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#### Instrumentation

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Flute	.10
Oboe	2
Bb Clarinet	.12
Bb Bass Clarinet	2
Bassoon	
Eb Alto Saxophone	8
Bb Tenor Saxophone	2
Eb Baritone Saxophone	2
Bb Trumpet	.10
F Horn	4
Trombone/Baritone BC	8
Baritone TC	2
Tuba	4
Mallet Percussion: Bells, Vibes	4
Percussion 1: Triangle, Mark Tree, Snare Drum, Bass Drum	
Percussion 2: Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals	2
Piano/Keyboard (optional)	

#### **Program Notes**

In 1850, the composer Richard Storrs Willis wrote "Carol," a beautiful melody created for the poem "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear" by Edmund Sears. Upon A Midnight Clear is a setting of this classic carol melody for the concert band.

Gentle, poignant and beautiful, we hope you enjoy this musical imagery of a silent night long ago.

#### **Note to the Conductor**

The keyboard percussion should be gentle, yet clearly audible in the balance. Please give consideration to the appropriate mallet choice. A music box setting is the intended effect.

The flutes, oboe and keyboard percussion should be very light at m. 20. Give careful consideration to balance as the melodic line moves throughout the band in the section beginning at m. 28. The performance style throughout should be flowing with a sense of momentum.

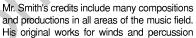
Upon A Midnight Clear is written to convey a sense of beauty, wonder and peace. Feel free to adjust tempos throughout to fit your particular performance situation and the artistic intent.

I hope that you and the band enjoy the preparation and performance of Upon A Midnight Clear. Best wishes for wonderful holiday performances!



#### **About the Arranger**

Robert W. Smith (b. 1958) is one of the most popular and prolific composers of concert band and orchestral literature in America today. He has over 600 publications in print with the majority composed and arranged through his long association with Warner Bros. Publications and the Belwin catalog.





have been programmed by countless military, university, high school, and middle school bands throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia, South America and Asia. His Symphony #1 (The Divine Comedy), Symphony #2 (The Odyssey) and Africa: Ceremony, Song and Ritual have received worldwide critical acclaim. His educational compositions such as The Tempest, Encanto, and The Great Locomotive Chase have become standards for develoing bands throughout the world. His numerous works for orchestras of all levels are currently some of the most popular repertoire available today. His music has received extensive airplay on major network television as well as inclusion in multiple motion pictures. From professional ensembles such as the United States Navy Band and the Atlanta Symphony to school bands and orchestras throughout the world, his music speaks to audiences in any concert setting.

As a conductor and clinician, Mr. Smith has performed throughout the United States, Canada, Japan, Europe and Australia. He is the principal conductor of the American Symphonic Winds and the American Festival Philharmonic Orchestra, professional recording ensembles based in Washington D. C. He has recently completed production of Symphony No. 3 (Don Quixote), the fourth in a series of compact disc recordings of his best-known works for concert band. In addition, he is co-creator of the Expressions Music Curriculum. This comprehensive Pre-K through 12 music program includes Band Expressions, an innovative new approach to teaching music through the band.

Mr. Smith is the Vice President of Product Development and is an exclusive composer for the C. L. Barnhouse Company and Walking Frog Records. In addition, he is currently teaching in the Music Industry program at Troy University in Troy, Alabama. His teaching responsibilities are focused in music composition, production, publishing and business.

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