GUIRO HERO

TIMOTHY LOEST

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor Score
- 8 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 2 Bassoon
- 5 B Clarinet 1
- 5 B Clarinet 2
- 2 B♭ Bass Clarinet
- 4 E Alto Saxophone
- 2 By Tenor Saxophone
- 2 Eb Baritone Saxophone
- 4 Bb Trumpet 1
- 4 Bb Trumpet 2

- 4 F Horn
- 4 Trombone
- 2 Euphonium
- 2 Baritone T.C.
- 4 Tuba
- 2 Bells
- 3 Percussion 1 (Timbales, Agogo Bells, Cowbell)
- 3 Percussion 2 (Claves, Guiro, Maracas)

SUPPLEMENTAL and WORLD PARTS

Available for download from

www.alfred.com/supplemental

E Alto Clarinet

E Contra Alto Clarinet

B Contra Bass Clarinet

E♭Horn

Trombone in B₆ T.C.

Trombone in B, B.C.

Euphonium in B, B.C.

Tuba in B, T.C.

Tuba in B B.C.

Tuba in E♭T.C.

Tuba in E♭B.C.

String Bass





THE COMPOSER

Timothy Loest is a name in music synonymous with creativity, versatility, and accessibility. His works for young band are performed worldwide and his pedagogical methods and conducting appearances impact performers and audiences at the state and national levels. In 2017, his composition *Cloud Gate (Reflections of a City)* was performed for over 5,000 spectators at Chicago's Millennium Park. That same year, Tim received the Illinois Grade School Music Association's highest honor—the Cloyd Myers Memorial Award for Excellence in Music Education.

Tim had his first work published in 1995 and has written for Warner Bros. Publications, C.L. Barnhouse Company, The FJH Music Company,

and MakeMusic Publications. In 2022, he founded Fanfare Music Press, a company dedicated to the highest quality compositions and arrangements for band.

With over three decades in the classroom, Tim is no stranger to instrumental pedagogy; he is associated with several best-selling methods, including Measures of Success®; A Comprehensive Musicianship Band Method, Warm-ups and Beyond, Rhythms and Beyond, and Chorales and Beyond. Outside the classroom, Tim's music has appeared on numerous network TV shows, including The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, Good Morning America, Extra, and Nick Jr.

Tim received his Bachelor of Music Education degree with high honors from Illinois State University and his Master of Music degree with program honors from Northwestern University. He holds membership in ASCAP, the Illinois Grade School Music Association, and Christian Educators. He served his entire teaching career at F.E. Peacock Middle School in Itasca, Illinois, and resides in Wheaton, Illinois with his wife Cindy and two sons. Tim regularly accepts commissions for band and can be reached through his website: www.timothyloest.com.

ABOUT THE MUSIC

Guiro Hero is a light Latin work featuring the guiro, a hollow torpedo-shaped instrument made from wood, steel, or high-strength plastic. To produce a sound on the guiro, tap or scrape the grooved body of the instrument with a scraper.

Because this work features the guiro, consider having the guiro player stand front and center during performances. Also, make sure that the winds do not overplay so that all Latin percussion instruments can be heard. To help these instruments project, they should be held chest high and aimed toward the audience.

When rehearsing and performing this work, make sure that the entire ensemble maintains a strict tempo and light feel. Remind each player to listen louder than they play. (In other words, play loud enough to hear, and never overplay to be heard.)

Finally, to gain a broader understanding of Latin percussion instruments and styles, spend time listening to great artists like Armando Peraza, Carlos "Patato" Valdes, Manny Oquendo, Raul Rekow, and Tito Puente.

As you play *Guiro Flero* in rehearsals or performances, remember that you are ambassadors of musicianship and that musical sharing is a unique and essential form of communication that enriches life. So, pursue excellence, play with heart, and enjoy the music!

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