



# The Spirit of Kilkenny

CAROL BRITTIN CHAMBERS

## Instrumentation

Full Score	1
Flute	8
Oboe	2
B♭ Clarinet 1	6
B♭ Clarinet 2	6
Bass Clarinet	2
Bassoon	2
Alto Saxophone	4
Tenor Saxophone	2
Baritone Saxophone	2
B♭ Trumpet 1	6
B♭ Trumpet 2	6
Horn in F	4
Trombone	4
Euphonium	2
Baritone T.C.	2
Tuba	4
Timpani (F: A♭: B♭)	2
Mallets	2
Xylophone, Chimes	
Percussion 1	2
Snare Drum, Bass Drum	
Percussion 2	4
Suspended Cymbal, Triangle, Tambourine, Tom-tom	

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## ABOUT THE COMPOSER



Carol Brittin Chambers is currently on the music faculty at Texas Lutheran University. She lives in San Antonio, Texas, where she is the owner and composer of Aspenwood Music. She also maintains an active performance schedule, including appearances with the Mid-Texas and San Antonio Symphonies. Chambers is commissioned each year to compose and arrange works for concert band, marching band, and various other ensembles. She has arranged and orchestrated marching shows for numerous high school bands across the country, as well as The Crossmen Drum Corps.

Before coming to TLU, Chambers taught middle school and high school band for many years in the North East Independent School District, San Antonio, TX. She also taught private lessons in NEISD. Chambers received a Master of Music in Trumpet Performance from Northwestern University and a Bachelor of Music Education from Texas Tech University. She studied under Vincent Cichowicz, John Paynter, Arnold Jacobs, James Sudduth, and Will Strieder.

## THE SPIRIT OF KILKENNY

The *Spirit of Kilkenny* was commissioned by the Minnesota Junior Winds, Geneva Fitzsimonds and Charles Weise, directors. The piece premiered in November 2020. The consortium participants are as follows:

Central Middle School - Gertrude Sommerfeld and Ben Anderson, directors  
Chaska Middle School West - Eric Songer and Maggie Zeidel, directors  
Eagan High School - Brett Benson, Doug Hart, and Michael Pearson, directors  
Eagle Ridge Middle School - Nicholas Armstrong, director  
Edina High School - Paul Kile, Andy Richter, and Geneva Fitzsimonds, directors  
Friendly Hills Middle School - Lori Booth, director  
Minneapolis South High School - Eric Sayre, director  
Minnetonka Middle School East - Michael Anderson and Karen Gotz, directors  
Pioneer Ridge Middle School - Scott Prescott, director  
Richfield High School - Elizabeth Winslow, director  
South View Middle School - Megan Palmer and Charles Weise, directors  
St. Anthony Village Middle School & High School - Andy Erickson, Chris Ravndal, Jill Westermeyer, directors  
Valley Middle School of STEM - David M. Miller and David T. Miller, directors  
Valley View Middle School - Melody Snyder and Chris Gumz, directors

When commissioned specifically to write a Grade 2 piece in 6/8 meter, I immediately thought of a jig, which is one style commonly found in traditional Irish music. Jigs are always in compound meter (6/8, 9/8, or 12/8) and they are usually upbeat and lively in spirit.

Traditional instruments commonly used in Irish music include the Flute, Fiddle, Tin Whistle, Bagpipes, Accordion, and Bodhran (type of Celtic frame drum.) To somewhat recreate more of a Frame Drum or even Field Drum sound, I wrote for “snares off” in the beginning section of the piece. The dotted half notes preceded by a grace note represent the drone of Bagpipes throughout.

Kilkenny is a city in the Southeast region of Ireland in the province of Leinster. It is known for its historic Kilkenny Castle, as well as many craft and design workshops and the Kilkenny Roots Festival.

### NOTE TO THE CONDUCTOR:

Use this piece to introduce or reinforce the following musical concepts:

- 6/8 Meter
- Jig style
- Accents on certain beats
- Lyrical playing in the middle section (4/4 Meter)

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## CAROL BRITTON CHAMBERS (ASCAP)

## The Spirit of Kilkenny - Full Score

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Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

17

Play

17

Play

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## The Spirit of Kilkenny - Full Score

25

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

25

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## The Spirit of Kilkenny - Full Score

7

33

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

33

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## The Spirit of Kilkenny - Full Score

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**41**

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

The score consists of two systems of musical staves. The top system (measures 36-41) includes parts for Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinets 1 & 2, Bassoon, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Trombones 1 & 2, Horn, Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, Marimba, and Percussion 1 & 2. The bottom system (measures 37-42) includes parts for Bassoon, Clarinet 1, Bassoon, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Horn, Trombone 3, Bassoon, Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, Marimba, and Percussion 1 & 2. Measure 41 features a large '4' symbol above the staff, and measure 42 features a large '4' symbol above the staff. Measure 42 also includes dynamics 'rit.', 'mp', and 'p'.

**Andante Moderato** ♩ = 96

Fl. *mf*

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1 *mp*

B♭ Cl. 2 *mp*

B. Cl. *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

A. Sax. *mf*

T. Sax. *mp*

B. Sax.

**Andante Moderato** ♩ = 96

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn. *mp*

Tbn.

Euph. *mp*

Tuba *mp*

Tim. *mp*

Mal. Chimes *mf*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 Sus. Cym. *ppp* — *mp*

43 44 45 46 47 48 49

## The Spirit of Kilkenny - Full Score

Tempo Primo ♩ = 120 [61] ♩. = 120

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

## The Spirit of Kilkenny - Full Score

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

71

72

73

74

75

76

## The Spirit of Kilkenny - Full Score

77

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mal.

Xyl.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

81

77

78

79

80

81

82

89

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

**89**

The musical score consists of ten staves of music. The top five staves (Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2) are in B-flat major, while the bottom five (Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, Bass Trombone, Horn, Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, Marimba, Percussion 1) are in C major. Measures 83 through 89 are shown. Measure 83 starts with rests for most instruments. Measures 84-85 show various entries from Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinets, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, Bass Trombone, and Horn. Measures 86-87 feature sustained notes from Bassoon, Clarinets, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, Bass Trombone, and Horn. Measure 88 begins with a dynamic *p*, followed by sustained notes from Bassoon, Clarinets, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, Bass Trombone, and Horn. Measure 89 concludes with a dynamic *f*. Measure numbers 83 through 89 are indicated above each staff.

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

p

f

90 91 92 93 94 95 96