About The Music:

REGENESIS was commissioned by the Rogersville City School Band of Rogersville, Tennessee, directed by Patricia Rhoton. The dedication ceremonies for the complete renovation of the expansive great front lawn, with its English boxwoods, deciduous and evergreen trees, will be held in the fall of 2008. Originally built in 1849 by the Hawkins County Order of Odd Fellows Lodge as the Odd Fellows Female College, this historic three-story building has changed hands many times. It was destroyed by fire twice (in 1919 and again in 1929) but was rebuilt both times. It has remained a school or college of some kind throughout its long and illustrious history. The renovation of the landscaping is the culmination of the extensive building and expansion begun in 2000. The title "Regenesis" will not be found in any dictionary, but is a contrived word suggesting a new beginning, a rebuilding, or a fresh start. The music begins with a vigorous, jayful theme, which is contrasted with a reflective middle section, before a return to the opening theme. This overture form itself suggests a new beginning.

The opening tempo should be a strict 120 beats per minute, so that the percussion figures may be cleanly executed and not rushed. The recurring syncopation, as found in the introduction, is a prominent feature, and the accented note should be carefully stressed. The half notes on beats three and four of the first three measures of the introduction should have a crescendo on them, with a quick catch breath on the eighth rest in the following measure. An overall crescendo on the entire introduction leads to the downbeat at measure 5. Caution all players not to take a breath after the half note in the first ending, or the crescendo will be broken. At measure 15 (the sign) the tempo should not change, but the mood shifts to one that is softer and less vigorous. At the three-four time change the ritardando should end at a slower pace than the new tempo at the Moderato. In other words, make the tempo change very dramatic, with the new tempo at elaxing of the tension built by the ritardando. Balance the voices in the middle section between measures 36 and 61 so that the melody is always prominent. At 62 (Allegro) the tempo is the same as the opening and the D.S. is to the middle section at 15. The Coda closes out the overture with a forte-piano, crescendo and short chord in the last measure, which should be carefully rehearsed to be effective.

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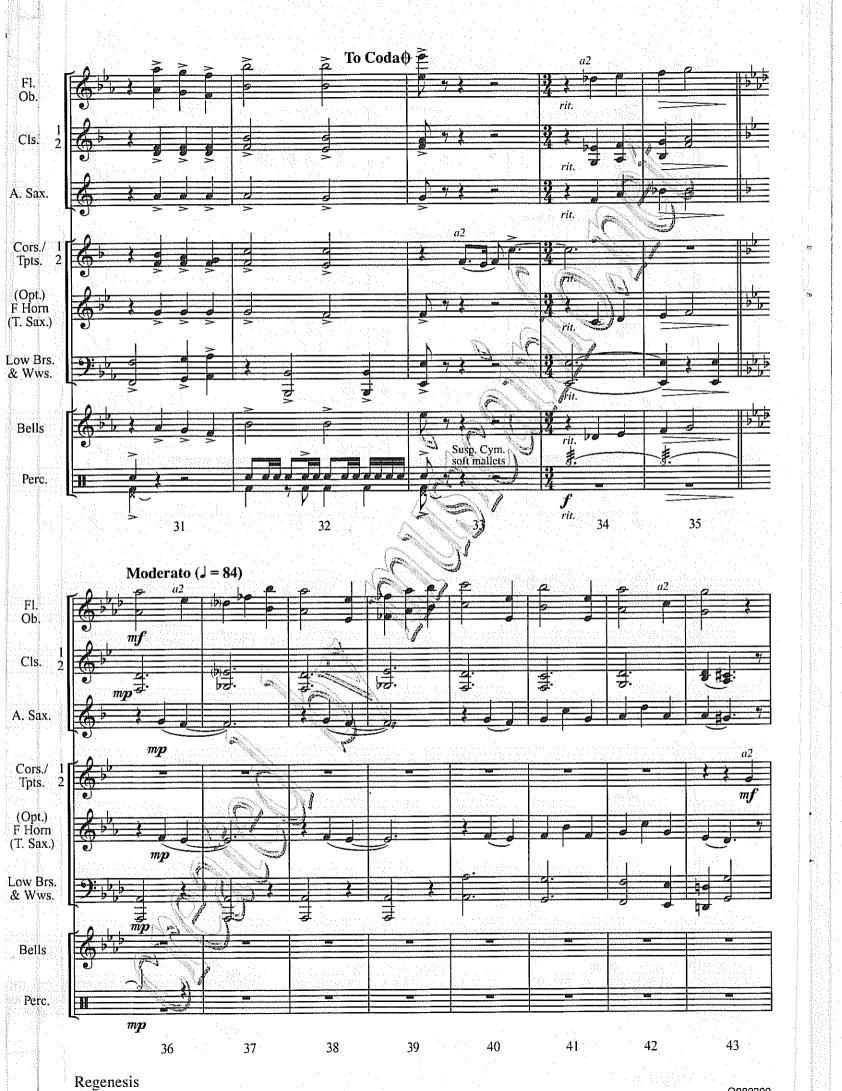
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