

Big City Lights

for Wind Ensemble

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Biography

Marie A. Douglas (b. 1987) has been noted for the arrangement and orchestration choices within her works for various ensembles. Her arrangements focus on affording quality voice leading, memorable rhythms and unique and interesting textures for musicians at all levels of music performance. Marie is inspired by the music of modern African American and minority music composers such as R. Nathaniel Dett, Quincy Jones, Duke Ellington, Florence Price, Margaret Bonds, Lili and Nadia Boulanger and many others. Marie enjoys arranging and transcribing pieces in addition to her own compositions.

Due to her arranging background, she often chooses to infuse aspects of her favorite genres of music into her wind band/orchestral creations, and aspects of wind band and orchestral literature in her electronic music productions. Most recently, her compositions have included negro spirituals, African drumming idioms, spoken word, sound design, samples, and tons of other elements of Hip-Hop, specifically, the sub-genre “Trap Music.”

Marie enjoys mixing and layering genres and textures to inject excitement into pieces intended for concert performance. Marie is an active conductor, composer, and arranger. She is presently a composition and music theory doctoral student at the University of Memphis where she studies with Kamran Ince and Mahir Cetiz.



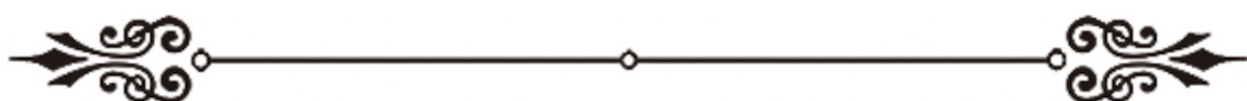
Program Notes

Big City Lights is a piece for wind band, inspired by the Hip-Hop sub-genre “Trap Music” which finds its roots in the composer’s hometown, Atlanta, Georgia. The atonal piece has an electronic accompaniment aspect as well. There are musical elements that are meant to imitate techniques which are commonly utilized during the production of music within the genre. For example, in general the timpani performs what are intended to be “808’s”, while the tuba is often performing lines that would be reserved for synthesized bass; the combination creates an often utilized distortion technique.

Other production tactics travel through the ensemble as well. Certain aspects of the orchestration are imitating automation, which places the sound exclusively in different spots of the ensemble (specifically on the left or right of the conductor). Sudden and gradual ensemble crescendos and dovetailing of melodies imitate low and high pass filters and volume knobs. Additionally, the piece aims to give the performers and audience a peek into a day in the life of an Atlanta resident.

The piece begins with the high-paced “It’s Lit!!” section which includes fortissimo exclamations occurring throughout the ensemble. Demonstrating the hustle and bustle of the famed Atlanta traffic. The traffic sounds perform a trio with the clarinets and marimba, who depict a sense of “hurry and wait”, as they endure the Atlanta traffic scene. The “Issa Vibe” section is much slower and intends to depict a night out on the town with friends, enjoying the city lights and the slightly slower paced environment.

For a short period, we return to “It’s Lit!!” followed by “Chopped and Screwed,” which is a halftime recapitulation of the main themes. “Chopped and Screwed” is a famous DJ style where a song is slowed down tremendously. The piece closes out with one final return to the original marking of “It’s Lit”. Enjoy a day in the life of an “AtLien” with “Big City Lights”!



Instrumentation

Piccolo (Flute)

Flute

Oboe

Bassoon

Clarinet 1 in B $\flat$

Clarinet 2 in B $\flat$

Clarinet 3 in B $\flat$

Bass Clarinet

Alto Saxophone

Tenor Saxophone

Baritone Saxophone

Trumpet 1 in B $\flat$

Trumpet 2 in B $\flat$

Trumpet 3 in B $\flat$

Horn in F 1

Horn in F 2

Trombone 1 & 2

Trombone 3 (Bass)

Euphonium

Tuba

Timpani (hi and low toms)

Xylophone/Ride Cymbal

Marimba

Snare Drum

Bass Drum

Cymbals (light jazz hi-hat and jazz ride)

Performance Notes

Big City Lights is a piece for Wind Ensemble and includes an electronic accompaniment. The piece requires the employment of an accompanying sound file, which is meant to depict the hustle, bustle, and commotion of traffic on the highways of Atlanta, Georgia.

*The sound file is **NOT OPTIONAL**, and should be utilized for best results.

The sound file can be activated by an off-stage individual. (perhaps stationed in the sound booth) The individual may simply download and playback the traffic sounds through the house sound system. The sound file can also be activated via an on-stage musician performing with a MIDI Controller, hooked up to a computer and amplification system.

For best results, please note that the electronic accompaniment should be activated for the first time, at beat one of measure 25 and stopped after beat four of measure 34. The second time the same file should be activated beginning at beat one of measure 107 and stopped after beat four at 111.

The performer of the electronic accompaniment should be most concerned with starting and stopping the sound at the correct measures.

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It's Lit! ♩ = 140

2 3 4 5 6 7

Piccolo

Flute

Oboe

Bassoon

Clarinet in Bb in Bb 1

Clarinet in Bb in Bb 2

Clarinet in Bb in Bb 3

Bass Clarinet in Bb

Alto Sax in Eb

Tenor Sax in Bb

Baritone Sax in Eb

Trumpet in Bb in Bb 1

Trumpet in Bb in Bb 2

Trumpet in Bb in Bb 3

Horn in F in F 1

Horn in F in F 2

Trombone 1-2

Trombone 3

Euphonium

Tuba

Timpani (Toms)

Xylophone

Marimba

Snare Drum

Bass Drum

Cymbals (jazz hi-hat and jazz ride)

hard mallets

xylophone

hi-hat

dome of ride

10

8 11 12 13 14 15

Picc. *mp*

Fl. *mp*

Ob.

Bsn.

Bb Cl. in Bb 1 *p* *mf*

Bb Cl. in Bb 2 *p* *mf*

Bb Cl. in Bb 3 *p* *mf*

B. Cl. in Bb

A. Sx. in Eb *p* *mf*

T. Sx. in Bb *p* *mf*

B. Sx. in Eb

Bb Tpt. in Bb 1 *p* *mf*

Bb Tpt. in Bb 2 *p* *mf*

Bb Tpt. in Bb 3 *p* *mf*

Hn. in F 1 *mf* *p* *mf*

Hn. in F 2 *mf* *p* *mf*

Tbn. 1-2 *mf* *p* *mf*

Tbn. 3 *mf* *p* *mf*

Euph. *mf* *p* *mf*

Tuba

Timp. *p* to toms

Xyl. *mf*

Mrb. *mf*

S.Dr.

B. Dr.

Cym. *mp*

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- Picc.
- Fl.
- Ob.
- Bsn.
- Bb Cl. in Bb 1
- Bb Cl. in Bb 2
- Bb Cl. in Bb 3
- B. Cl. in Bb
- A. Sax. in Eb
- T. Sax. in Bb
- B. Sax. in Eb
- Bb Tpt. in Bb 1
- Bb Tpt. in Bb 2
- Bb Tpt. in Bb 3
- Hn. in F 1
- Hn. in F 2
- Tbn. 1-2
- Tbn. 3
- Euph.
- Tuba
- Timp.
- Xyl.
- Mrb.
- S.Dr.
- B. Dr.
- Cym.

25

rall.

23 24 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Bb Cl. in Bb 1

Bb Cl. in Bb 2

Bb Cl. in Bb 3

B. Cl. in Bb

A. Sx. in Eb

T. Sx. in Bb

B. Sx. in Eb

Bb Tpt. in Bb 1

Bb Tpt. in Bb 2

Bb Tpt. in Bb 3

Hn. in F 1

Hn. in F 2

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Xyl.

Mrb.

S.Dr.

B. Dr.

Cym.

mp

mf

35

Issa vibe

 = 120

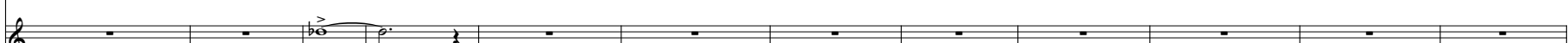
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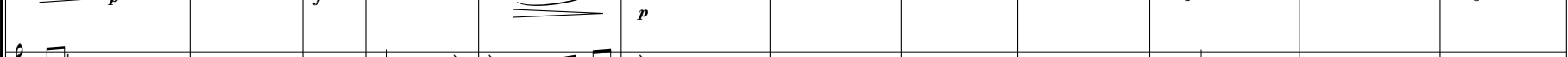
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Bb Cl. in Bb 2



Bb Cl. in Bb 3



B. Cl. in Bb



A. Sx. in Eb



T. Sx. in Bb



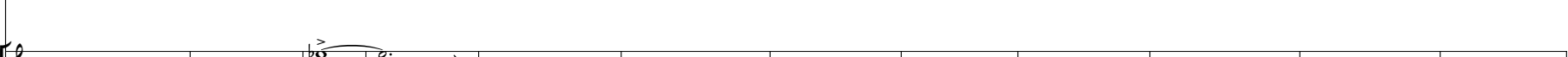
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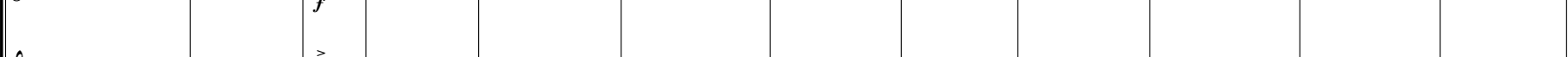
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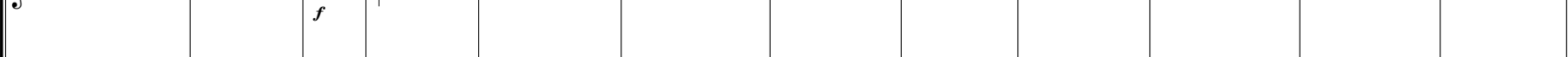
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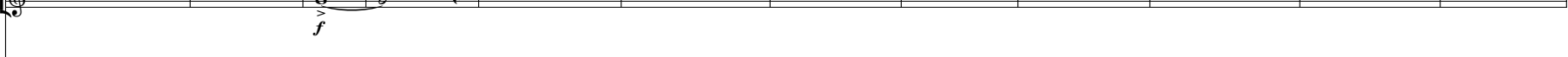
Bb Tpt. in Bb 3



Hn. in F 1



Hn. in F 2



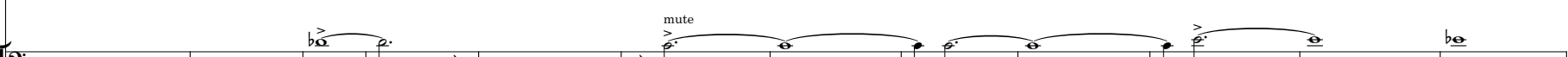
Tbn. 1-2



Tbn. 3



Euph.



Tuba



Timp.



Xyl.



Mrb.



S.Dr.



B. Dr.



Cym.



36

37

flute

38

39

40

41

42

43

44

45

f

f

f

p

p

f

p

p

f

p

f

p

p

f

p

f

p

f

f

f

f

f

f

p

pp

f

f

pp

solo

xylo

mf

Rimshots to measure 80

mf

mf

47

Picc. *p* *mf* 46 48 49 50 51 52 53

Fl. *p* *mf*

Ob. *p* *mf*

Bsn. *mf* 3 3

Bb Cl. in Bb 1 *mf* 3

Bb Cl. in Bb 2 3

Bb Cl. in Bb 3

B. Cl. in Bb *mf* 3 3

A. Sx. in Eb *p* *mf*

T. Sx. in Bb *p* *mf* 3

B. Sx. in Eb *mf* 3 3

Bb Tpt. in Bb 1

Bb Tpt. in Bb 2

Bb Tpt. in Bb 3

Hn. in F 1 *p* *mf*

Hn. in F 2 *p* *mf*

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Euph. *p* 3

Tuba

Timp.

Xyl. 3

Mrb. 3

S.Dr.

B. Dr.

Cym. 6 6 6 6 6 6 3

55

54 56 57 58 59 60 61

Picc. *f* *mf* *fp*

Fl. *f* *mf* *fp*

Ob. *f* *mf* *fp*

Bsn. *f* *mf* *fp*

Bb Cl. in Bb 1 *f* *mf* *fp*

Bb Cl. in Bb 2 *f* *mf* *fp*

Bb Cl. in Bb 3 *f* *fp*

B. Cl. in Bb *f* *mf* *fp*

A. Sax. in Eb *f*

T. Sax. in Bb *f*

B. Sax. in Eb *f* *mf* *fp*

Bb Tpt. in Bb 1 *f*

Bb Tpt. in Bb 2 *f*

Bb Tpt. in Bb 3 *f*

Hn. in F 1 *f* *mf*

Hn. in F 2 *f* *mf*

Tbn. 1-2 *f* *mf*

Tbn. 3 *f* *mf*

Euph. *f* *mf*

Tuba *f* *mf*

Timp.

Xyl. *f*

Mrb. *f* *mf*

S.Dr. *f*

B. Dr. *f*

Cym. *f*

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62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70

Picc. *f* *mf*

Fl. *f* *mf*

Ob. *f* *mf*

Bsn. *f*

Bb Cl. in Bb 1 *f* *tr*

Bb Cl. in Bb 2 *f* *tr*

Bb Cl. in Bb 3 *f*

B. Cl. in Bb *f*

A. Sax. in Eb *f*

T. Sax. in Bb *f*

B. Sax. in Eb *f*

Bb Tpt. in Bb 1 *fp* *f* *mf*

Bb Tpt. in Bb 2 *fp* *f* *mf*

Bb Tpt. in Bb 3 *mf*

Hn. in F 1 *f*

Hn. in F 2 *f*

Tbn. 1-2 *f*

Tbn. 3 *f*

Euph. *f*

Tuba *f*

Timp.

Xyl. *f*

Mrb. *f*

S.Dr.

B. Dr.

Cym. *f*

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83 It's Lit! ♪ = 140

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- A. Sax. in Eb
- T. Sax. in Bb
- B. Sax. in Eb
- Bb Tpt. in Bb 1
- Bb Tpt. in Bb 2
- Bb Tpt. in Bb 3
- Hn. in F 1
- Hn. in F 2
- Tbn. 1-2
- Tbn. 3
- Euph.
- Tuba
- Timp.
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- S.Dr.
- B. Dr.
- Cym.

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This image shows a page of a musical score, likely for a symphony or concert band. The score is written for a large ensemble, including woodwinds, brass, and percussion. The instruments listed on the left are: Picc., Fl., Ob., Bsn., Bb Cl. in Fb 1, Bb Cl. in Fb 2, Bb Cl. in Fb 3, B. Cl. in Bb, A. Sax. in Eb, T. Sax. in Bb, B. Sax. in Eb, Bb Tpt. in Fb 1, Bb Tpt. in Fb 2, Bb Tpt. in Fb 3, Hn. in F 1, Hn. in F 2, Tbn. 1-2, Tbn. 3, Euph., Tuba, Timp., Xyl., Mrb., S.Dr., B. Dr., and Cym. The score is written in a single system, with measures 88 through 95 visible. The key signature is one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, dynamics (p, mf), and articulation marks. The percussion section includes a snare drum (S.Dr.), bass drum (B. Dr.), and cymbal (Cym.). The woodwind section includes Piccolo, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Bb Clarinet in Fb 1, Bb Clarinet in Fb 2, Bb Clarinet in Fb 3, B. Clarinet in Bb, A. Saxophone in Eb, T. Saxophone in Bb, and B. Saxophone in Eb. The brass section includes Bb Trumpet in Fb 1, Bb Trumpet in Fb 2, Bb Trumpet in Fb 3, Horn in F 1, Horn in F 2, Tbn. 1-2, Tbn. 3, Euphonium, and Tuba. The percussion section includes Timp., Xyl., Mrb., S.Dr., B. Dr., and Cym. The score is written in a single system, with measures 88 through 95 visible. The key signature is one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, dynamics (p, mf), and articulation marks.

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107

102 103 104 105 106 107

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Bb Cl. in Bb 1

Bb Cl. in Bb 2

Bb Cl. in Bb 3

B. Cl. in Bb

A. Sx. in Eb

T. Sx. in Bb

B. Sx. in Eb

Bb Tpt. in Bb 1

Bb Tpt. in Bb 2

Bb Tpt. in Bb 3

Hn. in F 1

Hn. in F 2

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Xyl.

Mrb.

S.Dr.

B. Dr.

Cym.

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113

Chopped and screwed (♩ = 70)

114115116117118

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Bb Cl. in Bb 1

Bb Cl. in Bb 2

Bb Cl. in Bb 3

B. Cl. in Bb

A. Sx. in Eb

T. Sx. in Bb

B. Sx. in Eb

Bb Tpt. in Bb 1

Bb Tpt. in Bb 2

Bb Tpt. in Bb 3

Hn. in F 1

Hn. in F 2

Tbn. 1-2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

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Cym.

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