |
| 5 - Bb Clarinet 1  | 3 - Trombone 1     |
| 5 - Bb Clarinet 2  | 3 - Trombone 2     |
| 2 - Bb Bass Clarinet   | 4 - Euphonium B.C. |
| 3 - Eb Alto Saxophone 1  | 2 - Euphonium T.C. |
| 3 - Eb Alto Saxophone 2  | 4 - Tuba           |
| 2 - Bb Tenor Saxophone   |                    |
| 2 - Eb Baritone Saxophone                                      |                    |
| 2 - Guitar   |                    |
| 2 - Bells  |                    |
| 2 - Marimba  |                    |
| 2 - Timpani  |                    |
| 2 - Percussion 1: Snare Drum/Bass Drum                         |                    |
| 2 - Percussion 2: Crash Cymbals/Tambourine/Castanets/Vibraslap |                    |

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## **Program Notes:**

*La Bruja* tells the mischievous tale of “the witch.” A favorite with mariachi groups due to its hauntingly beautiful melody, *La Bruja* is the perfect introduction to folk songs from Veracruz! Enjoy the waltz-like melody countered with traditional Mexican folk rhythms that will definitely make you want to sway and dance to the music.

## **About the music:**

*La Bruja* is a Son Jarocho, which means it originated from the Mexican state of Veracruz. The instruments that are associated with this type of music are the jarana (a small, guitar-like instrument), the requinto jarocho (a small guitar-like instrument plucked with a long pick called an espiga, that is made out of bull horn), and an arpa jaroche (a five octave harp with no pedals). There is also an accompanying dance, which involves placing a candle on your head through the entire dance. The optional guitar part in this arrangement creates an atmosphere that evokes the true spirit of the work.

## **About the Composer**



Jorge L. Vargas (b.1971) is a Mexican-American composer, arranger, and clinician. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from The University of Texas-San Antonio and a Master's Degree in Education from Lamar University. He currently teaches at Memorial Junior High in Eagle Pass, TX, where he directs the concert band and the mariachi group and coordinates the beginner classes.

Mr. Vargas has written and arranged for concert band, marching band, string orchestra, and mariachi ensemble. Many of his works appear on several state and festival lists. Mr Vargas' music has been selected to the J.W. Pepper Editor's Choice list and Bandworld Magazine's Top 100, and several of his works have been featured at the Midwest Clinic in Chicago.

Mr Vargas was born in Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico, and currently resides in Eagle Pass, TX, with his wife, Adriana, a 5th-grade math teacher.

FULL SCORE  
GRADE 2  
DURATION 2:00

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TRADITIONAL MEXICAN FOLK SONG  
Arranged by JORGE L. VARGAS  
(BMI)

**Misterioso**  $\text{♩} = 144$

The musical score consists of 18 instrument parts, each with its own staff and key signature. The instruments are:

- Flute
- Oboe
- Bassoon
- B♭ Clarinet 1
- B♭ Clarinet 2
- B♭ Bass Clarinet
- E♭ Alto Saxophone 1/2
- B♭ Tenor Saxophone
- E♭ Baritone Saxophone
- B♭ Trumpet 1/2
- F Horn
- Trombone 1/2
- Euphonium
- Tuba
- Guitar (opt.)
- Bells
- Marimba
- Timpani (G,C,F)
- Percussion 1 (Snare Drum/Bass Drum)
- Percussion 2 (Crash Cymbals/Tambourine/Castanets/Vibraslap)

Measure numbers 1 through 7 are indicated at the bottom of the score.

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10

Fl. *mf* *f*

Ob. *mf* *f*

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1 *mf* *f*

B♭ Cl. 2 *mf* *f*

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1/2 *f*  
a2

T. Sx. *f*

B. Sx. *f*

B♭ Tpt. 1/2 *f*

Hn. *f*

Tbn. 1/2 *f*

Euph. *f*

Tuba *f*

Gtr. Cm Fm Cm G7  
*f*

Bls. *mf* *f* w/yarn mallets

Mrb. *f* w/medium mallets

Timp. *mf* *f*

Perc. 1 *f* > > > > > >  
Crash Cymbals

Perc. 2 *f* ♩

18

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1/2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1/2

Hn.

Tbn. 1/2

Euph.

Tuba

Gtr.

Bls.

Mrb.

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

mp

Cm

G7

mp

mp

mp

mp

Tambourine

mp

## La Bruja

26

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1/2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1/2

Hn.

Tbn. 1/2

Euph.

Tuba

Gtr.

Bls.

Mrb.

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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34

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B. Cl. 1

B. Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1/2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B. Tpt. 1/2

Hn.

Tbn. 1/2

Euph.

Tuba

Gtr.

Bls.

Mrb.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

La Bruja

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1/2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1/2

Hn.

Tbn. 1/2

Euph.

Tuba

Gtr.

Bls.

Mrb.

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

**42**

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1/2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1/2

Hn.

Tbn. 1/2

Euph.

Tuba

Gtr.

Bls.

Mrb.

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Cm      B♭      A♭      G7

42      43      44      45      46      47      48      49

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**66**

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1/2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1/2

Hn.

Tbn. 1/2

Euph.

Tuba

Gtr.

Bls.

Mrb.

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Fm  
Cm  
Fm6  
G7  
Cm

66      67      68      69      70      71      72      73



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Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1/2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1/2

Hn.

Tbn. 1/2

Euph.

Tuba

Gtr.

Bls.

Mrb.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2