

Bananas on Parade

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Instrumentation:

Flute - 8

Oboe - 2

Bb Clarinet - 8

Bb Bass Clarinet - 2

Eb Alto Saxophone - 6

Bb Tenor Saxophone - 2

Eb Baritone Saxophone - 1

Bb Trumpet - 6

F Horn - 2

Trombone, Baritone, Bassoon - 6

Baritone Treble Clef - 2

Tuba - 2

String Bass - 1

Bells - 1

Snare Drum, Bass Drum - 1

Triangle, Tambourine, Suspended Cymbal - 2

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A few years ago, when I was teaching middle school band, there was a sixth grade class that came to my room after lunch. The children were given fresh fruit daily and allowed to take it with them so that it would not get thrown out. This class loved their bananas. They paraded single file down the hall, proudly waving their bananas, and upon entering the band room sometimes leaving the extras on my desk. There was the ever-present danger, though, of those banana peels! And that was the inspiration for "Bananas On Parade," written one afternoon in a rare moment of free time.

Brief solo opportunities highlight each section of the band in this humorous little march. Watch out as the woodwind "step on the banana peel" at measure 24. Though this note may be beyond their normal range at this level, it's a pretty easy high note to learn, and if it squeaks, then that works as well. The brass will have their moment with some audacious mouthpiece buzzing at measure 30. The rock pattern in the drums is repeated often but offers a challenge to younger players who may still be learning to work together.

PREVIEW ONLY

After graduating in 1976 with a Bachelor of Music Education from Florida State University, Frank McKinney taught middle and high school band in Florida and Georgia for thirty-six years. Though he retired from teaching in 2013, Frank remains involved in music education as a musician, clinician and composer. He performs with the Georgia Wind Symphony and the Young Harris College Community Band on saxophone, and is the pianist for the Brasstown Big Band, The Swing Set, and Hayesville First United Methodist Church. Frank is an adjudicator for the Florida Bandmaster Association and the Georgia Music Education Association, and a lifetime member of the National Association of Music Educators and Florida Music Educators Association. He and his wife Cara live in the north Georgia mountains near Blairsville, Georgia.

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With Appeal ♩ = 120

2

3

4

5

Flute *f* *mf*

Oboe *f* *mf*

B♭ Clarinet *f* *mf*

B♭ Bass Clarinet *f* *mf*

E♭ Alto Saxophone *f* *mf*

B♭ Tenor Saxophone *f* *mf*

E♭ Baritone Saxophone *f* *mf*

B♭ Trumpet *f* *mf*

F Horn *f* *mf*

Trombone
Baritone
Bassoon *f* *mf*

Tuba *f* *mf*

Bells *f* *mf*

Snare Drum
Bass Drum *f* *mf*

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6 opt. solo 7 tutti 8 9 10 11

Fl

Ob

Cl

B Cl

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt

Hn

Trbn
Bari
Bsn

Tuba

Bells

S.D.
B.D.

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12

13

14

15

16

17

Fl

Ob

Cl *opt. solo* *tutti*

B Cl

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt *opt. solo* *tutti*

Hn

Trbn
Bari
Bsn

Tuba

Bells

S.D.
B.D.

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42

43

44

45

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47

Fl

Ob

Cl

B Cl

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt

Hn

Trbn
Bari
Bsn

Tuba

Bells

S.D.
B.D.

opt. solo

tutti

PREVIEW ONLY

48

49

50

51

52

Fl

Ob

Cl

B Cl

A Sax

T Sax

B Sax

Tpt

Hn

Trbn
Bari
Bsn

Tuba

Bells

S.D.
B.D.

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coll. solo

tutti

f