Young Band

Grade 2



# Housetop Variations

Arranged by

# Bill Calhoun

### YPS71 INSTRUMENTATION

INDINONENTATION	
Full Score Flute Oboe (Opt. Flute 2). Clarinet 1 in Bb. Clarinet 2 in Bb. Bass Clarinet in Bb. Bassoon Alto Saxophone in Eb. Tenor Saxophone in Bb. Baritone Saxophone in Eb. Trumpet 1 in Bb. Trumpet 2 in Bb. Horn in F. Trombone. Baritone B.C. Tuba Mallet Percussion Bells. Chimes	8244225224446233
Timpani	
Percussion 2	7

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#### **Program Notes**

Housetop Variations is a fun way to introduce your students to the theme-and-variations form. After a brief introduction using the beginning melodic motive, the piece begins with a standard treatment of Up on the Housetop. This holiday favorite is then taken into several variations using the minor mode, reharmonization, various tempo and meter changes and is filled with fragments of the tune. Almost all of the performers gets a chance at the melody in this creative treatment of the original. This piece is sure to entertain your students as well as your audience in any holiday concert.

#### **About the Arranger**

Bill Calhoun received his Master of Music degree from Mansfield State University in Pennsylvania and his Bachelor of Music Education and Applied Music Degree from Ithaca College in New York. He has been a public-school music educator for nearly thirty years and is currently Director of Bands and Department Chair at DeWitt Middle School in the Ithaca City School District, where he is also the district-wide Curriculum Chair for Instrumental Music. He resides in Lansing, New York with his wife and four children.

Currently a member of BMI, Bill has written countless band/brass/percussion arrangements and compositions for groups throughout the United States, Japan, Canada and England, and is published with Warner Bros. Publications and Ethos Publications. He is currently the music arranger for the Senshu Univ. Tamana High School Drum and Brass Corps, the Kochi Senior High School Drum and Brass Corps (both from Japan) and the Norwich High School Marching Band in Norwich, New York.

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Cymbals, Wind Chimes)





























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