



Galileo's Vision

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INSTRUMENTATION

1 Conductor	1 1st B♭ Trumpet	1 Timpani (E-E♭-B-E)
2 Flute	1 2nd B♭ Trumpet	1 Piano (Optional)
2 Oboe	3 Trombone	8 1st Violin
1 1st B♭ Clarinet	1 Tuba	8 2nd Violin
1 2nd B♭ Clarinet	1 Mallet Percussion (Bells)	5 3rd Violin (Viola)
1 B♭ Bass Clarinet	4 Percussion (Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Large Tam-Tam, Crash Cymbals, Triangle)	5 Viola
2 Bassoon		5 Cello
4 F Horn		5 String Bass

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Galileo Galilei, born 1564 in Pisa, Italy, is considered by many scientists and academicians to be the world's first modern astronomer. Through his vision, Galileo constructed many new devices for observation, including the microscope, the thermoscope and the telescope, with which he discovered the satellites (moons) of Jupiter. During his lifetime, he was often denounced for his observations of the Earth's motion, among many other things.

Fast-forward to 1989: the NASA probe bearing his name is launched into space from the cargo bay of the space shuttle *Atlantis* for a fourteen-year journey of remarkable scientific discovery to the distant moons of Jupiter. Fast-forward again: in 2004, the European Union Space Agency begins the development of a team of satellites designed to ascertain one's precise position in time and space. Appropriately named the Galileo Satellite Radio Navigation System, the system is based on a constellation of thirty satellites and ground stations that work in tandem with the American Global Positioning Satellite System (GPS). Using individual receivers, these systems possess the ability to locate any object to within less than one meter.

Composed in the style of Gustav Holst, Stephen Melillo, and other influences, this piece begins with an ominous flowing bass ostinato that builds to a dramatic climax to be performed as boldly as possible. The center section is a calm, reflective horn solo (opt. violin) that should be performed in a legato style (with optional rubato). The piece employs several tri-tone shifts throughout, making it ultimately important to encourage students to listen to the ever-changing tonal center.

It is my hope that this piece will provide many teaching opportunities and an enriching musical experience for your students and your audiences.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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CONDUCTOR SCORE

Duration - 3:30

Ralph Ford (ASCAP)

Flute

Oboe

I

B $\flat$ Clarinets

II

Bassoon
(B $\flat$ Bass Clarinet)

F Horn

I

B $\flat$ Trumpets

II

Trombone

Tuba

Mallet Percussion
(Bells)

Timpani
(E-E $\flat$ -B-E)

Percussion
(Snare Drum, Bass Drum,
Large Tam., Crash Cym.,
Triangle)

(Cello)

Piano
(optional)

(Bass) *pp*

mp

Mysteriously ($\text{♩} = 84$)

poco accel.

I

Violins

II

Viola
(Violin III)

Cello

pp

mp

String Bass

pp

mp

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

9 **Faster** (♩ = 104)**accel.**

Fl.

Ob.

I

Cl. I

Cl. II

Bsn. (B♭ B. Cl.)

Hn.

I

Tpts. II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Gong

L.v.

Pno. (opt.)

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

stopped (brassy)

p

mp

sim.

sfz

pp

p

mp

sim.

accel.

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

17 Growing more (♩ = 132)

poco accel.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. I

Cl. II

Bsn. (B♭ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I

Tpts. II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Pno. (opt.)

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

Open

p

mf

mp

Play *mf*

(V)

(V)

-x2 4

15 16 17 18 19 20 21

33

Fl.

Ob.

I

Cls.

II

Bsn.
(B $\flat$ B. Cl.)

Hn.

I

Tpts.

II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Pno.
(opt.)

I

Vlns.

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

34 35 36 37 38

31545S

41

Fl.

Ob.

I

Cls.

II

Bsn.
(B $\flat$ B. Cl.)

Hn.

I

Tpts.

II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Pno.
(opt.)

41

I

Vlns.

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

39 40 41 42 43 44

49

Fl.

Ob.

I

Cls.

II

Bsn.
(B $\flat$ B. Cl.)

mf

Hn.

mf

I

Tpts.

II

Trb.

mf

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Pno.
(opt.)

49

Vlns.

I

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

mf

Str. Bass

mf

45 46 47 48 49 50

Fl.

Ob.

I

Cls.

II

Bsn.
(B $\flat$ B. Cl.)

Hn.

I

Tpts.

II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Bells

Cr. Cyms.

mf

Pno.
(opt.)

I

Vlns.

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

51 52 53 54 55 56

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57

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. I

Cl. II

Bsn. (B $\flat$ B. Cl.)

Hn.

Tpts. I

Tpts. II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Pno. (opt.)

57

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla. (Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

57 58 59 60 61 62

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poco rall.

Fl.

Ob.

I

Cls.

II

Bsn.
(B $\flat$ B. Cl.)

Hn.

I

Tpts.

II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Pno.
(opt.)

I

Vlns.

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

mf

sfz

poco rall.

69 70 71 72 73 74

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molto rit.

92 Solemnly (♩ = 64-72)

Fl.

Ob.

I
Cls.

II

Bsn.
(B♭ B. Cl.)

Hn.

I

Tpts.

II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Pno.
(opt.)

molto rit.

92 Solemnly (♩ = 64-72)

Vlns.

I

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

p (Hn. Solo)

(Viola)

p

sim.

p

sim.

p

sim.

p

sim.

89 90 91 92 93 94

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Coda 114

Fl. *ff*

Ob. *ff*

Cls. I *ff*

Cls. II *ff*

Bsn. (B $\flat$ B. Cl.) *ff*

Hn. *ff* broadly

Tpts. I *ff* broadly

Tpts. II *ff* broadly

Trb. *ff* broadly

Tuba *ff* broadly

Mlt. Perc.

Timp. *ff*

Perc.

Pno. (opt.) *ff*

Coda 114 Cue if strings only

Vlns. I *ff* Cue if strings only

Vlns. II *ff* Cue if strings only

Vla. (Vln. III) *ff* Cue if strings only

Cello *ff*

Str. Bass *ff*

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Fl.

Ob.

I

Cls.

II

Bsn.
(B♭ B. Cl.)

Hn.

I

Tpts.

II

Trb.

Tuba

Mlt. Perc.

Timp.

Perc.

Pno.
(opt.)

Cr. Cyms.

122

Vlns.

I

II

Vla.
(Vln. III)

Cello

Str. Bass

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