

Springtime Overture

(2012, Rev. 2021)



Grade 3
For Wind Ensemble

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Instrumentation

Piccolo
2 Flutes
2 Oboes
Bassoon

3 Bb Clarinets
Bb Bass Clarinet
Bb Contrabass Clarinet (optional)

2 Eb Alto Saxophones
Bb Tenor Saxophone
Eb Baritone Saxophone

3 Bb Trumpets
4 French Horns
3 Trombones (3 = Bass Trombone)
Euphonium
Tuba

Timpani
2 Mallet Percussion
1: Vibraphone, Tubular Bells, Glockenspiel, optional Xylophone (shared with Mlt. 2)
2: Marimba, Xylophone, Crotales (Mallets & Bow)
2 Percussion
1: 2 Suspended Cymbals of different sizes, China Cymbal, High Hat
2: Snare, Medium and Large Toms
Bass Drum and Optional Tam Tam

The musical score consists of two systems of four staves each. The top system is for Percussion 1 and the bottom system is for Percussion 2. Each staff has a common time signature and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The staves are labeled from left to right as follows:

- Perc. 1 key:** High Hat, Large Susp. Cymbal, Med. Susp. Cymbal, China Cymbal
- Perc. 2 key:** Snare, Med. Tom, Large Tom

The music includes various rhythmic patterns and rests for each instrument.

Program Note

The coming of spring has long been one of my favorite times of the year. Each winter, I find myself caught in a battle with seasonal affective disorder (aptly shortened to S.A.D.) where the choice to be happy is difficult to make. Though the winters among the Rocky Mountains are beautiful in their own, snowy way, the energy and revival of March and April breath life not only into the plants and animals but my spirit as well.

Springtime Overture is my attempt to capture some of that revitalizing primaveral energy. The piece begins slowly, reminiscent of the final weeks of a long winter, but advances into an exciting mixed-meter melody as music begins to bloom. A contemplative ballad reflects on the difficulties of the past season but is once again answered with hope as the music grows to its final, joyous end.

Rehearsal Notes

The piece should be performed with anticipatory energy throughout, particularly in the faster portions (m. 31 - m. 70). That said, it will be tempting for the ensemble to rush the $|9/8| + |10/8|$ mixed meter, especially the duple beats.

The trumpet/snare melody at m. 17 should be performed with resolve but not marcato; the level of energy should be greater than the slower low-winds ballad that precedes it but much less than the saxophone ostinato that immediately follows.

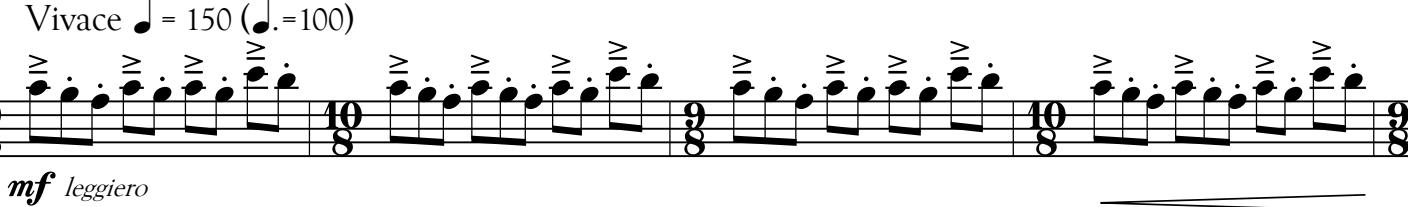
The Piccolo/Alto Sax/Mallet countermelody at m. 62 has proven challenging to accurately play together. Some additional rehearsal here is encouraged.

The oboe solo at m. 88 and the accompanying flute duet that joins m. 101 are not technically-challenging solos, but offer a great opportunity to show off the players' emotional musicality.

Cues have been provided in parts from m. 128 to m. 153 but omitted from the score to enhance the clarity of entrances for the conductor. Furthermore, this section has been notated as 4/4 but may be thought of in 8/8—subdivided as $|3+3+2|$ —at least until the trumpet entrance at m. 149.

The $|9/8| + |10/8|$ mixed meter is always subdivided as: $|3+2+2+2| + |3+3+2+2|$. Emphasis is always placed on the first note of the beat; if sung, the syllables would be “dee dat da + dee dat + dee dat + dee dat” etc. See the following excerpt from the Alto Saxophone part m. 31:

Vivace $\text{♩} = 150$ ($\text{♩} = 100$)

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*This piece was originally written in 2012 by a 17-year-old me. It was revised in 2021 by a somewhat more mature me and though every effort has been made to modernize, correct, and clarify this piece, there may still be some errata of which I am unaware. If so, please let me know so I can correct those.

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Andante $\text{♩} = 92$

Piccolo
Flute 1
Flute 2
Oboe 1
Oboe 2
Bassoon
B♭ Clarinet 1
B♭ Clarinet 2
B♭ Clarinet 3
B♭ Bass Clarinet
B♭ Contrabass Clarinet
Alto Sax 1
Alto Sax 2
Tenor Sax
Baritone Sax
B♭ Trumpet 1
B♭ Trumpet 2
B♭ Trumpet 3
Horn 1
Horn 2
Horn 3
Horn 4
Trombone 1
Trombone 2
Trombone 3
Euphonium
Tuba
Timpani
Mallets 1
Mallets 2
Percussion 1
Percussion 2
Bass Drum

timpano
Vibrphone - no motor

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10

Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Ob. 1
2

Bsn. *mf* *mp* *poco cresc.*

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl. *mf* *mp* *poco cresc.*

Cb. Cl. *mf* *mp* *poco cresc.*

A. Sax. 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Trpt. 1
2
3

Hn. 1
2 *mf* *mp* *poco cresc.*

3
4 *mf* *mp* *poco cresc.*

Tbn. 1
2 *mf* *mp* *poco cresc.*

3
4 *mf* *mp* *poco cresc.*

Euph. *mf* *mp* *poco cresc.*

Tuba *mf* *one player* *mp* *poco cresc.*

Tim. *(Vib.)*

Mlts. 1 *Ad.* *mf* *poco cresc.*

2

Perc. 1
2

B. Dr.

Susp. Cyms. *mf* *mf*

7 8 9 10 11 12

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3

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Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Ob. 1
2

Bsn.

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sax. 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Trpt. 1
2
3

Hn. 1
2
3
4

Tbn. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlts. 1
2

Perc. 1
2

(Snare)

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Picc.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2

Ob. 1
Ob. 2

Bsn.

Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sax. 1
A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Trpt. 1
Trpt. 2
Trpt. 3

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

Tim. 1
Tim. 2

Mlts. 1
Mlts. 2

Perc. 1
Perc. 2

B. Dr.

36 *mf* leggiero 37 38 39 40

39

leggiero

mf

soli

mf

damp. sempre

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Picc.

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Bsn.

Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Trpt. 1 2 3

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tbn. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlts. 1 2

Perc. 1 2

B. Dr.

(Mba.)

(Susp. Cyms.)

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9

47

Picc.

Fl. 1 10 8 4 4

Ob. 1 2

Bsn.

Cl. 1 10 8 4 4 f

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2 10 8 4 4 f

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Trpt. 1 2 3 10 8 4 4 f marc. 3 > > >

Hn. 1 2 3 4 10 8 4 4 f marc. 3 > > >

Tbn. 1 2 3 10 8 4 4 f marc. 3 > > >

Euph.

Tuba

Timp. 10 8 4 4 f Tub. Bells marc. 3 > > >

Mlts. 1 2 10 8 4 4 f Red. * Red. * Red. * Red. *

Perc. 1 2 10 8 4 4 f (Snare) 3 p 46 47 48 49 50 mp 51

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Picc. *f*

Fl. 1 2 **9** **10** **9** **10** **9** **10**

Ob. 1 2 *f*

Bsn.

Cl. 1 2 3 **9** **10** **9** **10** **9** **10**

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl. *f*

A. Sax. 1 2 *f*

T. Sax. **9** **10** **9** **10** **9** **10**

B. Sax.

Trpt. 1 2 3 *f*

Hn. 1 2 *f*

3 4 *f*

5 6 *f*

Tbn. 1 2 3 **9** **10** **9** **10** **9** **10**

Euph.

Tuba

Timp. *f* to Glock.

Mlts. 1 2 *f*

Perc. 1 2 **9** **10** **9** **10** **9** **10**

B. Dr.

soli (w/A. Sax) *mf*

a2

mf leggiero

soli (w/B. Cc.) *mf*

mf leggiero

Glockenspiel

Xylophone *mf*

to Xylo.

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Picc.

Fl. 1 10
Fl. 2 8

Ob. 1 9
Ob. 2 8

Bsn.

Cl. 1 10
Cl. 2 8
Cl. 3 10
B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 10
A. Sax. 2 8

T. Sax. 9

B. Sax.

Trpt. 1 10
Trpt. 2 8
Trpt. 3 10
Hn. 1 10
Hn. 2 8
Hn. 3 10
Hn. 4 8

Tbn. 1 10
Tbn. 2 8
Tbn. 3 10
Euph.

Tuba

Tim. (Glock.)

Mlts. 1 (Xylo.)

Mlts. 2 black-note gliss. to Vib. (4 mallets)

Perc. 1 10
Perc. 2 8 (Susp. Cyms.) (Snare)

B. Dr.

63 64 65 *mf* marc. 66 67

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Andante ♩ = 92

Andante ♩ - 92

Picc. Fl. 1 2 Ob. 1 2 Bsn. Cl. 1 2 3 B. Cl. Cb. Cl. A. Sax. 1 2 T. Sax. B. Sax. Trpt. 1 2 3 Hn. 1 2 3 4 Tbn. 1 2 3 Euph. Tuba Timp. Mlts. 1 2 Perc. 1 2 B. Dr.

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Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Ob. 1
2

Bsn.

poco cresc.

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

mp poco cresc.
legato

A. Sax. 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Trpt. 1
2
3

solo
mf

Hn. 1
2
3
4

poco cresc.

Tbn. 1
2
3

poco cresc.

Euph.

poco cresc.

Tuba

poco cresc.

Timp.

Mlts. 1
2

Vib.)

Perc. 1
2

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Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Ob. 1
2

Bsn.

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

p legato

A. Sax. 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Trpt. 1
2
3

Hn. 1
2

3
4

Tbn. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

(Vib.) gentle roll

Mlts. 1
2

(Susp. Cyms.)

Perc. 1
2

B. Dr.

mp cantabile

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A musical score for an orchestra or band, page 17, measures 92-97. The score includes parts for Picc., Fl. 1 & 2, Ob. 1 & 2, Bsn., Cl. 1 & 2, B. Cl., Cb. Cl., A. Sax. 1 & 2, T. Sax., B. Sax., Trpt. 1 & 2, Hn. 1 & 2, Tbn. 1 & 2, Euph., Tuba, Timp., Mlts. 1 & 2, Perc. 1 & 2, and B. Dr. The music consists primarily of rests, with some melodic lines for woodwinds (Flute, Oboe) and brass (Trombone, Bassoon). Measures 92-93 show mostly rests. Measure 94 features a melodic line for Flute 1 and 2. Measures 95-96 show sustained notes for Flute 1, Trombone 1, and Bassoon. Measure 97 concludes with sustained notes for Flute 1, Trombone 1, and Bassoon.

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Picc.

Oboe

Fl. 1
2

Ob. 1
2

Bsn.

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sax. 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Trpt. 1
2
3

Hn. 1
2
3
4

Tbn. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Tim. (Vib.)

Mlts. 1
2

Perc. 1
2

B. Dr.

one player per part
mp legato

div.

unis.

mp

98

99

100

101

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103

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A musical score for an orchestra, showing parts for Picc., Fl. 1 & 2, Ob. 1 & 2, Bsn., Cl. 1 & 2, B. Cl., Cb. Cl., A. Sax. 1 & 2, T. Sax., B. Sax., Trpt. 1 & 2, Hn. 1 & 2, Tbn. 1 & 2, Euph., Tuba, Timp., Mlts. 1 & 2, Perc. 1 & 2, and B. Dr. The score is in 2/4 time, key signature is B-flat major (two flats). Measures 104-105 show woodwind entries. Measures 106-107 feature sustained notes and grace notes. Measures 108-109 conclude the section. A large diagonal watermark "www.MountainSideMusic.com" is across the page.

Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Ob. 1
2

Bsn.

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sax. 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Trpt. 1
2
3

Hn. 1
2
3
4

Tbn. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlts. 1
2

Perc. 1
2

B. Dr.

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stringendo -----

Picc.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2

Ob. 1
Ob. 2

Bsn.

Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Cl. 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sax. 1
A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Trpt. 1
Trpt. 2

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlt. 1
(Vib.)

Mlt. 2
(Mba.)

Perc. 1
Perc. 2

B. Dr.

stringendo -----

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

div.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

mf

mp

mp cresc.

mp cresc.

mf

mp cresc.

mp cresc.

mf

mp cresc.

mf

p cresc.
[Tub. Bells]

mp l.v. sempre

mp

mf

p cresc. 114

+opt. Tam Tam

110 111 112 113 114 115

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Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Ob. 1
2

Bsn.

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sax. 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Trpt. 1
2
3

Hn. 1
2
3
4

Tbn. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlts. 1
2

Perc.

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Fl. 1
2

Ob. 1
2

Bsn.

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sax. 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Trpt. 1
2
3

Hn. 1
2
3
4

Tbn. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Tim. (Vib.)

Mlt. 1
(Mba.)

Mlt. 2
(Red.)

Perc. 1
2

B. Dr.

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141

Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Ob. 1
2

Bsn.

Cl. 1
2
3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sax. 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Trpt. 1
2

Hn. 1
2

Tbn. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tuba

Timpani

Mlt. 1
2

Perc. 1
2

B. Dr.

140 *mp* 141 142 143 144 145

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Picc.

Fl. 1 2 3 4 9 8 f *giocoso* 10 8 9 8 10 8 9 8

Ob. 1 2 f *giocoso*

Bsn.

Cl. 1 2 3 4 9 8 f *giocoso* 10 8 9 8 10 8 9 8

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2 3 4 9 8 f *giocoso* 10 8 9 8 10 8 9 8

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Trpt.

Hn. 1 2 a2 3 4 9 8 f *giocoso* 10 8 9 8 10 8 9 8

Tbn. 1 2 3 4 9 8 f *giocoso* a2 10 8 9 8 10 8 9 8

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Glockenspiel f *giocoso* to Vib. (2 mallets) Vibraphone - no motor

Mlts. 1 Crotales (bowed) to Mba. Marimba f

Perc. 1 2 3 4 9 8 HH - Closed - Sticks Snare f *giocoso* 10 8 9 8 10 8 9 8

B. Dr. f *giocoso*

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Picc.

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Bsn.

Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Trpt. 1 2 3

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tbn. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlts.

Perc. 1 2

B. Dr.

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Picc.

Fl. 1 10 8 4 4

Fl. 2

Ob. 1 2 4 4

Bsn.

Cl. 1 10 8 4 4

Cl. 2 3

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2 4 4

T. Sax. 10 8 4 4

B. Sax.

Trpt. 1 2 3 4 8 8

Hn. 1 2 3 4 8 8

Tbn. 1 2 3 4 8 8

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Mlts. 1 2 4 4

Perc. 1 2 4 4

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Picc.

Fl. 1 2 **10**
8 ff

Ob. 1 2 ff

Bsn. ff

Cl. 1 2 3 ff

B. Cl. ff

Cb. Cl. ff

A. Sax. 1 2 ff

T. Sax. ff

B. Sax. ff

Trpt. 1 2 3 ff

Hn. 1 2 ff a²

Tbn. 1 2 3 ff

Euph. ff

Tuba ff

Tim. ff

Mlts. 1 2 (Mba.) ff

Perc. 1 2 (Cyms.) ff

B. Dr. ff

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