

BEGINNING BAND

The Syncopated Clock

LEROY ANDERSON (1908–1975) Arranged by JACK BULLOCK



PROGRAM NOTES

Leroy Anderson composed many light classical pieces for the Boston Pops Orchestra during the middle of the 20th Century, and one which became very popular was "The Syncopated Clock." It had a simple melody with a catchy syncopated rhythm that made the clock "tick" in an unusual manner. In this arrangement, the woodblock performer will give the listener the steady clock sound of the "ticking" while the melody played by the rest of the band has its way with the syncopation. The wonderful music of Leroy Anderson!

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Dynamic levels have been carefully notated but may be changed to balance your ensemble.

There are pitch accidentals (measures 13 15, 18, 19, 29) and rhythmic patterns (measures 3, 10, 14, 18) in several of the parts used by the composer and arranger that may need attention prior to the first reading of the arrangement. Measure numbers are placed every four measures to make rehearsals easier.

The timpani part is for two drums and is optional.

The woodblock part has two pitches and is performed on a woodblock manufactured with two different sounding boxes, high and low if this instrument isn't available, the part can be performed using a woodblock with a single sounding box.

Enjoy the wonderful music of Leroy Anderson for your beginners!

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FULL SCORE

Approx. Duration - 2:00

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