

Into the Darkness

Bill Calhoun

FPS82 INSTRUMENTATION

Flute
Oboe (opt. Flute 2)
Clarinet 1 in B_{\flat}
Clarinet 2 in B_{\flat}
Bass Clarinet in Bb2
Alto Saxophone in E_{2}
Tenor Saxophone in B_{\flat}
Baritone Saxophone in Eb2
$[rumpet 1 in B] \qquad $
Irumpet 2 in Bb B B B
Horn in F
Irombone, Euphonium B.C., Bassoon6
Euphonium T.C. in B_{\flat}
Tuba
Mallet Percussion2
Bells
[impani
Percussion 1
Snare Drum, Bass Drum
Percussion 2
Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal, Mark Tree, Triangle, Tambourine

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Program Notes

From its mysterious introduction to its dynamic finale *Into the Darkness* transports you to the fantasy world of the supernatural.

The piece opens in a fast $\frac{4}{4}$, yet feels as if it was written in cut-time. This introduction (mm. 1–16) may be conducted in a slow $\frac{2}{2}$ and provides an excellent opportunity to teach this time signature to your students.

From the concluding *ritardando* of the introduction, *Into the Darkness* quickly moves into a true $\frac{4}{4}$ Allegro. The main theme is introduced by the upper woodwinds and then passed to the trumpets. After a contrasting section at m. 35, the piece sounds a return to the introductory motif at m. 44. The many dynamic contrasts found at the end of this section lead into the powerful conclusion, building to a climax complete with driving eighth notes in the percussion.

Composed in D minor, the serious nature of *Into the Darkness* will spark your students' interest, creating an emotional performance and musical intensity for their audience.

About the Composer

Bill Calhoun received his Master of Music degree from Mansfield State University (PA) and his Bachelor of Music Education and Applied Music degree from Ithaca College (NY). He has been a public school music educator for nearly 30 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, N.Y. with his wife and four children.

Currently a member of BMI, Bill has written countless band, brass and percussion arrangements/compositions for groups both concert and marching throughout the United States, Japan, Canada and England, and is published with Carl Fischer Music, 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, N.Y.

Full Score

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