Ballad for an Uncommon Man

by Davide A. Pedrazzini

Grade 2+

Complete Band Instrumentation

8 Flute 2 Oboe (opt. Flute 2) 6 Bb Clarinet 1 6 Bb Clarinet 2 2 Bb Bass Clarinet 2 Bassoon 4 Eb Alto Saxophone	2 Eb Baritone Sax 5 Bb Trumpet 1 5 Bb Trumpet 2 4 Horn in F 6 Trombone 2 Euphonium B.C. 2 Euphonium T.C.	2 Timpani 2 Mallets Vibraphone/Bells 2 Percussion 1 Snare Drum, Bass Drum 2 Percussion 2 Suspended Cymbal, Mark Tree/Triangle/
4 Eb Alto Saxophone	2 Euphonium T.C.	
2 Bb Tenor Saxophone	4 Tuba	Crash Cymbals

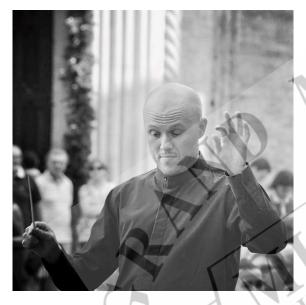
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This heartfelt work evokes the memory of a dear friend of the composer, Angelo Sormani, who tragically passed away at a young age. It is a slow ballad with a lyrical and very expressive melody. The theme, introduced by the solo flute with vibraphone, develops in the woodwinds and then in the brass. In the second part there is a change of key (from Eb to F) and the theme is repeated in the medium-low lines. The piece ends with the melody expanding and becoming more rarefied.



About the composer

Davide Antonio Pedrazzini (Lodi-Italy, 1981) first encountered music when he was 11 years old. He studied saxophone and clarinet. Later he deepened his music studies and successfully graduated in Composition at the Conservatorio of Piacenza and in Arranging for Band at the Conservatorio of Parma.

He took courses in band conducting with several teachers, including José Rafael Pascual Vilaplana, Lorenzo Della Fonte and Angelo Bolciaghi.

His compositions have won awards in several national and international composition competitions. In 2023 he won the Grand Prize and further 1st prize at the *Grand Mesa Young Band Composition Contest* (Colorado, USA).

He regularly writes aimed at young bands and several compositions have been included in repertories and consequently performed at competitions. He has published numerous pieces with various European and American publishers, including *Baton Music (NL), AM Music Publishing (NL), Tierolff Muziekcentrale (NL), Edizioni Musicali Eufonia (IT), Edizioni Musicali Wicky (IT), Progetti Sonori (IT), Leading Tones Music (USA), Grand Mesa Strings Publishing (USA) and Grand Mesa Music Publishers (USA).*

He is the conductor of bands, also providing training for students and young bands.

He is professor of arranging and composition for band at the Conservatorio of Udine (Italy).

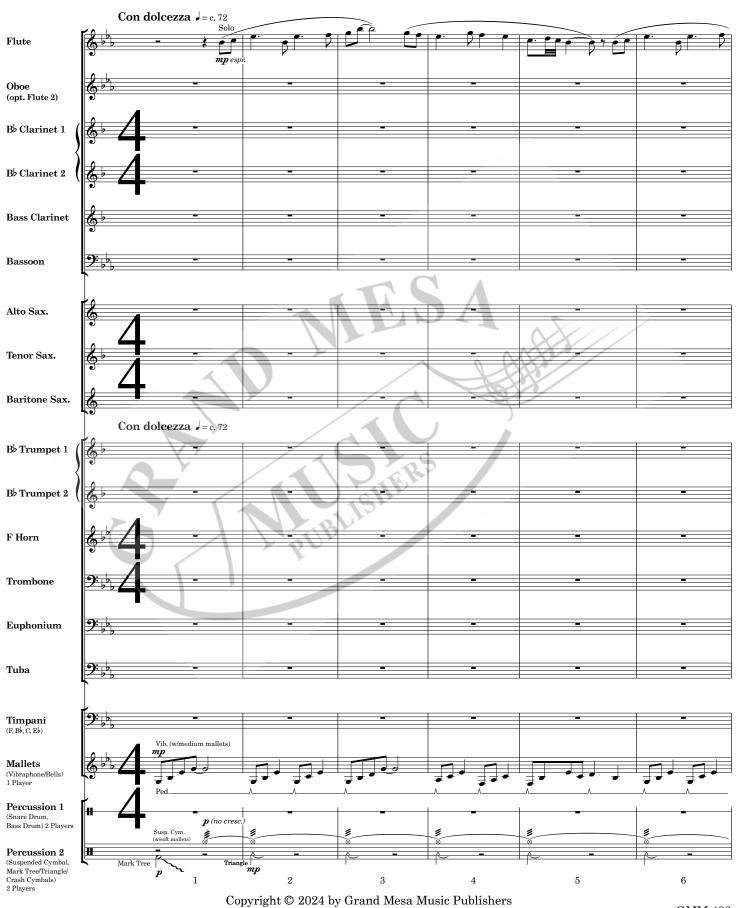
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