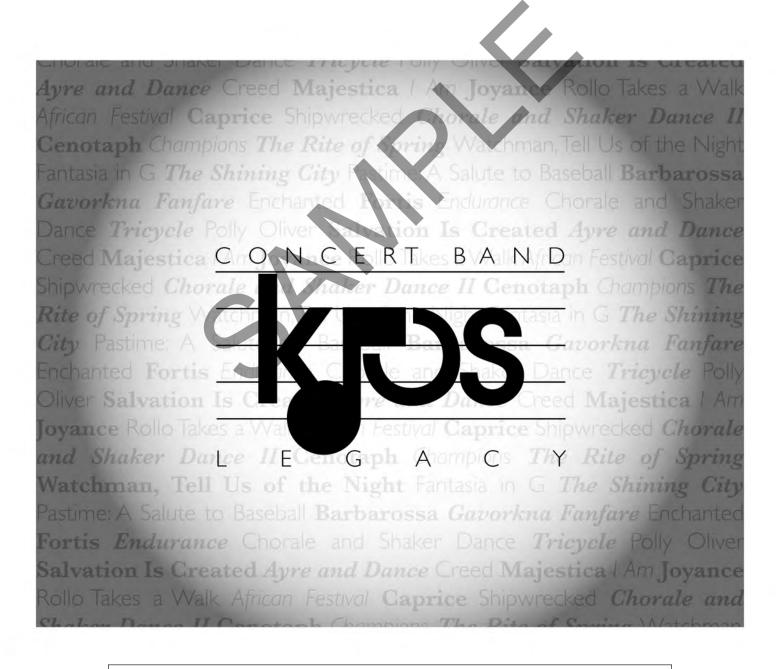
ANDREW BOYSEN Jr.

Song for My Parents



About the Composer



Andrew Boysen, Jr. is presently a professor in the music department at the University of New Hampshire, where he conducts the wind symphony and teaches conducting and composition. Under his leadership, the UNH wind symphony has released six recordings and been invited to perform at regional conventions of the College Band Directors National Association and National Association for Music Education. Previously, Boysen taught at Indiana State University and Cary-Grove (IL) High School, and was the music director and conductor of the Deerfield Community Concert Band. He remains active as a guest conductor and clinician, appearing with high school, university and festival ensembles across the United States, Great Britain, and Australia.

Boysen earned his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in wind conducting at the Eastman School of Music, where he served as conductor of the Eastman Wind Orchestra and assistant conductor of the Eastman Wind Ensemble. He received his Master of Music degree in wind conducting from Northwestern University in 1993 and his Bachelor of Music degree in music education and music composition from the University of Iowa in 1991.

He maintains an active schedule as a composer, receiving commissions from festival, university, and high school concert bands across the United States. Boysen won the College Band Directors National Association Composition Contest in 2013, the International Horn Society Composition Contest in 2000, the University of Iowa Honors Composition Prize in 1991 and has twice won the Claude T. Smith Memorial Band Composition Contest, in 1991 and 1994. Boysen has several published works with the Neil A. Kjos Music Company, Wingert-Jones Music, Alfred Music, Ludwig Masters Music, and C. Alan Publications, including pieces for band, orchestra, clarinet and piano, and brass choir. Recordings of his music appear on the Sony, R-Kal, Mark, St. Olaf, and Elf labels.

About the Composition

Song for My Parents was commissioned by the Ohio Music Education Association District 3 Honor Band and premiered by that ensemble on January 19, 2020. It is the third work in a collection of pieces that are all musically and personally related. The first piece, Song for Lyndsay, was composed in 2006 and the second, Song for My Children, was composed in 2013. All three works are bound together through a melodic idea that I originally wrote as an undergraduate student, a melody which has become very meaningful to me over the years and has always seemed to be the most appropriate way to express myself for these particular works.

In the case of this piece, there are further specific connections to my parents. The two solo voices that play a duet in the middle and end of the piece are horn and trombone, the two instruments my parents played when they were in school. This timbral concept is further reinforced in the opening chorale, which features the low brass as a section. The use of thunder drum in the percussion is a nod to my father's interest in making his own musical instruments, which have included several beautiful thunder drums over the years. Finally, there are two melodic ideas in the piano part near the middle of the piece which are quotes from small piano works that I composed when I was a child: Love Is... (which was a gift for my mom) and Pastorale (which was a gift for my dad).

More than anything, though, this piece is my meager attempt to honor my parents, Andrew and Lynne. Their love, support and encouragement made me who I am today and it is impossible for me to reflect through words my true feelings for them. They are truly important people in this world.....kind, compassionate, intelligent, curious, hard-working, thoughtful, and loving. They are one of those couples you see that are still walking hand-in-hand on the beach after well over fifty years of marriage. They are everything that I strive to be as a husband, parent, and human being. I love you, Mom and Dad.

—Andrew Boysen Jr.

Instrumentation List

- 4 1st Flute
- 4 2nd Flute
- 3 Oboe
- 4 1st B♭ Clarinet
- 4 2nd B♭ Clarinet
- 4 3rd B♭ Clarinet
- 2 B♭ Bass Clarinet
- 3 Bassoon
- 2 Ist E♭ Alto Saxophone
- 2 2nd E♭ Alto Saxophone
- 2 B♭ Tenor Saxophone
- 2 E♭ Baritone Saxophone
- 3 1st B♭ Trumpet
- 3 2nd B♭ Trumpet
- 3 3rd B♭ Trumpet
- 2 Ist F Horn
- 2 2nd F Horn
- 2 3rd F Horn
- 2 4th F Horn
- 3 1st Trombone
- 3 2nd Trombone
- 3 3rd Trombone
- 2 Euphonium BC
- 2 Euphonium TC
- 4 Tuba
- I Piano
- 2 Percussion I:

Triangle

Timpani (4 drums)

Shekere

2 – Percussion II:

Vibraphone

2 – Percussion III:

Marimba

Sleigh Bells

Chimes

2 - Percussion IV:

Suspended Cymbal

Thunder Drum

Marimba

Bells

2 - Percussion V:

Tam-tam

Hi-Hat

Crotales

2 – Percussion VI:

Handbells (C, E♭, G)

Sandpaper Blocks

Cabasa

Bass Drum

I – Full Conductor Score

Approximate performance time—7:45

Additional scores and parts are available.

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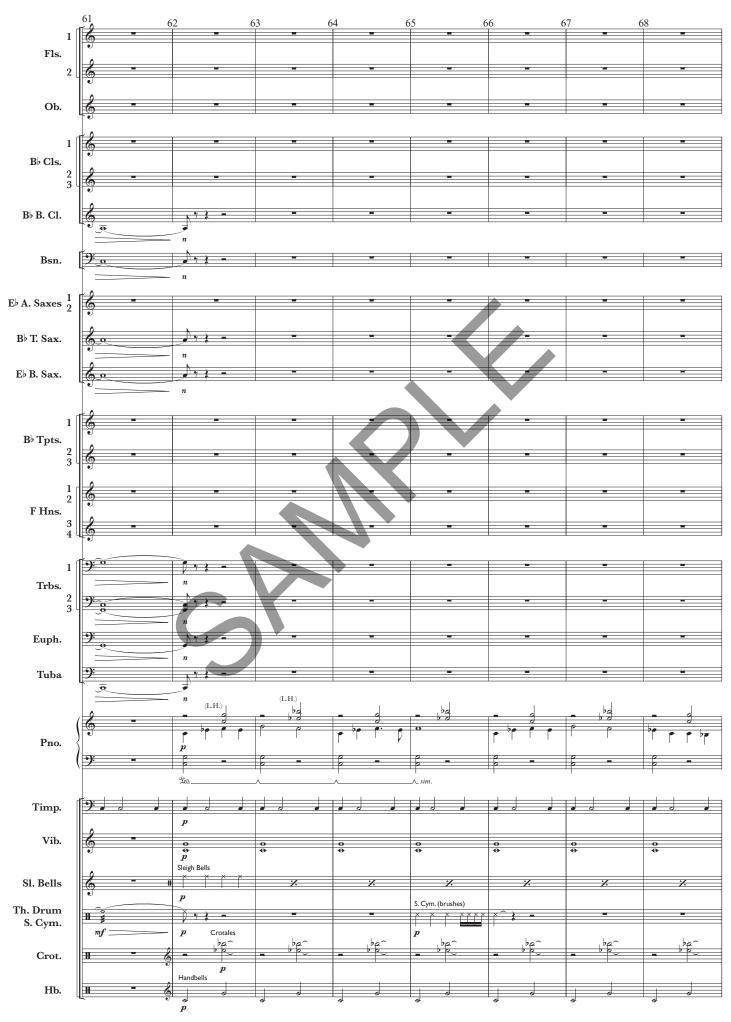






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