Passage by Night

by

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Instrumentation

1 – Complete Score

10 – Flute

2 – Oboe

2 – Bassoon

5 – Clarinet 1

5 – Clarinet 2

2 – Bass Clarinet

2 Dass Garmet

4 – Alto Saxophone

2 – Tenor Saxophone

2 – Baritone Saxophone

4 – Trumpet 1

4 – Trumpet 2

4 – Horn in F

6 - Trombone

2 – Euphonium B.C.

2 – Euphonium T.C.

4 – Tuba

1 – Timpani

2 – Mallet Percussion 1

2 – Mallet Percussion 2

2 – Percussion 1

2 – Percussion 2

2 – Percussion 3

Passage By Night:

Passage By Night is inspired by an event that took place on September 16, 1979, involving the Strelzyk and Wetzel families and their courageous and successful attempt at crossing over from East Germany to West Germany in a home-made hot air balloon. In 1979, the Berlin Wall was still in use and such an attempt was strictly prohibited by the East German government. Passage By Night depicts the careful and sneaky approach to the construction of the balloon, the aggressive nature of the event itself, and the heroism of the two families who overcame seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

Careful attention to dynamics and use of the exact percussion instruments listed will add dramatically to an effective performance.

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Mike Schofield is currently the Director of Bands at Kingsburg High School in Kingsburg, CA, where he directs the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Marching Band and Jazz Band. The band program at Kingsburg High School, under Mr. Schofield's direction has put a high emphasis on individual student achievement leading to ensemble excellence. His ensembles have consistently earned top ratings at festivals and performed at many prestigious events such as the California Association for Music Education State Conference in Sacramento, CA in 2008 and Carnegie Hall in 2011. Mr. Schofield is a three time recipient of the National Band Association's Citation of Excellence. Mike served as Jazz Director at Reedley College from 2008-1010 and is active as a guest conductor, adjudicator, composer and performer.

Mr. Schofield holds a Master of Arts in Music Performance and a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from California State University, Fresno. He has studied conducting and ensemble techniques with Gary P. Gilroy, Lawrence R. Sutherland, Ray Cramer and Stephen Pratt. He is a member of the California Band Directors' Association, the California Music Educators' Association, the International Trumpet Guild, and is a Past President of the Fresno-Madera Counties Music Educators' Association.



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