# BUSHIDO

(The Warrior Code)

# WILLIAM OWENS

## INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor Score
- 8 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 2 Bassoon
- 10 B<sup>,</sup> Clarinet
- 2 B Bass Clarinet
- 4 E Alto Saxophone
- 2 B<sup>,</sup> Tenor Saxophone
- 2 E Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B<sup>,</sup> Trumpet
- 4 F Horn

- 4 Trombone
- 2 Euphonium
- 2 Baritone T.C.
- 4 Tuba
- 2 Timpani
- 2 Bells
- 2 Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- 2 Advanced Percussion 1 (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- 3 Percussion 2 (Brake Drum, Crash Cymbals Vibraslap)

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SUPPLEMENTAL and WORLD PARTS

- The following instruments and transpositions (all parts) are available to download from **alfred.com/supplemental**
- E Alto Clarinet
- E<sup>1</sup> Contra Alto Clarinet
- B. Contra Bass Clarinet
- E Horn
- B, Trombone T.C. B, Trombone B.C.
- B<sup>,</sup> Euphonium B.C.
- . B♭Tuba T.C.
- B♭Tuba B.C.
- E♭ Tuba T.C.
- E<sup>↓</sup> Tuba B.C. String Bass



Please note: Our band and orchestra music is collated by an automatic high-speed system. The enclosed parts are now sorted by page count, rather than score order.

# THE COMPOSER



William Owens (b. 1963) is a native of Gary, Indiana. A seasoned music educator, he is highly active as a composer, clinician, and conductor throughout North America. His compositional style for young ensembles displays a keen, practical approach which has firmly established him as a leader in the field. Since 1993, Mr. Owens has written over 300 titles for concert band, string orchestra, and small ensemble. His music is performed and appears on required music lists nationally and abroad. Many of his works have been analyzed in educational texts and are staples of the young band repertoire.

William is a 1985 graduate of Chicago's VanderCook College of Music and the

recipient of numerous awards and grants for composition. Professional memberships include the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP), the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA), the Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB), and Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity. He is recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus by his alma mater, and a recipient of the Texas Bandmasters Association's Meritorious Achievement Award.

William resides in Fort Worth, TX with his wife and best friend, Georgia.

### ABOUT THE MUSIC

Justice, Courage, Mercy, Politeness, Honesty, Honor, Loyalty, and Character, Known as "Bushido," this collection of ideals was the unwritten code of conduct for the Samurai warriors of ancient Japan. Established as the Samurai way of life, the Bushido code steadfastly mandated that the true warrior would hold these ideals as important above all else.

With driving rhythms and bold melodies at the forefront, *Bushido* is a robust musical testament to these eight virtues long held sacred by history's most enduring warrior class. With moments of mystery and intensity, the music is energetic from beginning to end. The occasional "clank" heard represents the clashing of swords.

### PERFORMANCE NOTES

The bottom divisi notes in the Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon part are not needed, but will offer a stronger harmonic presence. While the optional Timpani part will add character to your performance, the music is fully functional without it. Finally (and quite needless to say), your stronger percussion players will be further engaged with the Advanced Percussion 1 part.

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