**Beginning Band** 



## Grade 1

# Magellan

# Sean O'Loughlin

### BPS94 INSTRUMENTATION

-ull Score	. 1
-lute	
Oboe (Opt. Flute 2)	
Clarinet in Bb	
Bass Clarinet in Bb	
Alto Saxophone in Eb	
Tenor Saxophone in Bb	
Baritone Saxophone in Eb	
Frumpet in Bb	
Horn in F	
Trombone, Euphonium, Bassoon	
Euphonium T.C. in Bb	
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Mallet Percussion	. 1
Bells	
Fimpani	
Percussion 1	. 2
Snare Drum, Bass Drum	,
Percussion 2 Tam-tam, Triangle, Suspended Cymbal,	. 0
Crash Cymbals, Mark Tree, Tambourine	

#### **About the Composition**

Magellan is a composition that is all about exploration and discovery. Ferdinand Magellan was known for his sea voyages to the Far East and his desire to circumnavigate the world. Unfortunately, his journey was cut short after being killed in the Battle of Mactan in the Philippines. The remaining crew members were able to finish the journey after his death. Magellan's legacy remains firmly in the history books, and his journey was an important step in realizing the full extent of the Earth. Educators may find a unique opportunity for cross-curricular teaching with the history lessons.

The music in this composition captures Magellan's sense of adventure and discovery. The very first notes create a dawn of discovery and set up the main thread of the composition. A fanfare-like gesture ushers in the faster tempo at m. 18. Bring out the accents and lean into the brief dissonance for maximum effect. The melody returns at m. 26 with the fanfare-like rhythm becoming the accompaniment. A contrasting slow and mysterious section follows at m. 47. This builds up to the tutti silence at m. 56. There is a deceptive cadence at m. 54 that goes to the subdominant chord instead of the tonic chord. The fanfare-like gesture returns at m. 57 with the main melody being played by the low voices. An augmentation of the deceptive cadence follows at m. 73. This leaves room for the final chord at m. 80 to have a resolute finish.

#### **About the Composer**

Sean O'Loughlin (b.1972) is the Principal Pops Conductor of Symphoria, from Syracuse, NY. He is a fresh voice and a rising name in the music world. His music is characterized by vibrant rhythms, passionate melodies, and colorful scoring. Commissions from the Boston Pops Orchestra, the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra highlight and showcase his diverse musical abilities. As a conductor, he has led performances with the Boston Pops Orchestra, the San Francisco Symphony, the Chicago Symphony, the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, the Minnesota Orchestra, the Dallas Symphony, the Vancouver Symphony, the Atlanta Symphony, the Baltimore Symphony, the Houston Symphony, the Victoria Symphony and the Seattle Symphony amongst others. He was the assistant conductor and arranger for a production of Sgt. Pepper Live in Las Vegas featuring the band Cheap Trick. He has served as conductor for summer tours with Josh Groban, Sarah McLachlan and the Jerry Garcia Symphonic Celebration.

Recent collaborations include such artists as Sarah McLachlan, Adele, Josh Groban, Steven Tyler and Joe Perry, Kelly Clarkson, Blue Man Group, Janelle Monáe, Audra McDonald, Hall and Oates, Gloria Estefan, the Indigo Girls, Diana Krall, Itzhak Perlman, Natalie Merchant, Chris Isaak, Pink Martini, Brandi Carlile, The Decemberists, Martina McBride, Josh Ritter, Gloria Gaynor and others. The Los Angeles Times calls his orchestrations "...magnificent and colorful" while adding "...even more dimension..." to the compositions. Daily Variety heralds Sean's writing as "most impressive ..." with a "wide range of coloring in the orchestra..." that "...adds heft and rolling energy.

Growing up in Syracuse, NY, Sean displayed a passion for music at an early age. Sean benefited from loving parents who supported his musical aspirations and challenged him to explore music as a career. During his undergraduate years at Syracuse University, Sean's musical career began to take shape with the guidance of Larry Clark. As Vice-President at Carl Fischer Music, Larry continues to be a major influence in Sean's professional career as mentor and friend.

Through his growing number of commissioned and published works, Sean is excited to continue contributing to the rich history of orchestral and wind band literature. He is a frequent guest conductor with professional orchestras and honor bands around the country. An annual ASCAP Special Awards winner, Sean was a composition fellow at the Henry Mancini Institute in Los Angeles, and holds composition degrees from New England Conservatory and Syracuse University. For more information, please visit www.seanoloughlin.com



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