**FULL SCORE** 



Young Band

Grade 2

# The Huguenots

# **Ed Kiefer**

## YPS81 INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score1
Flute8
Oboe (Opt. Flute 2)
Clarinet 1 in Bb
Clarinet 2 in B
Bass Clarinet in Bb
Bassoon 2
Alto Saxophone in Eb 5
Tenor Saxophone in B♭
Baritone Saxophone in Eb
Trumpet 1 in B
Trumpet 2 in B
Horn in F
Trombone
Baritone T.C. in Bb
Baritone B.C.
Tuba 3
Mallet Percussion
Bells
Timpani
Percussion 1
Snare Drum, Bass Drum
Percussion 2
Triangle Crash Cymbals Suspended Cymbal

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#### **Program Notes**

I have always been in disbelief when studying world history and the wars between religious groups. People killing each other in the name of God is still going on today, as evidenced by the bloody riots and wars in the Middle East. The painting by Francois Dubois of the Saint Bartholomew Massacre depicts one of the worst of such instances in human history. During this three-month period in the sixteenth century, about 30,000 Protestant French Huguenots were massacred by the Catholics over religious beliefs. That is mind-blowing to me!

The Huguenots, however, were strong and persevered, some settling in the United States. Several great Americans, including George Washington and Davy Crockett, were from the Huguenot stock. This composition depicts their strength.

#### **Performance Notes**

The part for the low brass is fairly simple, but be sure to let them play with lots of energy and let the dark nature of the music come through. The percussion is very important to the piece; using a brake drum will help the audience visualize swords and fighting. I used a French traditional carol (we know as "Let All Mortal Flesh") for the middle section to remind us of the religious nature of this struggle. Remnants of the main motive are passed between the horn and trumpet which should be played almost in the background, possibly muted. The composition culminates with the return of the heavy low-brass ostinato in the woodwinds and the addition of the hymn played in the horns and saxes. Be sure to return to the energy of the opening section but make sure the horns and saxes are heard. The final measures portray the resilience of the Huguenots and their strong faith.

I think any middle school band would enjoy playing this piece and learning something about the history of religious wars. The relevance of this sixteenth-century massacre to today's struggles in the Middle East may make the piece even more interesting to students and audiences alike. Even without all the history, I hope they will like the music.

#### About the Composer

Ed Kiefer graduated from Wake Forest University with honors in 1976. He received his Masters of Music Education in 1990 from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He served as the Director of Bands at Wast Davidson High School and Brown Middle School in Thomasville, NC for 28 years before taking the position of Director of Instrumental Music at Pfeiffer University in the fall of 2005.

Kiefer was awarded the Jaycees Young Educator of the Year Award in 1994, has been recognized by his fellow band directors with the Award of Excellence, and is sought after as an adjuduicator, clinician and conductor for state and regional concert, marching and jazz events. He has adjudicated and conducted many national events including festivals in Arizona, South Carolina (Dixie Classic Concert Festival), Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina. He conducted the North Carolina All-Sate Honors Band in 2005.

Keifer has written several commissioned pieces for concert band and percussion ensembles, some of which are on state music festival lists. He may be contacted at ed.kiefer@pfeiffer.edu.



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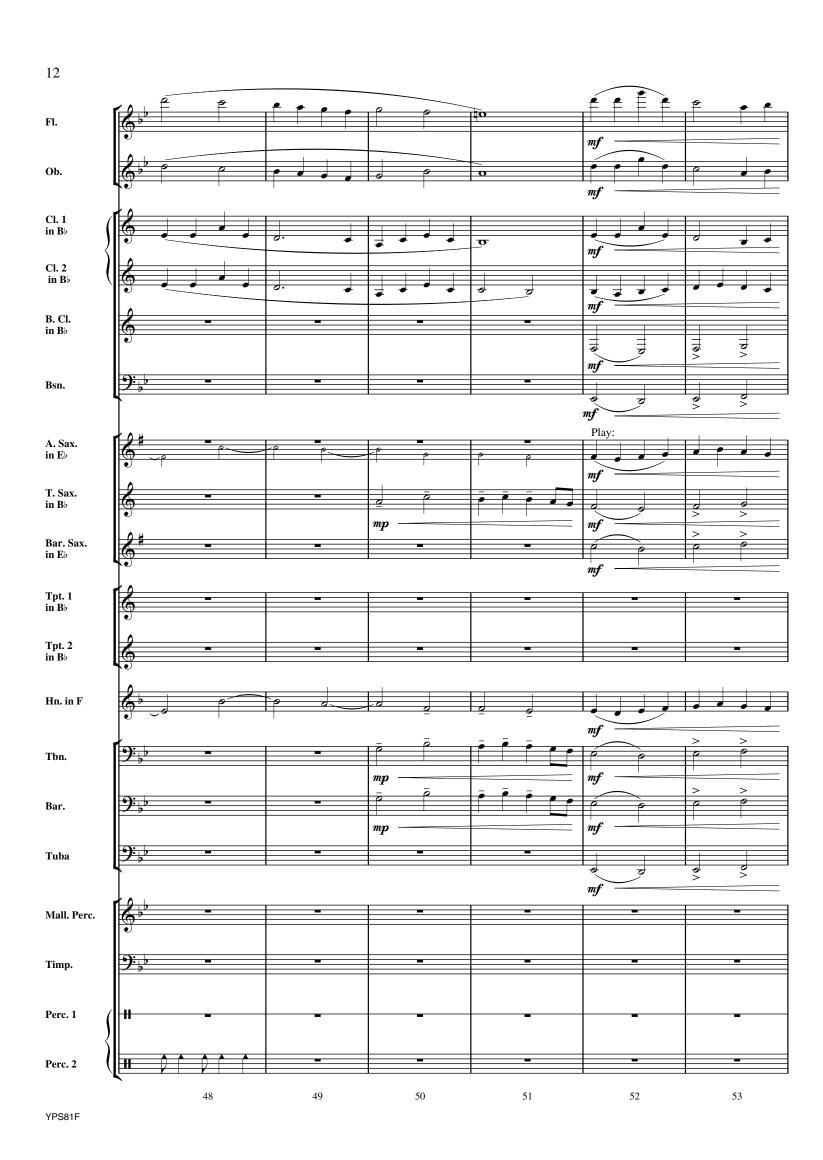


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Perc. 2

Perc. 1

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cresc.

Sus. Cym.

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**ff** Cr. Cym.

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f f









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