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INSTRUMENTATION FOR BAND

Piccolo	F Horn 1 - 4	Percussion 3
Flute 1 & 2	Trombone 1 - 3	Crash Cymbals, Vibraphone, Sus. Cymbal, Sus. China Cymbal
Oboe	Euphonium	
Bassoon 1 & 2	Tuba	Percussion 4
E♭ Clarinet	String Bass	Sus. Cymbal, Marimba, Low Toms (2)
B♭ Clarinet 1 - 3		Percussion 5
B♭ Bass Clarinet	Timpani	Snare Drum, Marimba, Hi-Hat
E♭ Alto Saxophone 1 & 2	Percussion 1	Percussion 6
B♭ Tenor Saxophone	Glockenspiel	Bass Drum, Small Triangle, Woodblock
E♭ Baritone Saxophone	Percussion 2	
B♭ Trumpet 1 - 3	Tam-Tam, Xylophone, Tamourine	

Duration: ca. 2:30

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PROGRAM NOTE

Nearly ten years ago, in the summer of 2005, I was on stage at Carnegie Hall in New York City playing alto saxophone as a senior in my high school band. The concert lineup: Grainger, de Meij, Mackey, and just under three minutes of Markowski.

When my band director, Jon Gomez, first received word that our high school music department was selected to perform in New York, he asked me if I'd like to write something to open the concert and commemorate the trip—something that was bursting with joy. “Maybe,” he suggested, “it would be cool to take something more traditional, like Beethoven’s *Ode To Joy*, and blend it with something more modern, like John Adams.” The idea was so simple and so astounding that the assignment excited me immediately—it excited me so much that within ten days, I had completed the first complete draft of *Joyride*, a two-and-a-half-minute concert opener that borrows Beethoven’s infamous melody and dresses it in a tie-dye blazer of rhythm and texture that nods humbly to John Adams’s *Short Ride In A Fast Machine*.

It was the afternoon dress rehearsal and we had just played through *Joyride* for the first time in that historic hall when a young John Mackey bolted down the aisles and onto the stage, in classic Mackey fashion. We were headlining our portion of the concert with John’s early piece, *Redline Tango*, but he hadn’t run on stage for that. To my surprise, he grabbed my arm and said, “you have to hear it out there!” He gestured out towards the twenty-eight hundred empty red velvet seats for no more than a second before dragging me offstage and into the house to listen to another run-through, this time as an audience member.

Just then, it dawned on me that I’d only ever heard my music as a performer in the performing ensemble, or on a recording, or while awkwardly sitting at the edge of the stage, or from the last fleeting echo from a final chord as it washed out into the hall, decaying into nothingness. I guess I hadn’t ever really heard my music before from this point-of-view. This was the very first time I’d ever been invited to simply sit back and enjoy what I had created.

Sitting next to John in the back of Carnegie Hall, listening to some of my best friends onstage bring such amazing energy and passion to my music, I remember thinking, “Hey! This music thing might just be crazy enough to work out!” It felt surreal, refreshing, inspiring, and, of course, like it was over too soon. Over the years, I’ve been lucky to share a growing friendship and remarkable collegiality with John, but I’ve never quite gotten over how powerful that moment was. In fact, the day was made even more unforgettable only a few hours later when I stood up to bow to a packed hall and looked up to the balcony where my choir and orchestra friends had jumped to their feet, cheering.

Joyride was the second piece of music that I’d written for concert band, and as a 12th grader at the time, it included some beautiful mistakes. For instance, 12th Grade Me really wanted to hold true to the spirit of Beethoven’s “Symphony No. 9” by keeping my mash-up in Beethoven’s original key of *D Major*. However, looking back, I realize that while *D Major* is a string player’s best friend, it is not so copacetic with band players, who often prefer their tonal centers to *be flat* (pun intended). Luckily, E-flat Major is just up the block so for this 2014 revision, I decided it best to raise a portion of the piece by a half-step. Other edits included re-spelling accidentals, re-notating rhythms, filtering out an impractical 2nd Tenor Saxophone part, re-managing the percussion forces, and polishing the overall orchestration in a few key sections that seemed a bit sloppy.

For the longest time, though, I wrestled with whether or not I should even revise the piece—thinking that it should be kept exactly as-is, that I should honor the original as a sort of time capsule of myself and where I was—but I think this version finds a healthy balance between preserving what my 18-year-old self musically intended while maximizing the piece’s playability. Although I’ve improved the piece since 2005, don’t worry. I’m not exactly George Lucas and I’m not trying to remake *Star Wars*.

Michael Markowski
Astoria, New York
July 24, 2014

PREMIERE PERFORMANCE

The Dobson High School Symphonic Band under the direction of Jon Gomez premiered *Joyride* on Sunday, June 5, 2005 at Carnegie Hall in New York City, New York.

Piccolo
Christina I. Sparenga

Flute
Bronwyn E. Hinrichs
Maegan K. Jones
Cassandra L. O'Quin
Brianna A. Roenfanz
Brianna L. Rudow
Christina I. Sparenga
Cathy L. Unruh
Lauren R. Watson

Oboe
Valerie R. Keim
Alyssa M. Little
Mary A. Simon

Bassoon
Shauna M. Story
Nehal H. Thakkar

B♭ Clarinet
Laura M. Brenza
Matthew J. Bush
Elizabeth S. Cronenberg
Jessica A. Felix
Elizabeth K. Fox
Keri M. Kenneally
Alicia M. Stawarski
Amy M. To
Elizabeth A. Tourville
Jessica L. Waltrip
Alex J. Whitlatch

Bass Clarinet
Jeff A. Long
Danielle L. Schwenck

Alto Saxophone
Ryan J. Downey
Rebekah L. Gailey
Michael J. Markowski
Jana D. Van Marche

Tenor Saxophone
Paul A. Bergelin
Clark A. Harrop
Baritone Saxophone
Tod J. Xelowski

Trumpet
Kent J. Carpenter
Andrea J. Clark
Matthew T. Collins
David A. Jacques
Mareike Sornek
Ryan C. Springler
Daniel G. Torgersen

Horn
Piper L. Denny
Laura A. Messner
Kathryn A. Meyer
Clarissa I. Sadowsky
Carolee A. Wheeler

Trombone
Jonathan D. Ash
Andrew H. Hedlund
David G. Pratt
Ryan D. Sims

Euphonium
Christina M. Donnelly
Eric P. Weingartner

Tuba
Craig A. Johnson
Matthew L. Newman
Michael L. Young

String Bass
Jeremy A. Mercier

Percussion
Josiah D. Hagstrom
Donald K. Hawk
Austen J. Mack
Marilyn M. Rodriguez
David C. Ross
Carl W. Schager
Timothy D. Ward
Jordan T. Wendt
Andrew G Winhold

Conductors
Bartlett Evans
Jon A. Gomez
Rob Lubbers
Rob Nichols

*For Jon Gomez.
Thank you for inspiring such joy in the music you teach.*

for Jon Gomez
JOYRIDE

MICHAEL MARKOWSKI

"Wir betreten feuertrunken" (♩ = 160)

Instrumentation:

- Piccolo
- Flute 1, 2
- Oboe
- Bassoon 1, 2
- E♭ Clarinet
- B♭ Clarinet 1
- B♭ Clarinet 2
- B♭ Clarinet 3
- B♭ Bass Clarinet
- E♭ Alto Saxophone 1, 2
- B♭ Tenor Saxophone
- E♭ Baritone Saxophone
- B♭ Trumpet 1
- B♭ Trumpet 2
- F Horn 1, 2
- F Horn 3, 4
- Trombone 1, 2
- Euphonium
- Tuba
- String Bass
- Timpani
- Percussion 1
- Percussion 2
- Percussion 3
- Percussion 4
- Percussion 5
- Percussion 6

Performance Instructions:

- ff dim.
- mf
- sim.
- ff brassy
- a2
- 1. + 2.
- arcō
- ff dim.
- ff dim.
- IV: Eb → F
- TAM TAM
- CRASH CYMB.
- SUS. CYMB.
- SNARE DRUM
- pp
- fff
- fff huge!

Measure Numbers:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

Picc.

Fl. 1

Ob.

Bsn. 1

E♭ Cl.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

IV: F → E

5 6 7 8 9

12

Picc.

Fl. 1
f

Ob.
f

Bsn. 1
mf

E♭ Cl.
f

Cl. 1
mf

Cl. 2
f

Cl. 3
mf

B. Cl.
mf

A. Sax. 1
a2
mf

T. Sax.

B. Sax.
mf

Tpt. 1
f

Tpt. 2
f

Hn. 1
p

Hn. 2
p

Tbn. 2
3

Eup.

Tba.

S. Bass
mf

Timp.
sim.

Perc. 1
mf

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5
mf

Perc. 6

10**11****12****13****14**

Picc.

Fl. 1

Ob.

Bsn. 1

E♭ Cl.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

E♭ Cl.

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
Hn. 2

Hn. 3
Hn. 4

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

Picc.

Fl. 1

Ob.

Bsn. 2

Eb Cl.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

25 26 **ff** 27 28 29

Picc.

Fl. 1 2

Ob.

Bsn. 1 2

Eb Cl.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2 3

Hn. 1 3

Hn. 2 4

Tbn. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

(choked)

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

(S.D.)

MARK TREE

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

ff

f

ff

f

ff

f

ff

f

ff

mf

f

mf

mf

sim.

f

mf

mp

mf

ff

f

mf

ff

f

mf

ff

f

ff

p

f

f

p

ff

f

ff

p

p

ff

p

p

p

f

p

f

p

p

IV: E → G
III: C → Es

ff

p

w/ yarn mallets

p

ff

p

p

p

p

f

p

p

p

p

p

30 *ff* **31** *f* **32** *7* **33** *p* **34**

35

Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn. 1
2

Eb Cl.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2
3

Hn. 1
3

Hn. 2
4

Tbn. 1
3

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Timp.

Perc. 1
(Xylophone)

Perc. 2

Perc. 3
(Marimba)

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

35

36

37

38

39

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

E♭ Cl.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

SM. TRIANGLE

46 "Durch des Himmels prächt'gen Plan"

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

E♭ Cl.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Tim.

(Glockenspiel)

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3 (yarn)

Perc. 4 (Marimba)

Perc. 5 (MARK TREE)

Perc. 6 (B.D.)

Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn. 1
2

E♭ Cl.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2
3

Hn. 1
3

Hn. 2
4

Tbn. 1
2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

Picc.

Fl. 1

Ob.

Bsn. 1

Eb Cl.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1
3

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Timp.

Perc. 1
(Xylophone)

Perc. 2
(Vibraphone)

Perc. 3
(Marimba)

Perc. 4
(Woodblock)

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

Picc.

Fl. 1

Ob.

Bsn. 1

Eb Cl.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

Picc.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

E♭ Cl.

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
Hn. 2
Hn. 3

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

(Glockenspiel)

[SUS. CHINA CYMB.]

[MARK TREE]

[S.D.]

14

65 66 67 68 69

Picc.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

E♭ Cl.

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
Hn. 2

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

a2

70 **71** **72** **73** **74**

Picc.

F1. 2

Ob.

Bsn. 1 2

Eb Cl.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1 3

Hn. 2 4

Tbn. 1 2 3

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Timp.

(Glockenspiel)

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

(Hi-Hat)

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Ob.

Bsn. 1
2

Eb Cl.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1
3

Hn. 2
4

Tbn. 1
2
3

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

f a²

f

mf

div.

3

mf

f

3

mf

3

3

mf

3

3

mf

mp

sim.

mp

sim.

1. b

ff bell tones

3. b

2. b

4. b

ff bell tones

mf

f

3

mf

3

3

mf

3

3

3

3

mf

3

3

3

II: A - Bb

mf

mf

TAM-TAM

mf

mf

SUS. CYMB.

mp

S.D.

mp

B.D.

p cresc.

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Picc. *f*

Fl. 1 *f* sim.

Ob. *f* sim. a2

Bsn. 1 *ff*

Eb Cl. *f* sim.

Cl. 1 *f* sim.

Cl. 2 *f* sim.

Cl. 3 *f* sim.

B. Cl. *ff*

A. Sax. 1 *ff*

T. Sax. *ff*

B. Sax. *ff*

Tpt. 1 *ff* brassy

Hn. 1 *ff* brassy a2

Hn. 2 *ff* brassy a2

Tbn. 1 *ff* brassy

Euph. *ff* brassy

Tba. *ff* brassy

S. Bass *ff*

Tim. *ff*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 *ff* (Tam-Tam) *fff* huge!

Perc. 3

Perc. 4 *ff* (choked) *p* (S.D.) *fff*

Perc. 5 *ff* (B.D.) *mf*

Perc. 6

92

Picc.

Fl. 1

Ob.

Bsn. 2

E♭ Cl.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

89

90

91

92

93

Picc.

Fl. 1

Ob.

Bsn. 1

Eb Cl.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Euph.

Tba.

S. Bass.

Timp. (Glockenspiel)

Perc. 1 (Xylophone)

Perc. 2 (crash)

Perc. 3 (Toms)

Perc. 4 (S.D.)

Perc. 5 (B.D.)

Perc. 6

94

95

96

97

98