The Composer

David Bobrowitz received his Bachelor of Science degree from the Mannes College of Music, majoring in Trombone Performance under Simon Karasick. He went on to Teachers College, Columbia University, where he earned a Masters Degree in Music Education. He studied composition independently under the tutelage of Robert Russell Bennett.

Mr. Bobrowitz has been a freelance bass trombonist, pianist, composer, and arranger in the New York area for more than 30 years. He retired from the Great Neck Public Schools in June, 2000 and now resides in Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Bobrowitz continues to be in demand as a performer, composer, and arranger.

The Composition

The Great Wall of China is one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Built by the emperor of China about 2000 years ago during the Qin (Ch'in) Dynasty, the wall is an amazing 4000 miles long. The music captures the spirit of the Chinese people and gives a sense of the grandeur and magnificence of this architectural wonder.

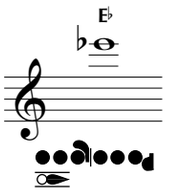
New Ideas

The New Ideas box contains new notes for flutes and clarinets and definitions of new musical terms found in *The Great Wall of China*. Begin each rehearsal of *The Great Wall of China* reviewing these new notes and musical terms with your students.

NEW IDEAS

A Tempo - return to the previous tempo
forte-piano (fp) - loud, then immediately soft
fortissimo (ff) - very loud
G. P. (grand pause) - a break in the music with the length being determined by the conductor
leggiero - lightly
Marcato accent (or) - strongly emphasize each note
rallentando - gradually slow the tempo
Trill ***(tr)*** - a rapid alternation from the written note to the note above it in the key of the piece

Flutes:



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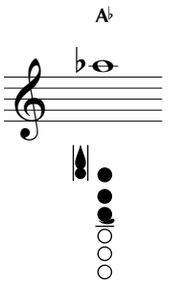

Instrumentation List

3 - 1st Flute
3 - 2nd Flute
2 - Oboe
3 - 1st B♭ Clarinet
3 - 2nd B♭ Clarinet
3 - 3rd B♭ Clarinet
2 - E♭ Alto Clarinet
2 - B♭ Bass Clarinet
2 - Bassoon
2 - 1st E♭ Alto Saxophone
2 - 2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone
2 - B♭ Tenor Saxophone
2 - E♭ Baritone Saxophone
3 - 1st B♭ Trumpet/Cornet
3 - 2nd B♭ Trumpet/Cornet
2 - 1st F Horn
2 - 2nd F Horn
2 - 1st Trombone
2 - 2nd Trombone
3 - Baritone B.C.
2 - Baritone T.C.
3 - Tuba
2 - Electric Bass
2 - Percussion I:
Timpani
2 - Percussion II:
Chimes
Bells
Xylophone
2 - Percussion III:
Crash Cymbals
Temple Blocks
Suspended Cymbal
Gong
2 - Percussion IV:
Tom-toms
Claves
Triangle
2 - Percussion V:
Snare Drum
Bass Drum
2 - Rehearsal Piano
1 - Full Conductor Score

Additional scores and parts are available.

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Full Conductor Score
Approx. Time - 3:00

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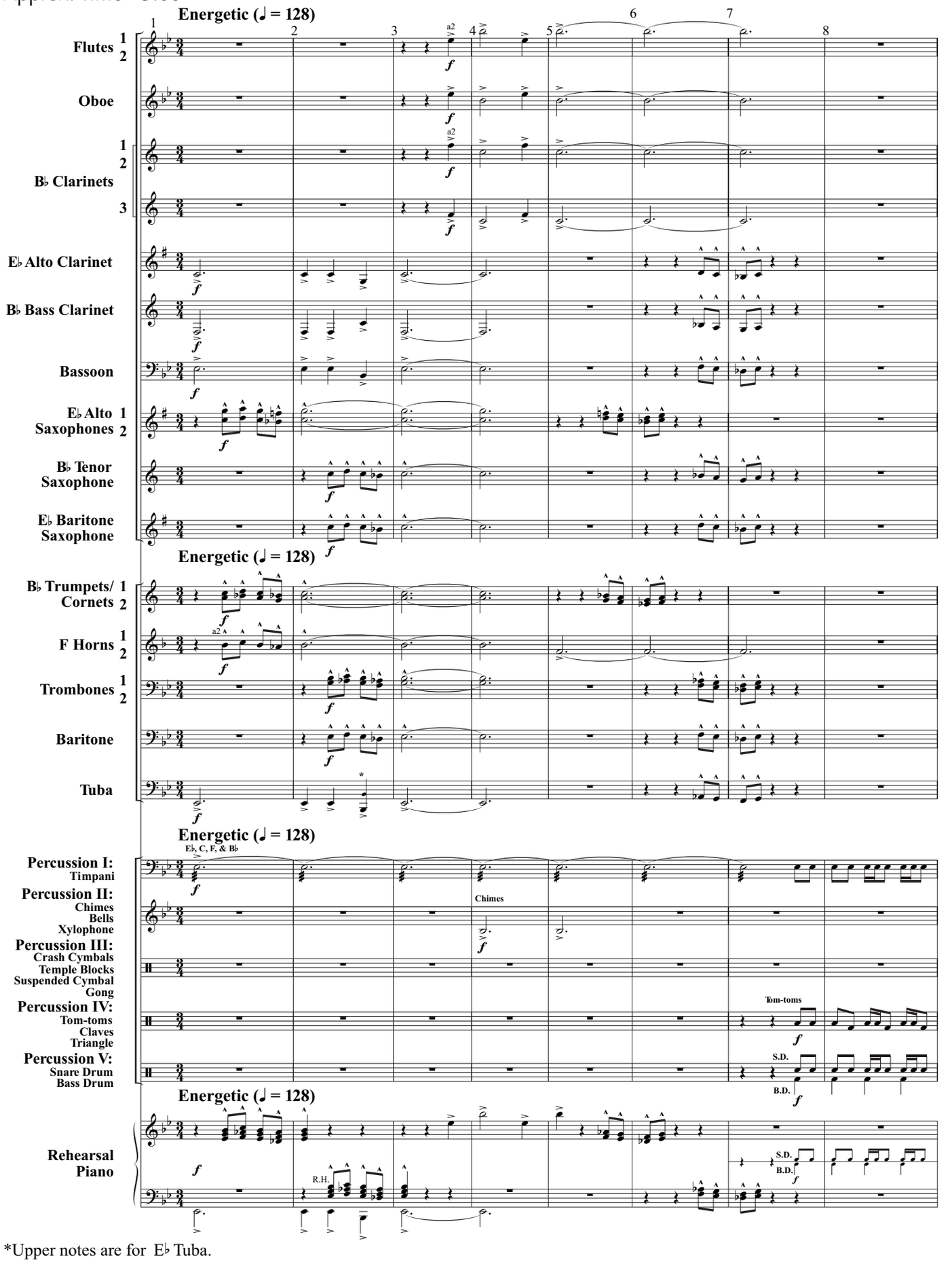

*Upper notes are for E♭ Tuba.

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