

Symphonic Overture no. 1

by Chris Kamerling

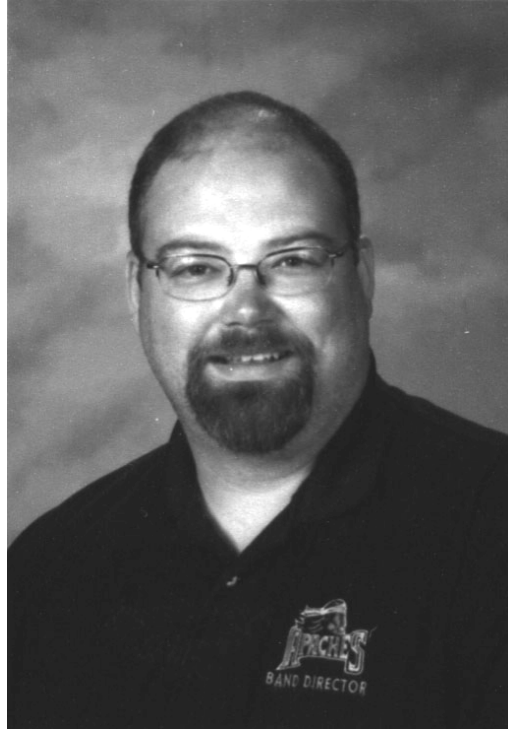
Program Notes

Symphonic Overture No.1 is a tonal work utilizing major, minor, and quartal harmonies. The opening theme (first stated at m.11), should be played in a lively manner with a light-hearted feel. After a restatement, a second theme is introduced in the first clarinet. The accompaniment should be pointed and rhythmic while the theme should be very smooth and flowing. The first theme is then repeated in a large final statement to the first section of the piece.

Section two (Dolce con moto – m.104) begins with a lush woodwind sound accompanied by vibes. The clarinet parts should be approached like an arpeggiated piano part. The focus should be on the harmony in this section.

Section three begins at m. 157 (Energetic). This is the development section and utilizes many percussion instruments and independent part writing throughout most of the winds. The main theme from section one is broken down and small rhythmic pieces are used to build a tapestry of sound that resolves into a powerful final statement of the theme to complete the work.

I hope this piece provides your students with an enjoyable and challenging experience. God bless.



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