

# Night Flight

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1 Full Score	4 Bb Trumpet 1
8 Flute	4 Bb Trumpet 1
2 Oboe	3 F Horn
1 Bassoon	3 Trombone 1
4 Bb Clarinet 1	3 Trombone 2
4 Bb Clarinet 2	3 Baritone B.C.
2 Bb Bass Clarinet	2 Baritone T.C.
2 Eb Alto Saxophone 1	4 Tuba
2 Eb Alto Saxophone 2	1 Timpani
2 Bb Tenor Saxophone	2 Percussion 1: Suspended Cymbal, Snare Drum, Concert Tom
1 Eb Baritone Saxophone	2 Percussion 2: Claves, Triangle, Tambourine
	3 Percussion 3: Bass Drum, Crash Cymbal, Sandpaper Blocks (or Cabasa), Ride Cymbal
	1 Bells

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## **Program Notes**

For centuries human kind has been draw to the night skies and the many mysteries contained in the vast expanse of darkness. The evocative sounds of this piece portray some of those feelings of suspense as we imagine what may be out there in the dark, just beyond our sight.

## **About the Composer**

David Gorham has been director of bands at Owasso, Oklahoma High School since 1989. The Owasso bands enjoy a wonderful reputation as being one of the finest school band programs in the nation, consistently receiving superior ratings in competitions for many years while performing some of the finest band literature available. In addition to performances throughout the state and region, the band has appeared in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on three different occasions. With over 50 band compositions published by Wingert-Jones Publications, Gorham has clearly established himself as one of the premier composers of music for school bands, not only in the United States, but throughout the world.

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**National Standards** addressed through this publication:

- #2 Performing on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.
- #5 Reading and notating music.
- #6 Listening to and analyzing and describing music.
- #9 Understanding the music in relation to history and culture.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This selection provides an opportunity to work on playing with good dynamic contrast and stylistic contrast. Focus on correct style, and playing with good balance. Observe the style markings, and always listen and be sure you can hear the melody. Good balance between the melody and the other voices requires that everyone learn to listen carefully, and to adjust their volume so that it complements the total sound.

There is also the opportunity to explain what a mode is, and that this piece is in the Dorian mode.

### MUSIC THEORY

**KEY:** Concert f Dorian minor scale. Learn or review the scale and arpeggio, which is printed at the top of each player's part. A scale in the Dorian mode is another form of minor scale.

*Key of F Dorian*

Concert F Dorian  
Scale and Arpeggio



### TIME SIGNATURE

$\frac{4}{4}$  - The upper number indicates that there are 4 beats to a measure. The lower number indicates that a 1/4 note receives one beat.

### TEMPO MARKING

allegro – an Italian word meaning moderately fast

### DYNAMIC MARKINGS

*p* (piano) – soft

*mp* (mezzo piano) – moderately soft

*mf* (mezzo forte) – moderately loud

*f* (forte) – loud

*ff* (fortissimo) – very loud

crescendo (  ) – gradually get louder

### STYLE INDICATORS

accent ( > ) – emphasis on a note or chord. Accented notes are separated

staccato ( · ) – detached, separated and light

Note: Syncopated notes are separated notes.

### OTHER TERMS

subito (sub.) – suddenly, as in sub. *p* (suddenly piano)

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ASCAP

**Allegro** ♩ = 138

Flute  
Oboe

B♭ Clarinet 1  
2

Bass Clarinet

E♭ Alto Saxophone 1  
2

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

B♭ Trumpet 1  
2

F Horn

**Allegro** ♩ = 138

Trombone 1  
2

Baritone

Tuba /  
Low Woodwinds

Timpani

Percussion 1  
Sus Cym, Snare Drum  
Concert Tom

Percussion 2  
Claves, Triangle,  
Tambourine

Percussion 3  
Sandpaper Blocks  
(or cabasa)  
Crash Cymbal, Bass Drum,  
Ride Cymbal

Bells

stagger breath

stagger breath

Suspended Cymbal - scrape with coin

2 3 4 5 6 7

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14

Fl. Ob.

Cl. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1  
2

T. Sx.

Tpt. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn. 1  
2

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Bells

*p*

*mp*

*mp*

*p*

*mp*

*mp*

Claves

Sandpaper Blocks or Cabasa

8 9 10 11 12 13 14

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Fl. Ob.

Cl. 1  
2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1  
2

T. Sx.

Tpt. 1  
2

Hn.

Tbn. 1  
2

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Bells

*mf*

*mp*

*tutti*

1st only

15 16 17 18 19 20

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22

Fl. Ob. *mf*

Cl. 1 2 *f mp*

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2 *f mp*

T. Sax. *f*

Tpt. 1 2 *mf* One Player

Hn. *f*

Tbn. 1 2 *f*

Bar. *f mp*

Tba. *mp*

Timp. *f*

Perc. 1 *f* Triangle

Perc. 2 *mf*

Perc. 3

Bells *mp*

21 22 23 24 25 26

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30

Fl. Ob.

Cl. 1 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1 2

T. Sx.

Tpt. 1 2

Hn.

Tbn. 1 2

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Bells

*mp subito*

*mp subito*

*mp subito*

*mp subito*

*p* *mf*

tutti mute (if possible)

*mp*

*p* *mf*

*mp subito*

*f*

27 28 29 30 31



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40

Fl. Ob. *p*

Cl. 1 2 *p*

B. Cl. *p*

A. Sax. 1 2 *p*

T. Sax. *p* *mf*

Tpt. 1 2

Hn. *p*

Tbn. 1 2 *p*

Bar. *p* *mf*

Tba. *p*

Timp.

Perc. 1 Snare Drum *p*

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Bells

40

41

42

43

44

45

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48 - Oboe

Fl. Ob.

Cl. 1 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1 2

T. Sx.

Tpt. 1 2

Hn.

Tbn. 1 2

Bar.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Bells

*mp*

Claves

*mp*

46

47

48

49

50

51

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56 + Oboe

Fl. Ob. *f*

Cl. 1 2 *f*

B. Cl. *f*

A. Sax. 1 2 *f*

T. Sax. *f*

Tpt. 1 2 *f*

Hn. *f*

Tbn. 1 2 *f*

Bar. *f*

Tba. *f*

Timp.

Perc. 1 *p* *f*  
Tambourine

Perc. 2 *mf*

Perc. 3

Bells *f*

52

53

54

55

56

57

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Fl. Ob.  
Cl. 1 2  
B. Cl.  
A. Sx. 1 2  
T. Sx.  
Tpt. 1 2  
Hn.  
Tbn. 1 2  
Bar.  
Tba.  
Timp.  
Perc. 1  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3  
Bells

58 59 60 61 62 63

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for the piece "Night Flight". The score is written for a large ensemble of instruments. The instruments listed on the left are Flute and Oboe (Fl. Ob.), Clarinet 1 and 2 (Cl. 1 2), Bass Clarinet (B. Cl.), Alto Saxophone 1 and 2 (A. Sx. 1 2), Tenor Saxophone (T. Sx.), Trumpet 1 and 2 (Tpt. 1 2), Horn (Hn.), Trombone 1 and 2 (Tbn. 1 2), Baritone (Bar.), Tuba (Tba.), Timpani (Timp.), three different Percussion parts (Perc. 1, 2, 3), and Bells. The music is in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The score shows measures 58 through 63. Measures 58-61 feature melodic lines for the woodwinds and brass, with saxophones playing a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Measures 62-63 show a change in the woodwind and brass parts, with some instruments playing sustained notes. The percussion parts include a snare drum pattern in measure 58, a continuous eighth-note pattern in Perc. 2, and various other rhythmic elements. The Bells part plays a simple melodic line. The page number 10 is centered at the bottom.

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64

Fl. Ob. *ff*

Cl. 1 2 *ff*

B. Cl. *ff*

A. Sx. 1 2 *ff*

T. Sx. *ff*

Tpt. 1 2 *ff*

Hn. *ff*

Tbn. 1 2 *ff*

Bar. *ff*

Tba. *ff*

Timp.

Perc. 1 Concert Tom *ff*

Perc. 2 *ff* Ride Cymbal (stick)

Perc. 3 *ff*

Bells

64

65

66

67

68

69

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Fl. Ob.  
Cl. 1 2  
B. Cl.  
A. Sx. 1 2  
T. Sx.  
Tpt. 1 2  
Hn.  
Tbn. 1 2  
Bar.  
Tba.  
Timp.  
Perc. 1  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3  
Bells

70 71 72 73 74 75 76

*p* *f*

*b*