

WILLIAM HIMES

HEARTLAND OVERTURE

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STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE IN CONCERT

Standard of Excellence In Concert presents exceptional performance literature - concert and festival pieces - for beginning and intermediate bands. Each piece is correlated with a specific page in the Standard of Excellence Comprehensive Band Method by Bruce Pearson and reinforces musical skills and concepts introduced in the method. Included in the score are New Ideas which contain definitions of selected musical terms and suggested Activities for Excellence to accompany each concert piece.

Standard of Excellence In Concert includes the following selections:

Grade 1

Ayre and Dance (WB194) Bruce Pearson

Costa del Sol (WB269) Bruce Pearson & Chuck Elledge

Court Festival (WB220) William Byrd/arr. Bruce Pearson

Eagle Crest March (WB263) Bruce Pearson

El Coquí (WB179) arr. Gay Holmes Spears

First Concert: A Demonstration Performance (WB236) Bruce Pearson

Great Warm-Ups for Young Bands (WB245) (Grades 1-2¹/₂) Bruce Pearson

King Arthur's Coronation March (WB243) Steve Hommel

North Winds Festival (WB264) Bruce Pearson

Regal March (WB183) Bruce Pearson & Chuck Elledge

Regency Court Overture (WB246) Bruce Pearson & Chuck Elledge

River's Bend March (WB216) Bruce Pearson

San Simeon Overture (WB257) Steve Hommel

Spanish Hills March (WB261) Bob Cotter

Wyndham March (WB158) Bruce Pearson & Chuck Elledge

Grade 11/2

African Festival (WB210) arr. Quincy Hilliard, Chuck Elledge, & Bruce Pearson

A Baroque Celebration (WB191) George Frideric Handel/ arr. Chuck Elledge

Blue Street Parade (WB272) Chuck Elledge Canterbury Overture (WB235) Barrie Gott

Echoes of Time (WB238) Bruce Pearson

El Marinero (WB161) arr. Mike Hannickel

German Dance -"The Sleigh Ride" (WB233) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart arr. Bruce Pearson

Grand March: The Australian Land (WB190) Ralph Hultgren

March of the Nightcrawlers (JB43) Thomas Duffy

Matterhorn Overture (WB169) Chuck Elledge

Stanley River Overture (WB212) Barrie Gott

Visions on an Old American Tune (WB221) Wayne Pegram

Grade 2

Barbarossa (GB905) William Himes

Barrington Overture (WB242) Bob Cotter

Calypso Variations (On "Tinga Layo") (WB211) Gay Holmes Spears

Ceremonial: Prologue and Dance (WB174) Ron Cowherd

Downing Street March (WB157) Barry Kopetz

Fiesta Sunrise (WB259) Dean Sorenson

Heartland Overture (WB271) William Himes

Legend of the Mountains (WB193) Barrie Gott

March and Ecossaise (WB265) Ludwig van Beethoven/ arr. Barry Kopetz Music For The Royal Fireworks (WB232) George Frideric Handel arr. Bruce Pearson & Wendy Barden

Pioneers (WB237) Ralph Hultgren

Song of Tosagata (WB175) arr. Mike Hannickel

Grade 21/2

Beyond the Frontier (WB215) Ralph Hultgren

Canticle (WB234) Bruce Pearson

Declaration (WB219) Benedetto Marcello/arr. Bruce Pearson

Immortal! Invisible! (WB262) Ralph Hultgren

In Old Melbourne Town (WB209) Barry Kopetz

Joyance (WB187) Bruce Pearson

March for a Festival (WB195) Bruce Pearson & Chuck Elledge

Proclamation (WB258) Bruce Pearson

Psalm (WB239) William Himes

Renaissance Festival & Dances (WB167) arr. Bruce Pearson

The Crown and The Glory (WB260) Barrie Gott

Voyages on a Rowing Song (WB196) William Himes

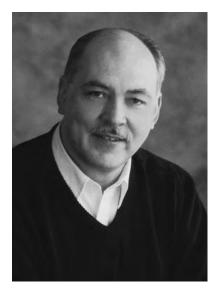
West! (WB214) Chuck Elledge

Grade 3

Celebration of Life (WB163) Ralph Hultgren

Spirituals! (WB159) arr. Charlie Hill & Chuck Elledge

Three Chinese Miniatures (WB162) Robert Jager



THE COMPOSER

William Himes (b. 1949) earned his Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the University of Michigan. For five years he taught instrumental music in the public schools of Flint, Michigan, where he was also adjunct lecturer in low brass at the University of Michigan-Flint. Mr. Himes continues to be in demand as conductor, composer, lecturer, clinician, and euphonium soloist, and has appeared throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Jamaica, Argentina, and the United Kingdom.

Since 1977, Mr. Himes has been music director of The Salvation Army's Central Territory, which encompasses the eleven midwestern states. In this capacity he is also conductor of the Chicago Staff Band, an internationally recognized ensemble which he has led on successful tours of New Zealand, Chile, Canada, Jamaica, Panama, Mexico, Singapore, the Philippines, Hong Kong, England, and Australia.

Concert band works by William Himes published by the Neil A. Kjos Music Company include Caprice, A Christmas Portrait, Voyages on a Rowing Song, Barbarossa, Medallion Overture, Creed, and Island Empire March.

THE COMPOSITION

While the geography of the United States has frequently inspired musical works ("Appalachian Spring," "Grand Canyon Suite," and "West Side Story" to name a few), *Heartland Overture* celebrates the people of the Midwest. Nowhere are the qualities of honesty, pragmatism, hard work, and community spirit more evident than in America's heartland.

Appropriately, the work opens with a noble fanfare followed by a succession of warm and expressive melodies. While memories and feelings have an influence on the mood and content, one of the themes was actually the result of a good friend's phone number transferred from numbers to notes!

TO THE CONDUCTOR

Although *Heartland Overture* is quite straightforward and accessible, it contains several examples of compositional techniques that would be worth bringing to the attention and understanding of your students. For example, the opening fanfare (bars 1-12) demonstrates a layering effect, with each melodic entry being added to provide a bold sonority.

The main theme (bars 17-48) is based on the principle of melodic transfer, in which a composite melody is nevertheless bounced between voices (for example, trumpets to upper woodwinds, upper woodwinds to low brass, etc.). For this to succeed, balance is the obvious objective.

Bars 52-55 provide a brief example of register transfer, where a melodic motif is tossed through the entire range of the band (from upper woodwinds to horns/saxes, to trombones, to low woodwinds/baritone). This provides a transition to the second thematic section at bar 63, which is essentially a ballad with motivic references from the first section. Care must be given to emphasize the contrasting legato style of this section.

The final section beginning at bar 90 demonstrates the technique of convergence, wherein all motifs presented thus far overlap or coincide, forming a complex texture. This is heightened with the return of the second theme at bar 110. This time the second theme is presented in augmentation (horns, saxes, trombones) against an ostinato in the upper woodwinds, bringing the work to a majestic, sonorous conclusion.

Instrumentation List

- 3 1st Flute
- 3 2nd Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 3 1st Bb Clarinet
- 3 2nd Bb Clarinet
- 3 3rd Bb Clarinet
- 2 El Alto Clarinet
- 2 Bb Bass Clarinet
- 2 Bassoon
- 2 1st El Alto Saxophone
- 2 2nd El Alto Saxophone
- 2 Bb Tenor Saxophone
- 2 El Baritone Saxophone
- 3 1st Bb Trumpet/Cornet
- 3 2nd B Trumpet/Cornet
- 3 3rd Bb Trumpet/Cornet

- 2 1st F Horn
- 2- 2nd F Horn
- 2 1st Trombone
- 2 2nd Trombone
- 3 Baritone B.C.
- 2 Baritone T.C.
- 3 Tuba
- 2 Electric Bass
- 1 Percussion I: Timpani
- 3 Percussion II:

Bells Chimes

Xylophone

- 1 Percussion III:
 - Triangle
- 2 Percussion IV:
 - Crash Cymbals
 - **Tambourine**
- 2 Percussion V:
 - Wood Block
 - Suspended Cymbal
- 2 Percussion VI:
 - Snare Drum
 - Bass Drum
- 2 Rehearsal Piano1 Full Conductor Score

Additional scores and parts are available.

NEW IDEAS

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The New Ideas box contains the definitions of selected musical terms found in *Heartland Overture*. Begin each rehearsal of *Heartland Overture* reviewing with your students the terms and definitions listed below. Review the **staccato** and **tenuto** articulation techniques with your Percussion I player.

// - indicates a break in the music

A Tempo - return to the previous tempo

Alla marcia - in a march style

Allargando - to enlarge; gradually play slower and broader

Allegro declamando - quick and lively with a dramatic feel

Tranquillo - tranquil; calm Calore - with warmth

Cantabile - in a singing style

Crescendo /cresc. (______) - gradually play louder

Decrescendo (______) - gradually play softer

Fortissimo (ff) - very loud

Marcato () - strongly emphasize each note Poco Ritard (poco rit.) - slightly slowing Rallentando (rall.) - gradually slow the tempo

Sostenuto (sost.) - sustained

Clarinet/Bass Clarinet:



ACTIVITIES FOR EXCELLENCE

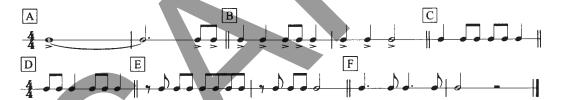
Activities for Excellence printed in this score are designed to enhance students' performance and broaden their musical understanding of Heartland Overture.

Work with the students on the following activities before sight-reading *Heartland Overture*. Continue to use them in rehearsals, sectionals, or lessons to isolate rhythms and improve overall musicianship when performing *Heartland Overture*.

Provide students with the following rhythm patterns by either writing them on the chalkboard or on a sheet of paper to place on the student's stand.

ACTIVITIES FOR EXCELLENCE:

- ◆ Have students count and clap the rhythm patterns listed below. Begin with slower tempos, and repeat as necessary. Perform the tempos used in *Heartland Overture*:
 - Allegro (J = 120); Tranquillo (J = 76); Cantabile (J = 80); Alla marcia (J = 120)
- ◆ Perform the rhythm patterns in unison using pitches they know from the Concert E♭ and B♭ Major scale.
- ◆ Apply the concept of dynamics (*piano* and *forte*) to the rhythm patterns. Have students clap and play the rhythm patterns using each of the dynamics listed above.



ACTIVITIES FOR EXCELLENCE CONTRIBUTING EDITOR



Bruce Pearson (b.1942) is first and foremost a band director with over three decades of exemplary classroom teaching experience. His *Standard of Excellence* is the result of over six years of research and planning, with input from music educators around the globe. It is currently regarded as the single most important publication for beginning band instruction. In addition to *Standard of Excellence*, Mr. Pearson is widely known for his first contribution to the band curriculum, *Best In Class*, and as composer of many widely performed compositions for concert band.

Mr. Pearson has led clinics in all fifty states of the United States and has been guest conductor and clinician, by invitation, of countries throughout the Pacific Rim, the Orient, Europe, Mexico, and Canada. In the United States he has also conducted many All-State and Honor Bands. He has appeared as guest lecturer at over 100 colleges and universities, and has been well-received as keynote speaker for state and national music educators conventions.

Bruce Pearson has taught elementary, junior high, high school, and college levels for over thirty years. Twice nominated for the prestigious "Excellence In Education Award," he was honored as "most outstanding in the field of music" for the state of Minnesota. In December 1998, Mr. Pearson, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to music education, was awarded the prestigious "Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic Medal of Honor."

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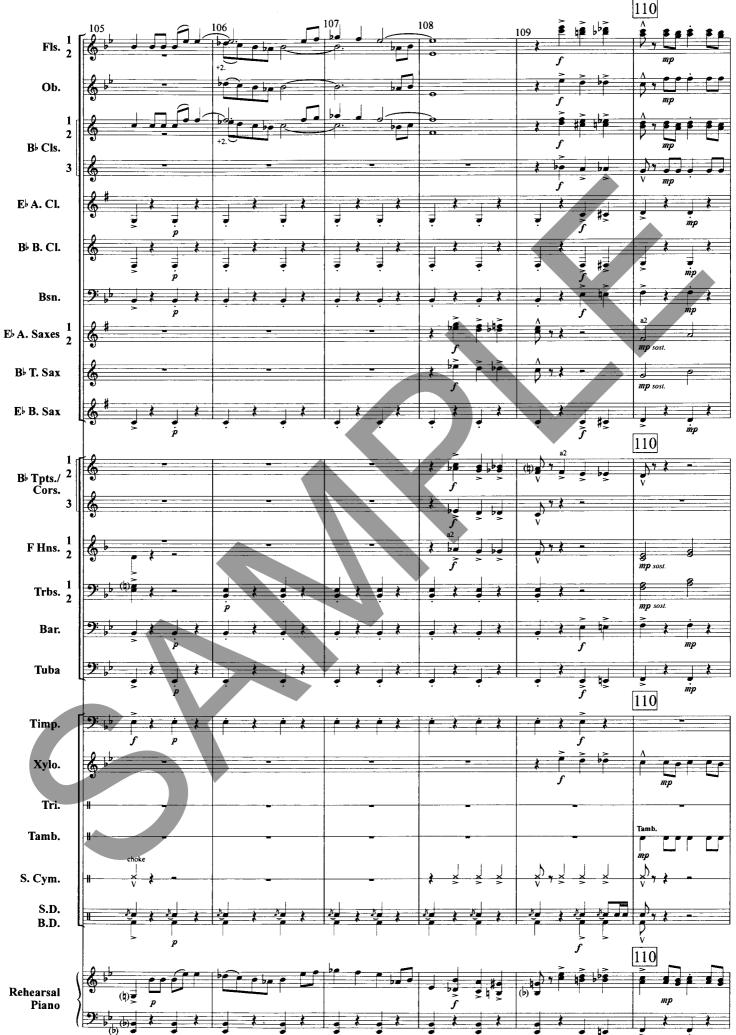






















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