

Mi Mexico

For Concert Band, Grade 3

By Jorge Vargas

Instrumentation

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

2 - Bells
2 - Marimba
2 - Timpani
2 - Percussion 1: Snare Drum, Bass Drum
2 - Percussion 2: Crash Cymbal/Suspended Cymbal/Vibraphone
2 - Percussion 3: Claves/Cabasa

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Program Notes

Mi Mexico utilizes three song styles that are common in Mexican Folk Music: The Joropo, the Huapango, and the Son Jalisciense.

Although the Joropo is native to south america, This song style has become a favorite with mariachi groups. It is characterized by a fast tempo in 3/4 and carefully placed accents in the rhythm to create a hemiola feel.

The Huapango is also in 3/4. There is a slow version and a fast version of this style, but I chose the slower version. Although in 3/4, the rhythm sometimes sounds like it is in 6/8 time due to the strategically placed accents.

The son Jalisciense is an energetic style in 3/4, although it sounds like it is alternating between 3/4 and 6/8 time, also due to the written accents.

In order to create an authentic performance, it is important to pay close attention to the accents throughout this piece. This will create an authentic style that is vital to this piece.

About the Composer



Jorge L. Vargas (born 1971) is a composer, arranger, and clinician. He holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from The University of Texas-San Antonio and a Master of Education degree from Lamar University. Currently, he serves as a music educator at Memorial Junior High in Eagle Pass, Texas, where he directs the concert band and mariachi ensemble. Additionally, he instructs beginner flute, clarinet, saxophone, and F Horn classes. He is also a member of Mariachi Relámpago, in which he plays trumpet and guitarrón.

Mr. Vargas has composed and arranged music for various ensembles, including concert band, marching band, string orchestra, and mariachi ensemble. His works have been recognized on numerous state and festival lists. Notably, his music has been selected for the J.W. Pepper Editor's Choice list and Bandworld Magazine's Top 100, and several of his compositions have been performed at the Midwest Clinic in Chicago.

Mr. Vargas was born in Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico, and currently resides in Eagle Pass, Texas, with his wife, Adriana, a fifth-grade mathematics teacher.

FULL SCORE
GRADE 3
DURATION 3:50

Commissioned by the Norwalk High School Band, Norwalk, OH
Will Kish and Melissa d'Aliberti, directors

Mi México

JORGE L. VARGAS
(BMI)

Energetically (♩=152)

The score is for a 3/4 time piece in B-flat major. It features a full band with the following parts:

- Flute 1/2
- Oboe
- Bassoon
- B♭ Clarinet 1
- B♭ Clarinet 2/3
- B♭ Bass Clarinet
- E♭ Alto Saxophone 1/2
- B♭ Tenor Saxophone
- E♭ Baritone Saxophone
- B♭ Trumpet 1
- B♭ Trumpet 2/3
- F Horn 1/2
- Trombone 1/2
- Euphonium
- Tuba
- Bells (w/acrylic mallets)
- Marimba (w/yarn mallets)
- Timpani (G, C, F)
- Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- Percussion 2 (Crash Cymbal, Suspended Cymbal, Vibraslap)
- Percussion 3 (Claves/Cabasa)

The score includes dynamic markings such as *f* and *mf*, and articulation like accents and slurs. The percussion parts are marked with *f* and include specific mallet instructions.

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Fl. 1/2

Ob.

Bsn.

B \flat Cl. 1

B \flat Cl. 2/3

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B \flat Tpt. 1

B \flat Tpt. 2/3

Hn.

Tbn. 1/2

Euph.

Tuba

Bls.

Mrb.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Crash Cymbals

ff

f

a2

37

Fl. 1/2 *ff* *mp*

Ob. *ff* *mp*

Bsn. *ff*

B♭ Cl. 1 *ff* *mp*

B♭ Cl. 2/3 *ff* *mp*

B. Cl. *ff* *mp*

A. Sx. *ff* *mp*

T. Sx. *ff*

B. Sx. *ff* *mp* B♭ Bass Cl.

B♭ Tpt. 1 *ff*

B♭ Tpt. 2/3 *ff*

Hn. *ff*

Tbn. 1/2 *ff*

Euph. *ff*

Tuba *ff*

Bls. *ff*

Mrb. *ff*

Timp. *ff*

Perc. 1 *ff*

Perc. 2 *ff*

Perc. 3 *ff*

Fl. 1/2
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
Bls.
Mrb.
Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3

mf
mf
cresc.
mf
mf
a2
cresc.
mf
cresc.
mf
cresc.
mf
mp
a2
mp
cresc.
mf
a2
cresc.
mf
cresc.
mf
cresc.
mf
mf
mf
cresc.
mf
cresc.
mf

47 48 49 50 51 52

53

Fl. 1/2
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
Bln.
Mrb.
Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3

Fl. 1/2
Ob.
Bsn.
B \flat Cl. 1
B \flat Cl. 2/3
B. Cl.
A. Sx.
T. Sx.
B. Sx.
B \flat Tpt. 1
B \flat Tpt. 2/3
Hn.
Tbn. 1/2
Euph.
Tuba
Bls.
Mrb.
Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3

65 66 67 68 69 70 71

ff

Musical score for Mi México, page 13, measures 78-83. The score is in 3/4 time and features a variety of instruments including woodwinds, brass, strings, and percussion. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat).

Woodwinds:
Fl. 1/2: Rests until measure 82, then *mp* eighth-note chords.
Ob.: Rests until measure 82, then *mp* eighth-note chords.
Bsn.: Eighth-note chords throughout.
B♭ Cl. 1: Rests until measure 82, then *mp* eighth-note chords.
B♭ Cl. 2/3: Rests until measure 82, then *mp* eighth-note chords with *a2* marking.
B. Cl.: Eighth-note chords throughout.
A. Sx.: Chords with *a2* marking, tied across measures 82 and 83.
T. Sx.: Eighth-note chords throughout.
B. Sx.: Eighth-note chords throughout.

Brass:
B♭ Tpt. 1: Rests until measure 82, then *mf* eighth-note chords with *a2* marking.
B♭ Tpt. 2/3: Rests until measure 82, then *mf* eighth-note chords with *a2* marking.
Hn.: Chords with *a2* marking, tied across measures 82 and 83.
Tbn. 1/2: Chords throughout.
Euph.: Eighth-note chords throughout.
Tuba: Eighth-note chords throughout.
Bls.: Eighth-note chords throughout.

Percussion:
Mrb.: Rests throughout.
Timp.: Rests until measure 82, then *mf* eighth-note chords.
Perc. 1: Eighth-note chords throughout.
Perc. 2: Rests until measure 82, then *mp* sustained cymbal with yarn mallets.
Perc. 3: Eighth-note chords throughout.

Measures 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83 are indicated at the bottom of the page.

84

Fl. 1/2
mf

Ob.
mf

Bsn.
mf

B♭ Cl. 1
mf

B♭ Cl. 2/3
mf

B. Cl.
mf

A. Sx.
mf

T. Sx.
mf

B. Sx.
mf

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2/3

Hn.
mf

Tbn. 1/2
mf

Euph.
mf

Tuba
mf

Bls.
mf

Mrb.
mf

Timp.

Perc. 1
mf

Perc. 2
mf

Perc. 3

92

Fl. 1/2 *mp* *a2*

Ob. *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

B♭ Cl. 1 *mp*

B♭ Cl. 2/3 *mp*

B. Cl. *mp*

A. Sx. *mp* *a2*

T. Sx. *mp*

B. Sx. *mp*

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2/3

Hn. *mp* *a2*

Tbn. 1/2 *mp*

Euph. *mp*

Tuba *mp*

Bls. *mp*

Mrb. *mp*

Timp.

Perc. 1 *mp* *Vibraslap* *mf*

Perc. 2 *mp*

Perc. 3 *mp*

Fl. 1/2
mf

Ob.
mf

Bsn.
mf

B \flat Cl. 1
mf

B \flat Cl. 2/3
mf

B. Cl.
mf

A. Sx.
mf

T. Sx.
mf

B. Sx.
mf

B \flat Tpt. 1

B \flat Tpt. 2/3
mf
a2

Hn.
mf

Tbn. 1/2
mf

Euph.
mf

Tuba
mf

Bls.
mf

Mrb.
mf

Timp.

Perc. 1
mf

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

110

Festive (♩=152)

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format with 20 staves. The instruments are listed on the left side of each staff. The score is divided into measures 108 through 113. The key signature is three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked as 'Festive' with a quarter note equal to 152 beats per minute. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, notes, stems, beams, slurs, and dynamic markings like *f* (forte) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). There are also performance instructions like 'End Solo' and 'a2' (second ending). The percussion section includes Maracas (Mrb.), Timpani (Timp.), and three different Percussion parts (Perc. 1, 2, 3). The woodwind section includes Flute 1/2 (Fl. 1/2), Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Clarinet in B-flat 1 (B♭ Cl. 1), Clarinet in B-flat 2/3 (B♭ Cl. 2/3), Clarinet in B-flat (B. Cl.), Alto Saxophone (A. Sx.), Tenor Saxophone (T. Sx.), and Baritone Saxophone (B. Sx.). The brass section includes Trumpet 1 (B♭ Tpt. 1), Trumpet 2/3 (B♭ Tpt. 2/3), Horn (Hn.), Trombone 1/2 (Tbn. 1/2), Euphonium (Euph.), and Tuba. The auxiliary instruments include Bells (Bls.) and Maracas (Mrb.).

118

Fl. 1/2
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
Bls.
Mrb.
Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3

Fl. 1/2
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
Bls.
Mrb.
Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3

mp
mp
a2
p

134

Fl. 1/2

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

Bs.

Mrb.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

132 133 134 135 136 137

142

Fl. 1/2
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
Bls.
Mrb.
Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3

Fl. 1/2
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
Bls.
Mrb.
Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3

158

Fl. 1/2
mf f sfz

Ob.
mf f sfz

Bsn.
mf f sfz

B \flat Cl. 1
mf f sfz

B \flat Cl. 2/3
mf f sfz

B. Cl.
mf f sfz

A. Sx.
mf ff sfz

T. Sx.
mf f sfz

B. Sx.
mf f sfz

B \flat Tpt. 1
mf f sfz

B \flat Tpt. 2/3
mf f sfz

Hn.
mf ff sfz

Tbn. 1/2
mf f sfz

Euph.
mf f sfz

Tuba
mf f sfz

Bls.
f sfz

Mrb.
mf f sfz

Timp.
mf f sfz

Perc. 1
mf f Crash Cymbals sfz

Perc. 2
mf f

Perc. 3
mf f

156 157 158 159 160 161