

Cryptic Variants

Frank McKinney (b. 1953)

Flute - 8
Oboe - 2
Bb Clarinet 1 - 4
Bb Clarinet 2 - 4
Bb Bass Clarinet - 2
Eb Alto Saxophone 1 - 4
Bb Tenor Saxophone - 2
Eb Baritone Saxophone - 1
Bb Trumpet 1 - 2
Bb Trumpet 2 - 2
F Horn - 2
Trombone 1 - 2
Trombone 2 - 2
Baritone, Bassoon - 4
Baritone Treble Clef - 1
Tuba - 2
String Bass - 1
Timpani - 1
Bells, Chimes, Xylophone - 3
Snare Drum, Bass Drum - 1

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A musical adventure of jaggedly contrasting variants! Flashes of frightening harmonies lead this suspenseful journey of variations through the keys of C minor, G minor, F minor, Eb Major and Bb Major. You'll enjoy some melodic acrobatics along the way as the ideas eventually evolve into an uplifting finish. With its wide dynamic ranges, tasty percussion and interesting musical lines, this intense composition presents wonderful opportunities for teaching expressive playing.

Preview

After graduating from the Florida State University School of Music in 1976, Frank McKinney taught middle and high school band for thirty eight years in Florida and Georgia. Frank is now retired from teaching but is an active musician, clinician and composer, playing with the Georgia Wind Symphony, TriState Community Band of North Georgia, Young Harris College Band and his jazz combo, The Swing Set. Frank is a member of the National Association of Music Educators, the National Band Association, the Florida Music Educators Association, the Florida Bandmasters Association and the Georgia Music Educators Association. He and his wife, Cara, live near Blairsville, Georgia, where they enjoy the outdoors with their cat, Howdy.

*Please contact the composer if you require any further information about this piece
or his availability for commissioning new works and appearances.*

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Larghetto ♩ = 66

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3

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B♭ Bass Clarinet

E♭ Alto Saxophone

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

B♭ Trumpet 1

B♭ Trumpet 2

F Horn

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Baritone Bassoon

Tuba

Timpani G-C-D-E♭

Bells

Chimes

Xylophone

p *mp* *f* *sub. f* *ff*

div.

Chimes