

# Spiral Galaxy

*by*

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*Grade: 1      Duration: 2:05*

## Instrumentation

1 – Conductor Score

10 – Flute

2 – Oboe

2 – Bassoon

5 – B♭ Clarinet 1

5 – B♭ Clarinet 2

2 – B♭ Bass Clarinet

4 – Alto Saxophone

2 – Tenor Saxophone

2 – Baritone Saxophone

4 – B♭ Trumpet 1

4 – B♭ Trumpet 2

6 – Trombone

4 – Tuba

2 – Euphonium (+2 T.C.)

2 – Mallets I

Xylophone

2 – Percussion I

(one player)

Snare Drum

2 – Percussion II

(one player)

Bass Drum

2 – Percussion III

(one player)

Drumset, Cymbals, Tom Drums

## Spiral Galaxy

*Spiral Galaxy* is an easy piece for beginner band that evokes the vastness of the universe. The opening of the piece begins with a moderately slow tempo as the woodwind section is repeated by the brass and percussion at a louder dynamic. The listeners begin their journey through space. The tempo increases as does the rhythmic intensity taking the listeners through the harsh environment of outer space. Danger is all around as more instruments enter and add new melodies. Finally, the trombones signal that the imminent threat has been overcome with a slow glissando. The opening melody returns signaling that all is well and the voyage can safely continue as the piece reaches its satisfying conclusion. *Spiral Galaxy* features a limited range for most instruments and showcases many sections. Trombones get a soli glissando that is enjoyable and satisfying for the students to play. This piece also has 2nd trumpet and 2nd clarinet parts that add some easy harmonies for the students to play. Clarinets are kept below the break for ease of play. *Spiral Galaxy* helps teach musical independence as it focuses on playing interesting rhythms and rich harmonies all within a limited range. This is a great opener for any first or second concert.

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Kyle R. Sims is the band and orchestra director at a charter school in Georgia. He has been teaching middle school band and orchestra for over fifteen years, writing his own music to better serve the specific needs of his students. Mr. Sims also writes music for a local store's YouTube channel. When he is not teaching or writing music, he enjoys playing board games and spending time with his lovely wife and two daughters.

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$\text{♩} = 100$  2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Flute *mf*

Oboe *mf*

Bassoon *p* *mf*

B♭ Clarinet 1 *mf*

B♭ Clarinet 2 *mf*

Bass Clarinet in B♭ *p* *mf*

Alto Saxophone *p* *mf*

Tenor Saxophone *p* *mf*

Baritone Saxophone *p* *mf*

B♭ Trumpet 1 *mf*

B♭ Trumpet 2 *mf*

Horn in F *p* *mf*

Trombone *p* *mf*

Euphonium *p* *mf*

Tuba *p* *mf*

Mallets I Xylophone *mf*

Percussion I (one player) Snare Drum *p* *mf*

Percussion II (one player) Bass Drum *p* *mf*

Percussion III (one player) Drumset, Cymbals, Tom Drums *ppp* *f* *p* *mf*

*Sus. Cym.*

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## Spiral Galaxy - Complete Score - Page 2

10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

T. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Tbn. 1

Euph.

Tuba

Mlts. I

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

19 20 21 22 23 div. 24  $\text{♩} = 140$  25 26

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

T. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Tbn. 1

Euph.

Tuba

Mlts. I

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

*mp*

*div.*

*div.*

*div.*

## Spiral Galaxy - Complete Score - Page 4

27 28 29 30 31 32 33

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

T. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Tbn. 1

Euph.

Tuba

Mlts. I

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

The musical score is written for a large ensemble. Measures 27-31 show the woodwinds and brasses mostly in rests, with the bassoon, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, and baritone saxophone playing a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. Measures 32-33 show the woodwinds and brasses entering with a new melodic line, while the saxophones continue their rhythmic pattern. The percussion parts provide a steady beat and rhythmic accompaniment throughout the measures.

34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

T. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Tbn. 1

Euph.

Tuba

Mlts. I

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

Sus. Cym.

*p*



## Spiral Galaxy - Complete Score - Page 6

42  $\text{♩} = 100$  43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

T. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Tbn. 1

Euph.

Tuba

Mlts. I

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

*mf*

*mf*

*gliss.*

*f*

*p* *mf*

*p* *mf*

Drumset

*p* *mf*

51 52 53 54 55

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

T. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Tbn. 1

Euph.

Tuba

Mlts. I

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

56 57 58 59 60 61

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

Bsn.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1

T. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Tbn. 1

Euph.

Tuba

Mlts. I

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III