

Cryptic Variants

Frank McKinney (b. 1953)

Flute - 8
Oboe - 2
Bb Clarinet 1 - 4
Bb Clarinet 2 - 4
Bb Bass Clarinet - 2
Eb Alto Saxophone 1 - 4
Bb Tenor Saxophone - 2
Eb Baritone Saxophone - 1
Bb Trumpet 1 - 2
Bb Trumpet 2 - 2
F Horn - 2
Trombone 1 - 2
Trombone 2 - 2
Baritone, Bassoon - 4
Baritone Treble Clef - 1
Tuba - 2
String Bass - 1
Timpani - 1
Bells, Chimes, Xylophone - 3
Snare Drum, Bass Drum - 1
Triangle, Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals, Gong - 3

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A musical adventure of jaggedly contrasting variants! Flashes of frightening harmonies lead this suspenseful journey of variations through the keys of C minor, G minor, F minor, Eb Major and Bb Major. You'll enjoy some melodic acrobatics along the way as the ideas eventually evolve into an uplifting finish. With its wide dynamic ranges, tasty percussion and interesting musical lines, this intense composition presents wonderful opportunities for teaching expressive playing.

Preview

After graduating from the Florida State University School of Music in 1976, Frank McKinney taught middle and high school band for thirty eight years in Florida and Georgia. Frank is now retired from teaching but is an active musician, clinician and composer, playing with the Georgia Wind Symphony, TriState Community Band of North Georgia, Young Harris College Band and his jazz combo, The Swing Set. Frank is a member of the National Association of Music Educators, the National Band Association, the Florida Music Educators Association, the Florida Bandmasters Association and the Georgia Music Educators Association. He and his wife, Cara, live near Blairsville, Georgia, where they enjoy the outdoors with their cat, Howdy.

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Larghetto ♩ = 66

2

3

4

5

Flute

Oboe

B♭ Clarinet 1

B♭ Clarinet 2

B♭ Bass Clarinet

E♭ Alto Saxophone

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

B♭ Trumpet 1

B♭ Trumpet 2

F Horn

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Baritone Bassoon

Tuba

Timpani G-C-D-E♭

Bells

Chimes

Xylophone

Snare Drum

Bass Drum

Triangle

Suspended Cymbal

Crash Cymbals

Gong

div.

f

p

mf

sub. f

pp

mp

ff

c.c.

S.C.

Gong

Chimes

Bells

pp

p

mf

ff

c.c.

S.C.

Gong

Chimes

Bells

pp

p

mf

ff

c.c.

S.C.

Gong

6

7

8

9

10

11

Andantino ♩ = 84

Fl *p* *mp* *p* *mf*

Ob *p* *mp* *p* *mf*

Cl 1 *p* *mp* *p* *mf*

Cl 2 *p* *mp* *p* *mf*

B Cl *p* *mp* *p* *mf*

A Sax *p* *mp* *p* *mf*

T Sax *p*

B Sax *p* *mp* *p*

Tpt 1 *p*

Tpt 2 *p*

Hn *p* *mp* *p*

Trbn 1 *p*

Trbn 2 *p*

Bari Bsn *p* *mp* *p*

Tuba *p* *mp* *p*

Timp *p*

Bells Chime Xylo *p* Chimes *p*

S.D. B.D. *pp* *p* *pp*

Tri Cym Gong *mf* *mf*

1 player on upper 8ve

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Bsn. *mp* *p*

Bari. *mp* *p*

S.C. w/stick

Fl
 Ob
 Cl 1
 Cl 2
 B Cl
 A Sax
 T Sax
 B Sax
 Tpt 1
 Tpt 2
 Hn
 Trbn 1
 Trbn 2
 Bari
 Bsn
 Tuba
 Timp
 Bells
 Chime
 Xylo
 S.D.
 B.D.
 Tri
 Cym
 Gong

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Bari Bsn

Tuba

Timp

Bells

Chime

Xylo

S.D.

B.D.

Tri

Cym

Gong

p

f

mp

sub. f

mf

pp

tutti

Chimes

Gong

23

24

Allegro $\text{♩} = 120$

26

27

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Bari Bsn

Tuba

Timp

Bells

Chime

Xylo

S.D.

B.D.

Tri

Cym

Gong

mf

f

mf

p

mp

Chimes

mf

mp

28

29

30

31

32

33

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Bari Bsn

Tuba

Timp

Bells

Chime

Xylo

S.D.
B.D.

Tri

Cym

Gong

S.C. soft mallets

mp

mf

pp

Gong

G → F

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34

35

36

37

38

39

Fl *div.* *f* *ff*

Ob *f* *ff*

Cl 1 *f* *ff* *sub. p* *mp*

Cl 2 *f* *ff* *sub. p* *mp*

B Cl *f* *ff* *sub. p* *mp*

A Sax *f* *ff* *sub. p* *mp*

T Sax *f* *ff* *sub. p* *mp*

B Sax *f* *ff* *sub. p* *mp*

Tpt 1 *f* *ff*

Tpt 2 *f* *ff*

Hn *f* *ff*

Trbn 1 *f* *ff* *sub. p* *mp*

Trbn 2 *f* *ff* *sub. p* *mp*

Bari Bsn *f* *ff* *sub. p* *mp*

Tuba *f* *ff* *sub. p* *mp*

Timp *mp* C→B₅

Bells *f* *ff*

Chime

Xylo

S.D. *f*

B.D.

Tri *mf* *f* C.C.

Cym

Gong

40

41

42

43

44

45

Adagietto $\text{♩} = 80$

Fl

Ob

Cl 1

Cl 2

B Cl

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1

Tpt 2

Hn

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Bari Bsn

Tuba

Timp

Bells

Chime

Xylo

S.D.

B.D.

Tri

Cym

Gong

Preview

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Allegro ♩ = 132

52

53

54

55

56

Fl *f* *mf*

Ob *f* *mf* *f*

Cl 1 *f* *mf* *f*

Cl 2 *f* *mf* *f*

B Cl *f* *f*

A Sax *f* *mf* *f*

T Sax *f* *mf* *f*

B Sax *f* *mf* *f*

Tpt 1 *mp* *f*

Tpt 2 *f* *mp* *f*

Hn *mp* *f*

Trbn 1 *f* *mf* *f*

Trbn 2 *f* *mf* *f*

Bari Bsn *f* *mf* *f*

Tuba *f* *f*

Timp *f* *mf* *f* D→C

Bells

Chime

Xylo *f* *sub. p*

S.D. *f* *mf* *f*

B.D. *f* *mf* *f*

Tri c.c.

Cym *f*

Gong *f*

57

58

59

60

61

62

Fl *div.* *mp* *f*

Ob *mp* *f*

Cl 1 *mp* *f* *div.*

Cl 2 *mp* *f*

B Cl *mp*

A Sax *1 player* *mp* *tutti* *mp* *f*

T Sax *mp* *f*

B Sax *f*

Tpt 1 *div.* *mp* *f*

Tpt 2 *mp* *f*

Hn *f*

Trbn 1 *f*

Trbn 2 *f*

Bari Bsn *f*

Tuba

Timp

Bells Chime Xylo *mp* *f*

S.D. B.D. *mp* *Tri.* *mf* *mp* *f* *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

Tri Cym Gong *mp* *f* *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

c.c. *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

63 64 65 66 67 68 *molto rit.*

Fl *mp*

Ob *mp*

Cl 1 *mp*

Cl 2 *mp*

B Cl *mp*

A Sax *mp* 1 player

T Sax *mp* 1 player

B Sax *mp*

Tpt 1 *mp* 1 player

Tpt 2 *mp*

Hn *mp*

Trbn 1 *mp*

Trbn 2 *mp*

Bari Bsn *mp* 1 player *tutti*

Tuba *mp*

Timp *p*

Bells

Chime

Xylo *mp*

S.D. *mp*

B.D. *mp*

Tri *mp*

Cym *p*

Gong

74

♩ = 84

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75

76

77

78

79

80

Allegro ♩ = 132

Fl *mf* *f*

Ob *mf* *f*
1 player
on upper 8ve

Cl 1 *mf* *f*

Cl 2 *mf* *f*

B Cl *f*

A Sax *tutti mp* *f*

T Sax *tutti mp* *f* *mf*

B Sax *f* *mf*

Tpt 1 *f* *mf* *sub. p*

Tpt 2 *f* *mf* *sub. p*

Hn *f sub. p*

Trbn 1 *f sub. p* *mf*

Trbn 2 *f* *mf*

Bari Bsn *f* *mf*

Tuba *f*

Timp *f*

Bells *f*

Chime *f sub. p*

Xylo *f sub. p*

S.D. *f* *mf* *p*

B.D. *f* *mf* *p*

Tri *mp* *f*

Cym *mp* *f*

Gong *mp* *f*

Fl *mf*

Ob *mf*

Cl 1 *mf* 1 player on upper 8ve

Cl 2 *mf*

B Cl *mf*

A Sax *mf*

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt 1 *mf* *mp*

Tpt 2 *mf* *mp*

Hn *mf*

Trbn 1

Trbn 2

Bari Bsn

Tuba *mf*

Timp *mf*

Bells Xylo

Chime Xylo *mp*

S.D. B.D. *mf*

Tri. *mf*

Cym Gong *mf*

c.c. mf

