Grade

Abalone Sunset

Travis J. Weller



	Oboe	4
	Clarinet 1 in Bb	_
	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, Bassoon	(
4	Euphonium T.C. in Bb	
	Tuba	
	Mallet Percussion 1	
	Bells	
	Mallet Percussion 2	•
	Vibraphone Mallet Percussion 3	,
	Marimba	
	Timpani	•
	Percussion 1	
	Bass Drum, Finger Cymbals	
	Percussion 2	:
	Suspended Cymbal Rain Stick Triangle	



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Performance Notes

Each year my family vacations at the beach. It is a peaceful time to recharge, refresh, laugh, and share precious time together. I am constantly amazed by the life of the ocean and the stunning scenes that I find in the beauty of nature at sunrise and sunset. *Abalone Sunset* is a small glimpse of my perception of evening time at the beach. The piece is about two and a half minutes in length, and the technical range should be very comfortable for most mid-level musicians.

Throughout the work it is vital that each musician listens for the lead line and balances their part accordingly. There are a few opportunities (in flute, alto saxophone, and trumpet) that are marked as an optional solo. In terms of the harmonic writing, there are several instances of tension (dissonance) within the sound canvas. I would ask directors to encourage young musicians to play with confidence and embrace each of those moments. It is my hope the piece provides a meaningful opportunity for students to play with expression in a lyrical, legato style. Thank you in advance for your support of this music, and I wish you and your ensemble well as you take in an *Abalone Sunset*.

About the Composer

Travis J. Weller (b. 1973) is currently serving as the Assistant Chair and Director of Music Education at Messiah University. His duties at Messiah include supervising instrumental music education students, teaching methods courses, working with graduate conducting students, and conducting the Symphonic Winds. He holds a Ph.D. in Music Education from Kent State University, Travis is a member of Phi Beta Mu (Nu Chapter), ASCAP, and the National Band Association. He is continuing service to the Phi Beta Mu International Board of Directors as Vice-President in 2024. He has presented on instrumental music education at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, and PMEA and OMEA State Conferences. He is an active tuba player with the Musician's Concert Band and the Pittsburgh Creator's Project. Travis has been a contributing author for articles in Teaching Music, The Instrumentalist, National Band Association Journal, The PMEA Journal, and The Phi Beta Mu International Newsletter. He is in frequent demand as a guest conductor for honor bands of alla ages and composer in residence sessions with school bands across Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, Ohio, Virginia, and New England. As a composer, Travis has published works available from multiple publishers including Bandworks Publications, Wingert-Jones, The FJH Music Company, Grand Mesa Music, C.L. Barnhouse Music Publishers, Carl Fischer, Ludwig-Masters and Manhattan Beach Music. Travis resides in Grove City with his wife, their three daughters and a son.

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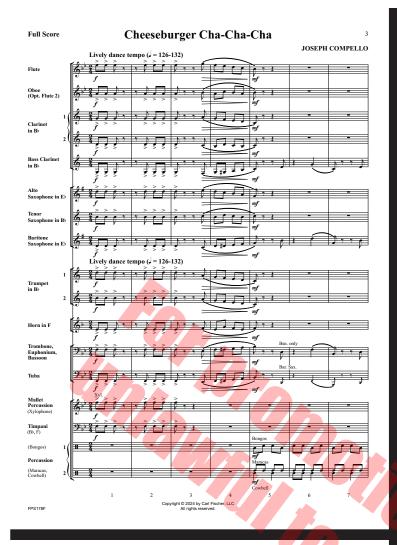






















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