First Plus Band

Grade 11/2



Robot Madness

Gregory B. Rudgers

FPS64 INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score
Oboe (opt. Flute 2)
Clarinet 1 in Bb4
Clarinet 2 in Bb4
Bass Clarinet in Bb
Alto Saxophone in Eb
Tenor Saxophone in B
Baritone Saxophone in Eb
Trumpet 1 in B
Trumpet 2 in Bb
Horn in F
Trombone, Baritone B.C., Bassoon
Baritone T.C. in Bb
Tuba3
Mallet Percussion
Bells
Timpani
Percussion 1
Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Wood Block
Percussion 2

Program Notes

With technology invading every facet of our daily lives, the thought occurred to me that one day we might be in danger of having our technology take over our lives completely. Thus, we have the title and idea behind *Robot Madness*. The use of modes and parallel melodies suggests the mechanical, unrelenting forces of technology, including robots, and the attempt to portray a somewhat threatening posture. Not that there is any danger of robot rule, (I hope!) but perhaps it might be fun to think about robots going mad and taking over the world, or attempting to anyway.

Strive to maintain a strict, mechanical, rhythmic style with the percussion treated as an essential component of the overall structure. The piece has a tendency to slow at m. 17, so be aware and maintain the original tempo, even though the style changes at that point. Measure 37 is particularly challenging for this level; it may be wise to rehearse each of the entrances separately before attempting a tutti reading. The mechanical percussion instruments, ratchet, cowbell, and anvil, are important to capture the tongue-in-cheek nature of the work. If no ratchet is available, multiple metal shakers will suffice. If you do not have a concert anvil, a brake drum struck with a metal hammer works extremely well. Strike the cowbell with the butt end of a snare stick.

About the Composer

Greg Rudgers graduated from Ithaca College in 1970 and also holds degrees and advanced study from Elmira College, and Northwestern University respectively. He directed bands, orchestras, jazz bands, and marching bands in the public schools for many years and is currently on the adjunct faculty of Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, New York, where he teaches composition to Music Education masters degree candidates, and the Ithaca College School of Music in the Music Education Department. Mr. Rudgers is a sought-after guest conductor and clinician and has conducted honor bands and delivered clinics throughout the Northeast. He is a published author with articles in *The Music Educator's Journal, Teaching Music, The Instrumentalist, The School Music News*, and other state journals. He composes and arranges for concert band, wind ensemble, orchestra, string orchestra, and also writes solos and ensembles.







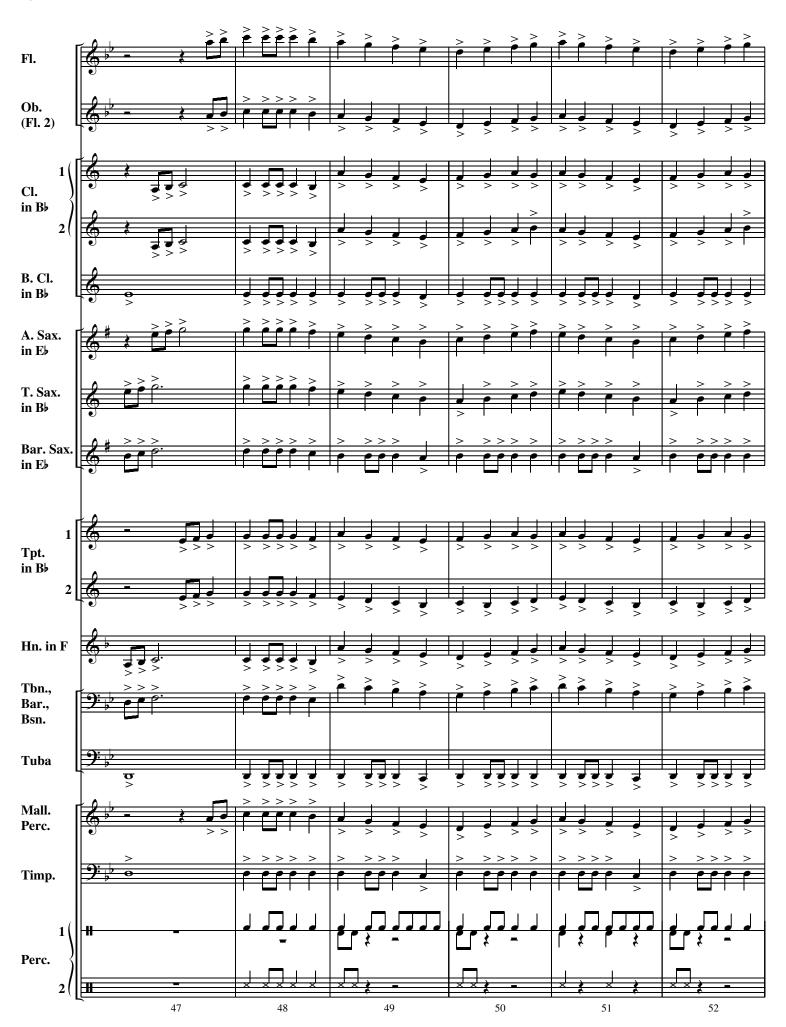


















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