First Plus Band



Grade 1.5

Greenwood Lake

Richard H. Summers

FPS144 INSTRUMENTATION

full Score	.
Flute	. 8
Oboe (opt. Flute 2)	
Clarinet 1 in Bb	. 4
Clarinet 2 in Bb	
Bass Clarinet in Bb	
Alto Saxophone in Eb	
Tenor Saxophone in Bb	
Baritone Saxophone in Eb	
Trumpet 1 in B	
Trumpet 2 in Bb	
Horn in F	
Trombone, Euphonium B.C., Bassoon	
Euphonium T.C. in Bb	. 2
Tuba	
Mallet Percussion	. 1
Timpani	. 1
Percussion 1	
Snare Drum, Bass Drum	_
Percussion 2 Tambourine	. 1
Percussion 3	. 2
Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals	

About the Composition

Greenwood Lake is a pastoral piece of music for intermediate bands. The music's dynamics along with melodies and countermelodies are meant to sound like ripples or waves on a lake. The rise and fall gently in tone and volume is a musical representation of the waves and ripples. A short distance from where I live is Greenwood Lake, a nine-mile beautiful lake that stretches from upstate New Jersey into New York State. The Dutch settled the area around the lake around 1689. The feeling of sitting in a boat or on a dock next to this lake, peacefully experiencing gentle ripples and waves is what I hoped to convey. I want to extend my thanks to Don Van Teyens and the North Jersey Junior Area Band for a fine premiere performance of this piece.

Notes to the Conductor

The first 8 measures have several dynamic shifts, which should be observed but not overdone. Also staggered breathing is encouraged so that the introduction has no noticeable breaks and avoids breathing on a crescendo. The tambourine part, which enhances the cymbal part, can be played with thumb rolls or shakes depending on the ability of the player. The dynamics for the percussion should always be a little softer than the band's dynamics. Also it is important to approach the way each section is articulated. The timpani, baritone saxophone and bass clarinet in the legato sections should still be slightly separated for clarity. The marcato sections should not have heavy accents and students should try to tongue with a round "dah" sound rather than harsh and accented "ta" articulations.

About the Composer

Richard Summers is a music educator, performer, conductor, arranger, and composer. Recently retired from NJ public schools, Rick taught instrumental music for 32 years. He was a member of the West Point Band, graduated from Juilliard with both BM and MM degrees, and has taught all levels of instrumental music from elementary, middle and high schools and was also the concert band director and clarinet teacher at Wm. Paterson University. For many years, Rick has been concertmaster, clarinet soloist, and assistant conductor of the Ridgewood Concert Band. Currently he is active as a guest conductor, clinician, adjudicator, and woodwind performer in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York City.

Over the years, several of Rick's arrangements and compositions were written and performed by the groups that he taught and worked with. The enjoyment that comes with sharing this music with other band directors and students, having these pieces selected for publication, and working to refine and enhance this music is an honor and an invaluable experience. He has been recognized for three of his compositions and arrangements in the Instrumentalist Magazine. My sincere thanks goes out again to Larry Clark for his guidance and help in editing and enhancing this music. It is a privilege to be included in this year's Carl Fischer Music catalogue and to share this composition with you.

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