

Encomium

George Sweet

CPS94 INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score 1
Piccolo1
Flute 1
Flute 2 4
Oboe
Clarinet 1 in B ^b
Clarinet 2 in B ^b 4
Clarinet 3 in B ^b 4
Bass Clarinet in B_{\flat}
Bassoon 2
Alto Saxophone 1 in Eb 2
Alto Saxophone 2 in E_{P} 2
Tenor Saxophone in B_{\flat}
Baritone Saxophone in E_{P} 2
Trumpet 1 in B 4
Trumpet 2 in B_{\flat}
Trumpet 3 in B ^b 4
Horn 1 in F 2
Horn 2 in F 2
Trombone 1 3
Trombone 2 3
Bass Trombone1
Baritone T.C. in Bb 2
Baritone B.C
Tuba
String Bass1
Mallet Percussion 3
Xylophone, Bells, Vibraphone
Timpani1
Percussion 1 2
Snare Drum, Bass Drum
Percussion 2 4
Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal, Triangle,
Gong

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Performance Notes

Encomium, meaning "a formal expression of praise," is a contemporary fanfare for band. At two minutes in length it is an ideal concert opener.

The introductory fanfare, presented by the brass, returns in various forms throughout the piece and binds the work together. At m. 9 a coloristic melodic passage unfolds in the woodwinds. Be careful to maintain balance between the melody and the short brass interjections in order to achieve the proper blend of color. This section is followed by a series of woodwind flourishes at m. 19. Once again be careful to make sure that the woodwind colors are not overwhelmed by those of the brass. After a slightly varied return of the main theme at m. 27, a vibrant conversation between the horns and trombones carries the piece through a series of rapid harmonic changes. Be careful to make sure all of the chords in the low brass are balanced properly, as the intervals are very close. A climactic passage occurs at m. 51 which results in a partial recapitulation of the main theme. A rapid transitional section then follows at m. 59 which leads to a dramatic "pyramid chord" at m. 65. The building of this chord results in the true recapitulation at m. 67, in which the opening fanfare is once again presented in its original form.

About the Composer

George Sweet was born in York County, South Carolina, in 1979. He received a Masters Degrees in Composition and Conducting from Northern Arizona University and a Bachelors Degree in Music Education from Mars Hill College in North Carolina. As a student, George was the winner of the 2004–2005 Music Teachers National Association Young Artist Composition Competition, sponsored by Warner Bros. Publications, for both the state of Arizona and all of the Southwest Region. His compositions have been performed throughout the United States and have been heard at various Honor and Regional Band Festivals, Disney's Magic Music Days, and the College Band Directors National Association Southwest Conference. His various commissions include those from professional performers, public schools, university ensembles, and also a video game under a University Grant from the Hewlett Foundation. George has been a public school band and orchestra director in both North Carolina and Florida and was an instructor of music theory at Northern Arizona University. Please contact www.georgesweet.net for more information.

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