

Journey to the Stars

Aric Branchfield

for
BEGINNING BAND

Instrumentation

1 Full Score	2 E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone 1	2 Euphonium T.C.
6 Flute	2 E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone 2	4 Tuba
2 Oboe	2 B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone	1 Timpani
2 Bassoon	1 E $\flat$ Baritone Saxophone	2 Snare Drum, Bass Drum
6 B $\flat$ Clarinet 1	5 B $\flat$ Trumpet 1	4 Percussion
6 B $\flat$ Clarinet 2	5 B $\flat$ Trumpet 2	(Crash Cymbals, Tambourine, Triangle, Suspended Cymbal)
2 B $\flat$ Bass Clarinet	4 F Horn	1 Orchestra Bells
	8 Trombone/ Euphonium	

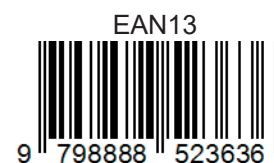
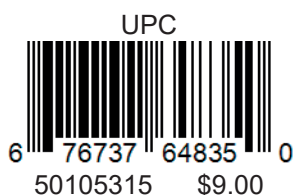
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About the Composer

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Program Notes

The mysteries of space have long held mankind's interest. A journey to the stars remains as fascinating today as it did thousands of years ago. With all our knowledge, space remains one of the few great unknowns, with limitless possibilities for adventure and discovery. Is there life out there? If there is...do they like band music?

Performance Notes

All students want to hear themselves when they begin playing an instrument. It is never too early to begin teaching the concepts of balance and blend, that what they NEED to hear are the people on either side of them. Because of the safe scoring, this concept can be easily taught within the framework of this composition. This applies even to percussion, who must play loudly enough that their single instrument is heard above the wind players, but not so loudly as to cover up any of the other instruments in the band. Teaching the dotted quarter-eighth note rhythm will achieve rhythmic stability much sooner if the students are taught to subdivide their counting. When they do this, the dotted quarter note will receive three syllable and the eighth note but one (for instance, 3 & 4 for the dotted note, & for the eighth note). This prevents students from rushing to the eighth note as most young bands tend to do.

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Aric Branchfield (ASCAP)

Allegro $\text{♩} = 128$

Flute *f*

Oboe *f*

Bassoon *f*

B $\flat$ Clarinet $\frac{1}{2}$ *f* *a2*

B $\flat$ Bass Clarinet *f*

E $\flat$ Alto Saxophone $\frac{1}{2}$ *f* *a2*

B $\flat$ Tenor Saxophone *f*

E $\flat$ Baritone Saxophone *f*

B $\flat$ Trumpet $\frac{1}{2}$ *f* 1 2 3 4 5 6 *a2*

F Horn *f*

Trombone Euphonium *a2* *f*

Tuba *f*

Timpani *f*

Snare Drum S. D. *f*

Bass Drum B. D. *f*

Percussion Cr. Cym. *f*

Tamb. *f*

Orchestra Bells *f*

7 10

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B $\flat$ Cl. 1 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

7 8 9 10 11

Tpt. 1 2

Hn.

Tbn. Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

S. D.
B. D.

Perc.

Bells

12

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B $\flat$ Cl. $\frac{1}{2}$

B. Cl.

A. Sax. $\frac{1}{2}$

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

12 13 14 15 16

Tpt. $\frac{1}{2}$

Hn.

Tbn. Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

S. D.
B. D.

Perc.

Bells

a2

The musical score is arranged in a system of staves. The first five staves (Fl., Ob., Bsn., B $\flat$ Cl., B. Cl.) are grouped together. The next three staves (A. Sax., T. Sax., Bar. Sax.) are grouped together. The next two staves (Tpt., Hn.) are grouped together. The next two staves (Tbn. Euph., Tba.) are grouped together. The next three staves (Timp., S. D. B. D., Perc.) are grouped together. The final staff is Bells. The score is for measures 12 through 16. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 1/2. The score includes a large 'SAMPLE' watermark. The B $\flat$ Cl. staff has a measure rest in measure 12, and a measure with a half note G4 and a half note A4 in measure 16, with a 'a2' marking above the A4. The Tpt. staff has a measure rest in measure 12, and a measure with a half note G4 and a half note A4 in measure 16. The Hn. staff has a measure rest in measure 12, and a measure with a half note G4 and a half note A4 in measure 16. The Tbn. Euph. staff has a measure rest in measure 12, and a measure with a half note G4 and a half note A4 in measure 16. The Tba. staff has a measure rest in measure 12, and a measure with a half note G4 and a half note A4 in measure 16. The Timp. staff has a measure rest in measure 12, and a measure with a half note G4 and a half note A4 in measure 16. The S. D. B. D. staff has a measure rest in measure 12, and a measure with a half note G4 and a half note A4 in measure 16. The Perc. staff has a measure rest in measure 12, and a measure with a half note G4 and a half note A4 in measure 16. The Bells staff has a measure rest in measure 12, and a measure with a half note G4 and a half note A4 in measure 16.

17 18

Fl. *f*

Ob. *f*

Bsn.

B^b Cl. $\frac{1}{2}$

B. Cl.

A. Sax. $\frac{1}{2}$ *a2*

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

17 18 19 20

Tpt. $\frac{1}{2}$ *a2*

Hn.

Tbn. Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

S. D.
B. D.

Perc. Cr. Cym. *f*

Bells *f*

21

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B $\flat$ Cl. $\frac{1}{2}$

B. Cl.

A. Sax. $\frac{1}{2}$ *a2*

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

21 22 23 24 25

Tpt. $\frac{1}{2}$ *a2*

Hn.

Tbn. Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

S. D.
B. D.

Perc.

Bells

mp

26 27

Fl. *mp*

Ob. *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

B $\flat$ Cl. 1 2 *mp*

B. Cl. *mp*

A. Sax. 1 2 *mp* *a2*

T. Sax. *mp*

Bar. Sax. *mp*

26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33

Tpt. 1 2 *mp*

Hn. *mp*

Tbn. Euph. *mp*

Tba. *mp*

Timp.

S. D. B. D.

Perc. Tri. *mp*

Bells

34 35

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B $\flat$ Cl. $\frac{1}{2}$ *a2*

B. Cl.

A. Sax. $\frac{1}{2}$ *a2*

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

34 35 36 37 38 39 40

Tpt. $\frac{1}{2}$

Hn.

Tbn. Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

S. D.
B. D.

Perc.

Bells

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Fl. *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Bsn. *mf*

B $\flat$ Cl. 1/2 *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

A. Sax. 1/2 *mf* *a2*

T. Sax. *mf*

Bar. Sax. *mf*

Tpt. 1/2 *mp* *mf* *a2*

Hn. *mf*

Tbn. Euph. *mf*

Tba. *mf*

Timp.

S. D. B. D.

Sus. Cym. *p*

Perc. *mf*

Bells *mf*

41 42 43 44

45

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B $\flat$ Cl. 1/2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1/2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

45 46 47 48

Tpt. 1/2

Hn.

Tbn. Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

S. D.
B. D.

Perc.

Bells

54

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B $\flat$ Cl. 1/2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1/2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

54 55 56 57

Tpt. 1/2

Hn.

Tbn. Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

S. D.
B. D.

Perc.

Bells

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format. Measures 54 and 55 are marked with a large '54' and '55' respectively. Measures 56 and 57 are marked with a large '56' and '57' respectively. The instruments are listed on the left: Fl., Ob., Bsn., B $\flat$ Cl. 1/2, B. Cl., A. Sax. 1/2, T. Sax., Bar. Sax., Tpt. 1/2, Hn., Tbn. Euph., Tba., Timp., S. D. B. D., Perc., and Bells. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings like 'a2'. A large 'SAMPLE' watermark is visible across the center of the page.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B $\flat$ Cl. 1/2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1/2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

58 59 60 61 62

Tpt. 1/2

Hn.

Tbn. Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

S. D.
B. D.

Perc.

Bells

Sus. Cym.

p

Cr. Cym.

f

Tri.

Tamb.

63

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B $\flat$ Cl. 1/2 *a2*

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1/2 *a2*

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

63 64 65 66 67

Tpt. 1/2 *a2*

Hn.

Tbn. Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

S. D.
B. D.

Perc.

Bells

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format. Measures 63-67 are indicated by numbers above the staves. The instruments listed on the left are: Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bsn.), B-flat Clarinet (B $\flat$ Cl.), Bass Clarinet (B. Cl.), Alto Saxophone (A. Sax.), Tenor Saxophone (T. Sax.), Baritone Saxophone (Bar. Sax.), Trumpet (Tpt.), Horn (Hn.), Trombone/Euphonium (Tbn. Euph.), Tuba (Tba.), Timpani (Timp.), Snare Drum (S. D.)/Bass Drum (B. D.), Percussion (Perc.), and Bells. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is 1/2. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests. A large, diagonal 'SAMPLE' watermark is overlaid across the center of the page.

68

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B $\flat$ Cl. $\frac{1}{2}$

B. Cl.

A. Sax. $\frac{1}{2}$

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

68

69

70

71

72

Tpt. $\frac{1}{2}$

Hn.

Tbn. Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

S. D.
B. D.

Perc.

Bells

This musical score page contains measures 68 through 72. The instruments are arranged in the following order from top to bottom: Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bsn.), B-flat Clarinet (B $\flat$ Cl.), Bass Clarinet (B. Cl.), Alto Saxophone (A. Sax.), Tenor Saxophone (T. Sax.), Baritone Saxophone (Bar. Sax.), Trumpet (Tpt.), Horn (Hn.), Trombone/Euphonium (Tbn. Euph.), Tuba (Tba.), Timpani (Timp.), Snare Drum/Bass Drum (S. D. B. D.), Percussion (Perc.), and Bells. Measures 68 and 69 are marked with a box containing the number 68. Measures 70, 71, and 72 are marked with the numbers 70, 71, and 72 respectively. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 1/2. The score includes various musical notations such as whole notes, half notes, quarter notes, eighth notes, and rests. There are also dynamic markings like 'a2' (fortissimo) and 'a1' (pianissimo) in measures 70 and 71. The percussion part includes snare and bass drum patterns, and the bells part includes a melodic line.