

First Suite for Wind Band

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“First Suite for Wind Band” is a set of five short movements, inspired by Gunnar DeFrumerie’s “Pastoral Suite” for Flute, Harp, and Strings and by Igor Stravinsky’s Suites for Small Orchestra.

Similar to DeFrumerie’s suite (which the movement structure is loosely modeled after), much of this suite sounds deceptively simple upon first listen. However, ingrained in each movement are subtle complexities and a passionate intensity which gradually builds until it erupts in the climax of movement 4.

The first movement is a gentle pastoral prelude featuring a lyrical euphonium solo. There is peace and serenity, but also a feeling of barely-contained passion.

The second movement is a sinuous and shifty sarabande (with an eighth note removed). This is the most challenging movement, as it contains several tricky rhythmic elements. The grouping of the 5/8 measures is usually 2+3 when the first two eighth notes of the melody start on the downbeat (as in the first measure) and 3+2 when they are treated as a pickup (as in the pickup to letter G).

The third movement is a gavotte which should never feel at ease: it should always be angsty, restless, and on the edge of pushing forward in tempo. There should be very little feeling of resolution (even at the cadences) until the final few measures.

The fourth movement is where the sentiments which had been bubbling under the surface break free with a tense and mournful fughetta. The arrival point at letter R should be massive and almost startling; a “drop the bass” moment. On a practical note, the tenor saxophone can feel free to leave out the low Cs at the beginning and end if they prove to be problematic.

The fifth movement offers an exciting finale in which the surplus tension is released as an adrenaline rush. It is fiery, passionate, and aggressive.

Percussion Setup:

Timpani (32”/29”/26”/23” + changes)

Percussion 1: Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal, Snare Drum, Marimba (shared with Percussion 3)

Percussion 2: Bass Drum, Glockenspiel

Percussion 3: Marimba (shared with Percussion 1), Tambourine

Percussion 4: Vibraphone, Tam-tam

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I. Prelude

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Lushly, warmly

• = 68

Piccolo

Flute 1
1 player *mp*
sim.

Flute 2
p
sim.
pp

Oboe 1
mp
pp

Oboe 2
sim.

Bassoon 1
mp
pp

Bassoon 2
mp
pp

Clarinet in B♭ 1
1 player
mp
sim.
pp

Clarinet in B♭ 2
1 player
mp
sim.
pp

Clarinet in B♭ 3
1 player
p
sim.
pp

Bass Clarinet
mp
pp

Alto Saxophone 1
1 player
mp
sim.
pp

Alto Saxophone 2
1 player
mp
sim.
pp

Tenor Saxophone
mp
pp

Baritone Saxophone
mp
pp

Trumpet 1

Trumpet 2

Trumpet 3

Horn in F 1 + 2

Horn in F 3 + 4

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Bass Trombone

Euphonium
Solo
cantabile, molto espressivo
mf

Tuba

Timpani
32" - G / 29" - Bb / 26" - C / 23" - Eb
p
pp

Percussion 1

Percussion 2

Marimba
mp
pp

Percussion 3

Vibraphone pedal ad lib.
mp
pp

Percussion 4

7

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2

Hn. 3+4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Mar.

Vib.

A

13

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2

Hn. 3+4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Mar.

Vib.

B

molto rit. A tempo

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2

Hn. 3+4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Mar.

Vib.

poco rit.

C

29

Picc.

Fl. 1 (p)

Fl. 2 (p)

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cl. 1 (pp)

Cl. 2 (pp)

Cl. 3 (pp)

B. Cl. (p)

A. Sax. 1 (pp)

A. Sax. 2 (pp)

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2

Hn. 3+4

Tbn. 1 (p) (pp)

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba. (p) (pp)

Timp. (pp)

Perc. 1 (pp) (p)

Perc. 2

Mar. (p)

Vib.

II. Sarabande

Shifty, sinuous
 $\text{♩} = 100$

35

F

Picc. Fl. 1 Fl. 2 Ob. 1 Ob. 2 Bsn. 1 Bsn. 2 Cl. 1 Cl. 2 Cl. 3 B. Cl. A. Sax. 1 A. Sax. 2 T. Sax. B. Sax. Tpt. 1 Tpt. 2 Tpt. 3 Hn. 1+2 Hn. 3+4 Tbn. 1 Tbn. 2 B. Tbn. Euph. Tba. Timp. S. D. Glock. Mar. Vib.

G

60

p on rim R L R L R L R *mp* *f*
sub. *pp* *mp* *f*
Glockspiel
sub. *p* *mp* *mp* *mf* *mf* *f* To Tamb.
sub. mp *f*

74 **H**

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1 *mf*

Bsn. 2 *mf*

Cl. 1 Solo *mf*

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl. *mf*

A. Sax. 1 Solo *mf*

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax. *mf*

Tpt. 1 Solo *mf*

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2

Hn. 3+4

Tbn. 1 *mf*

Tbn. 2 *mf*

B. Tbn. *mf*

Euph. Solo *mf*

Tba. Solo *mf*

Timp.

S. D. *p*

B. D. *p* Bass Drum *mf*

Mar.

Vib.

I

83

Picc. ff

Fl. 1 ff

Fl. 2 ff

Ob. 1 ff

Ob. 2 ff

Bsn. 1 ff mf

Bsn. 2 ff mf

Cl. 1 ff f

Cl. 2 ff mf

Cl. 3 ff mf

B. Cl. ff mf

A. Sax. 1 ff f mf

A. Sax. 2 ff f mf

T. Sax. ff mf

B. Sax. ff mf

Tpt. 1 ff f

Tpt. 2 ff

Tpt. 3 ff

Hn. 1+2 ff mf mp

Hn. 3+4 ff mf mp

Tbn. 1 ff f mp mp

Tbn. 2 ff f mp mp

B. Tbn. ff f mp mp

Euph. ff mf mp

Tba. ff mf

Tim. f

S. D. f (on rim) p p

B. D. f

Mar.

Vib.

III. Gavotte

13

Restless, uncomfortable

$\text{♩} = 76$

92

<img alt="Musical score for orchestra, page 13, section III. Gavotte. The score consists of 21 staves for various instruments: Picc., Fl. 1, Fl. 2, Ob. 1, Ob. 2, Bsn. 1, Bsn. 2, Cl. 1, Cl. 2, Cl. 3, B. Cl., A. Sax. 1, A. Sax. 2, T. Sax., B. Sax., Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Tpt. 3, Hn. 1+2, Hn. 3+4, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, B. Tbn., Euph., Tba., Timp., S. D., B. D., Mar., and Vib. The score begins with a rest period for most instruments, followed by entries from Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Tpt. 3, Hn. 1+2, Hn. 3+4, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, B. Tbn., Euph., Tba., and Timp. Dynamics include mf, mp, and vln.</p>

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2

Hn. 3+4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

S. D.

B. D.

Mar.

Vib.

J

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2

Hn. 3+4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

S. D.

B. D.

Mar.

Vib.

K

109

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2

Hn. 3+4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

S. D.

B. D.

Mar.

Vib.

L

117

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2

Hn. 3+4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

S. D.

B. D.

Tamb.

Vib.

Tambourine

mp

pp — mf

133 **N**

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2

Hn. 3+4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

S. D.

B. D.

Tamb.

Vib.

O

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

f

Bsn. 2

f

Cl. 1

sub.
mp

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

f

A. Sax. 1

f

A. Sax. 2

f

T. Sax.

f

B. Sax.

f

Tpt. 1

f

Tpt. 2

f

Tpt. 3

f

Hn. 1+2

f

Hn. 3+4

f

Tbn. 1

f

Tbn. 2

f

B. Tbn.

f

Euph.

f

Tba.

f

Timp.

dampen
immediately!

S. D.

pp — *mp* Marimba

Glockenspiel

p

B. D.

f

to Glock.

Marimba

p

(from Perc. 1)

(Perc. 1 to Crash Cym.)

Tamb.

f

p

To Tam-tam

Vib.

IV. Fughetta

Tense, sustained, passionate

Felt as if in 1

♩ = 96

150

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

insistent, driving

Bsn. 2

p

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

insistent, driving

B. Cl.

p

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

insistent, driving

B. Sax.

p

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2

Hn. 3+4

insistent, driving

Tbn. 1

p

Tbn. 2

insistent, driving

p

B. Tbn.

Euph.

mp

Tba.

Timp.

Cym.

Perc. 2

Mar.

T.-t.

P

162

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2

Hn. 3+4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Cym.

Perc. 2

Mar.

T.t.

170 **Q**

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2

Hn. 3+4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Cym.

Perc. 2

Mar.

T.t.

Tam-tam

pp

R

178

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

(opt. 8vb to end of movement)

Bsn. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

ff

A. Sax. 2

ff

T. Sax.

ff

B. Sax.

sim.

Tpt. 1

ff

sim.

Tpt. 2

ff

sim.

Tpt. 3

ff

sim.

Hn. 1+2

ff

Hn. 3+4

ff

Tbn. 1

ff

sim.

Tbn. 2

ff

sim.

B. Tbn.

ff

sim.

Euph.

ff

sim.

Tba.

ff

sim.

Timp.

ff

sim.

Crash Cymbals

Cym.

ff

Bass Drum

Perc. 2

ff

to susp. cym.

Mar.

sim.

f

to Vibraphone

T.t.

ff

ff

f

mf

S

188

poco rit.

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2

Hn. 3+4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Cym.

Perc. 2

Mar.

Vib.

V. Finale

25

Driving, forceful

116

200

Picc. *mf*

Fl. 1 *mf*

Fl. 2 *mf*

Ob. 1 *mf*

Ob. 2 *mf*

Bsn. 1 *f*

Bsn. 2 *f*

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl. *f*

A. Sax. 1 *mf*

A. Sax. 2 *mf*

T. Sax.

B. Sax. *f*

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2 *mf*

Hn. 3+4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba. *f*

Timp.

Cym. Suspended Cymbal

(Glockenspiel)

Glock. *mf* *p*

Mar.

Vib.

209 **T**

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2

Hn. 3+4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Cym.

Glock.

Mar.

Vib.

U

218

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2

Hn. 3+4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Cym.

Glock.

Mar.

Vib.

W

230

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

mf

Bsn. 2

mf

Cl. 1

mf

Cl. 2

mf

Cl. 3

mf

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

f

B. Sax.

(w/ alto saxes)

Tpt. 1

mf *f*

Tpt. 2

mf

Tpt. 3

mf

Hn. 1+2

mf

Hn. 3+4

mf

f

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

mf

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

f

Timp.

Cym.

Glock.

Mar.

Vib.

240 **X**

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2

Hn. 3+4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Cym.

Glock.

Mar.

Vib.

p Suspended Cymbal

Y

248

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Hn. 1+2

Hn. 3+4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Cym.

Glock.

Mar.

Vib.

