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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score	1
1st & 2nd Flute	10
Oboe	2
1st B \flat Clarinet	4
2nd B \flat Clarinet	4
3rd B \flat Clarinet	4
B \flat Bass Clarinet	2
Bassoon	2
1st E \flat Alto Saxophone	3
2nd E \flat Alto Saxophone	3
B \flat Tenor Saxophone	2
E \flat Baritone Saxophone	1
1st B \flat Trumpet	3
2nd B \flat Trumpet	3
3rd B \flat Trumpet	3
1st F Horn	2
2nd F Horn	2
1st Trombone	3
2nd Trombone	3
Euphonium B.C.	2
Euphonium T.C.	2
Tuba	4
Mallet Percussion: Chimes, Vibraphone	2
Timpani	1
Percussion: Triangle, Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbal	3

PROGRAM NOTES

Steadfast: *"resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering."*

"Hymn For The Steadfast" was commissioned by the Roanoke Rapids (NC) High School Band Class of 2016, and dedicated to their teacher Ms. Laura Manning. The slow introduction of the work, which spells out "LAURA" in a musical cryptogram, presents the basis for the original hymn that is taken up in turn by solo woodwinds, brass choir, and then finally the full band. The result is a thoughtful and moving piece for band that honors the work of Ms. Manning and every other teacher who works so hard to enrich and impact the lives of their students.

NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

This work features the opportunity to teach intonation and balance/blend of both unison and chordal structures at a variety of dynamic levels. Students should be reminded to maintain good tone and intonation at the softest and loudest dynamic levels. These contrasts are crucial to shaping the form of the work.

To create the most lyrical possible performance, students should be encouraged to play through to the ends of phrases, paying particular attention developing the "long line." This is especially important for the woodwind soloists in the beginning and the full band at the climax of the piece.

Thank you for what you do, I wrote this piece for all of the teachers who are steadfast in their efforts to inspire their students.

Best wishes!

Mark J. Connor

ABOUT THE ARRANGER



Mark J. Connor (b. 1971) is a composer, conductor, and educator whose focus is writing for concert band. Mr. Connor's works appear on several state lists. An educator and composer for over 20 years, Mark has taught at levels ranging from junior through college and has been commissioned by numerous schools and professional ensembles. He currently teaches college level music theory and composition in the St. Louis area.

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HYMN FOR THE STEADFAST

Conductor Score

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Expressively (♩ = 60)

The musical score is arranged in a standard concert band format. It features 14 staves for woodwinds, 10 staves for brass, and 3 staves for percussion. The woodwind section includes 1st & 2nd Flute, Oboe, 1st B♭ Clarinet, 2nd B♭ Clarinet, 3rd B♭ Clarinet, B♭ Bass Clarinet, Bassoon, 1st E♭ Alto Saxophone, 2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone, B♭ Tenor Saxophone, and E♭ Baritone Saxophone. The brass section includes 1st B♭ Trumpet, 2nd B♭ Trumpet, 3rd B♭ Trumpet, 1st F Horn, 2nd F Horn, 1st Trombone, 2nd Trombone, Euphonium B.C., and Tuba. The percussion section includes Mallet Percussion (Chimes, Vibraphone), Timpani (A, D, E), and Percussion (Triangle, Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbal). The score is in 4/4 time and begins with a dynamic of *pp*. The tempo is marked 'Expressively' with a quarter note equal to 60 beats per minute. The piece concludes with a final dynamic of *p*. A large watermark 'For Reference Only! Not Valid for Performance' is overlaid diagonally across the score.

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10 With more motion

Fl. *pp* *mp* Solo

Ob. *pp*

Cl. 1 *pp* *mp* Solo

Cl. 2 *pp* *p*

Cl. 3

B. Cl. *pp*

Bsn. *pp*

A. Sx. 1 *pp* *mp* Solo *mp* Solo

A. Sx. 2 *pp*

T. Sx. *pp* *p*

B. Sx. *pp* Bass Cl. Cue

10 With more motion

Tpt. 1 *pp*

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt. *p* molto sostenuto Vibes (Motor Off)

Timp.

Perc.

7 8 9 11 12 13

Div. 16

Fl. *mp* *p*

Ob. *mp* *p*

Cl. 1 *mp* *p*

Cl. 2 *mp* *p*

Cl. 3 *mp* *p*

B. Cl. *mp* *p*

Bsn. *mp* *p*

A. Sx. 1 *mp* *p*

A. Sx. 2 *mp* *p*

T. Sx. *mp* *p*

B. Sx. *mp* *p*

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1 *p*

Hn. 2 *p*

Tbn. 1 *p*

Tbn. 2 *p*

Euph. *p*

Tuba *p*

Vib. *mp*

Timp. *pp* *mp* *p*

Perc. *pp* *mp* *p*

14 15 17 18 19 20

22

26

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

Vib.

Timp.

Perc.

mp

mf

Open a2

Open

Div. a2

Crash Cymbal

21 23 24 25 27

Fl. *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Cl. 1 *p*

Cl. 2 *p*

Cl. 3 *p*

B. Cl. *mp*

Bsn. *mp* *mf* *mp*

A. Sx. 1 *mp* *mf* *mp*

A. Sx. 2 *mp* *mp* *mp*

T. Sx. *mp* *mf* *mp*

B. Sx. *mp* *mf* *mp*

Tpt. 1 *mp* *mf* *p*

Tpt. 2 *mp* *mf* *p*

Tpt. 3 *mp* *mf* *p*

Hn. 1 *mp* *mf* *mp*

Hn. 2 *mp* *mf* *mp*

Tbn. 1 *mp* *mf* *p*

Tbn. 2 *mp* *mf* *p*

Euph. *mp* *mf* *p*

Tuba *mp* *mf* *p*

Vib. *mp* *mf* *p*

Timp. *mp* *mf* *p*

Perc. *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

28 *p* 29 *mf* 30 31 *p* 32 33 *mf*

34 38 Div. *f*

Fl. *f*

Ob. *f*

Cl. 1 *mf* *f*

Cl. 2 *mf* *f*

Cl. 3 *mf* *f*

B. Cl. *mf* *f*

Bsn. *mf* *f*

A. Sx. 1 *mf* *f*

A. Sx. 2 *mf* *f*

T. Sx. *mf* *f*

B. Sx. *mf* *f*

34 *mf* 38 *f*

Tpt. 1 *mf* *f*

Tpt. 2 *mf* *f*

Tpt. 3 *mf* *f*

Hn. 1 *mf* *mf* *f*

Hn. 2 *mf* *mf* *f*

Tbn. 1 *mf* *f*

Tbn. 2 *mf* *f*

Euph. *mf* *f*

Tuba *mf* *f*

Vib.

Timp. *mf* *p* *mf* *mf* *f*

Perc.

35 36 37 39 *mp*

45 More slowly

Fl. *poco rit.* *a tempo* *f*

Ob. *f*

Cl. 1 *f*

Cl. 2 *f*

Cl. 3 *f*

B. Cl. *f*

Bsn. *f*

A. Sx. 1 *f*

A. Sx. 2 *f*

T. Sx. *f*

B. Sx. *f*

Tpt. 1 *poco rit.* *a tempo* *f*

Tpt. 2 *f*

Tpt. 3 *f*

Hn. 1 *f*

Hn. 2 *f*

Tbn. 1 *f*

Tbn. 2 *f*

Euph. *f*

Tuba *f* Div. a2

Vib.

Timp. *f*

Perc. *f*

40 *f* 41 *mp* 42 *f* 43 *mp* 44 *f*

Fl. *p* *p* *pp*

Ob. *p* *pp*

Cl. 1 *p* *pp*

Cl. 2 *p* *pp*

Cl. 3 *p* *pp*

B. Cl. *p* *pp*

Bsn. *p* *pp*

A. Sx. 1 *p* *pp*

A. Sx. 2 *p* *pp*

T. Sx. *p* *pp*

B. Sx. *p* *pp*

Tpt. 1 *p* *pp*

Tpt. 2 *p* *pp*

Tpt. 3 *p* *pp*

Hn. 1 *p* *pp*

Hn. 2 *p* *pp*

Tbn. 1 *p* *pp*

Tbn. 2 *p* *pp*

Euph. *p* *pp*

Tuba *p* *pp*

Mlt. Chimes *mf* *p* *pp*

Timp. *p* *pp*

Perc.

46 47 48 49 50 51 52