

Upbeat!

For Concert Band, Grade 1.5
by Randall D. Standridge (ASCAP)

Instrumentation

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| 1 - Full Score | 4 - Bb Trumpet 1 |
| 8 - Flute | 4 - Bb Trumpet 2 |
| 2 - Oboe | 6 - F Horn |
| 5 - Bb Clarinet 1* | 8 - Tromb./Euph. B.C./Bassoon |
| 5 - Bb Clarinet 2 (F Horn Double) | 2 - Euphonium T.C. |
| 2 - Bb Bass Clarinet | 4 - Tuba |
| 8 - Eb Alto Saxophone | 2 - Bass |
| 2 - Bb Tenor Saxophone | |
| 2 - Eb Baritone Saxophone | |
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| 2 - Mallets* |
| 2 - Timpani |
| 3 - Percussion 1 & 2: Snare Drum/Crash Cym./Hi-Hat/Ride Cym./Two Toms, Bass Drum (opt. Drumset) |
| 2 - Percussion 3: Hi&Low Cowbells/Suspended Cymbal |
| 2 - Percussion 4: Tambourine/Windchimes |

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*An optional High Clarinet part is also available for download on our website.

*An optional High Mallet part is also available for download on our website.

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About Upbeat!

As a former teacher, my experience as an educator has always shaped my work as a composer. In fact, I've never been able to separate the two—my "composer brain" and my "teacher brain" are permanently fused.

Back when I was teaching, I often wrote pieces specifically to help my students with certain musical concepts. That's how pieces like *Fanfare for the 16th Empire* (16th notes), *Groovy-8* (8th notes), and *Starfire Fanfare* (compound meter) came to be. The challenge was always the same: how do you make something educational without making it boring? I still enjoy writing pieces with a clear purpose and the challenge they provide me as a composer.

Upbeat! is one of those pieces. Inspired by the sound and style of 1960s and '70s rock, it's designed to help young musicians get more comfortable with syncopation—especially playing on the upbeats. This is a skill every developing player needs, but it's often limited to just a few sections (sorry, French horns and saxes). So, I decided to write a piece where everyone gets to dig into it.

The title "Upbeat!" works on two levels: yes, it's about rhythm, but the piece is also bursting with energy and positivity. It's fun, it's groovy, and—hopefully—it brings a little brightness to your day.

Stay awesome. Stay lively. Stay "upbeat!"

Peace, Love, and Music – Randy Standy

Educational goals of the work:

- Syncopated rhythms (upbeats)
- D.S. al Coda navigation
- Articulations: Staccato, Tenuto, Accents

Additional educational materials, such as rhythm sheets and more, are on the product page for this work on our website.

Rehearsal suggestions

- The tempo of this work is critical to its character. When planning your preparation, make sure to allow time for proper technical development to achieve the written tempos, lest the work come off as "boring."
- The clarinets may be assigned the regular part OR the optional High clarinet part. This is available on our website on the product page for this work (look under "additional materials").
- As an inside joke, I made SURE the French Horns and Saxophones get the melody FIRST. You're welcome.
- The percussion 1 part may be played on a drumset (recommended) or it may be split between two players.



About the Composer

Randall Standridge (b.1976) received his Bachelor's of Music Education from Arkansas State University. During this time, he studied composition with Dr. Tom O'Connor, before returning to Arkansas State University to earn his Master's in Music Composition, studying with Dr. Tom O'Connor and Dr. Tim Crist. In 2001, he began his tenure as Director of Bands at Harrisburg High School in Harrisburg, Arkansas. He left this post in 2013 to pursue a career as a full-time composer and marching arts designer.

Mr. Standridge's music is performed internationally. He has had numerous works selected for the J.W. Pepper's editor's choice. His compositions *Snake Charmer*, *Gently Blows the Summer Wind*, and *Angelic Celebrations* have been included in the "Teaching Music Through Performance in Band" series. He has had numerous works performed at the prestigious Midwest Clinic in Chicago, Illinois. The Arkansas State University Wind Ensemble premiered his work *Art(isms)* at the 2010 CBDNA conference in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and his work *Stonewall: 1969* was premiered at the National LGBA conference in 2019. His *Symphony no.1: A Ghost Story* was premiered in 2023. In addition, Mr. Standridge's "unBroken Project," a musical initiative about mental health, has received widespread acclaim for its musical content and for providing opportunities to normalize discussions about mental health for music students and audiences.

In addition to his career as a composer, Mr. Standridge is the owner and editor of Randall Standridge Music, LLC and Grand Mesa Marching. He is in demand as an arranger/designer for the marching arts. He lives in Jonesboro, Arkansas, with his husband, Steven, and their very, very spoiled pets.

Score
Grade 1.5
Duration: 2:20

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Upbeat Rock $\text{♩} = 144$

5 %

Flute *f*

Oboe *f*

B $\flat$ Clarinet 1
(opt. High part
download available) *f*

B $\flat$ Clarinet 2 *f*

E $\flat$ Alto
Saxophone *f* *mf*

B $\flat$ Tenor
Saxophone *f* *mf*

B $\flat$ Trumpet 1 *f*

B $\flat$ Trumpet 2 *f*

Horn in F *f* *mf*

Trombone
Euphonium
Bassoon *f*

Low Reeds
Bass
Tuba *f*

Bells & Xylophone (hard mallets)
Mallets *f*

Timpani
Tune: G, C, D, F (hard felt mallets) *f*

Percussion 1 & 2
P1: Snare Drum/Crash Cym./
Hi-Hat/Ride Cym./Two Toms
P2: Bass Drum
(Opt. 1 player drumset)
Crash Cym. *f* Hi-Hat (Rim Shot) *mf*
Snare

Percussion 3
Hi&Low Cowbells/
Suspended Cymbal *f*

Percussion 4
Tambourine/
Wind Chimes *f* *mf*

1 2 3 4 5 6

Fl. *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Cl. 1 *mf*

Cl. 2 *mf*

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

Tpt. 1 *mf*

Tpt. 2 *mf*

Hn.

Trb.
Euph.
Bssn. *mf*

L.R.
Tuba *mf*

Mal. *mf*

Timp. *mf*

Perc. 1&2

Perc. 3 *mf*

Perc. 4

Hi/Low Toms

7 8 9 10 11 12

13

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn.

Trb.
Euph.
Bssn.

L.R.
Tuba

Mal.

Timp.

Perc. 1&2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

13

14

15

16

17

[illegible]

To Coda

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn.

Trb.
Euph.
Bssn.

L.R.
Tuba

Mal.

Timp.

Perc. 1&2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

29 33

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn.

Trb.
Euph.
Bssn.

L.R.
Tuba

Mal.

Timp.

Perc. 1&2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

mf

mf

mf

mp

mp

mp

mp

mf

mp

p

mf

mf

Bells only

Suspended Cymbal (yarn mallets)

Wind Chimes

29 30 31 32 33 34

39

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn.

Trb.
Euph.
Bssn.

L.R.
Tuba

Mal.

Timp.

Perc. 1&2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Bells & Xylo

Cowbells

Tambourine

35 36 37 38 39 40

43

The score is written for a large orchestra and percussion ensemble. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into measures 41 through 46. Measure 43 is highlighted with a box and the number 43. The instruments and their parts are as follows:

- Fl. (Flute):** Measures 41-42 have eighth-note patterns. Measures 43-44 are rests. Measures 45-46 have eighth-note patterns starting on a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic.
- Ob. (Oboe):** Similar to the Flute, with eighth-note patterns in measures 41-42 and 45-46, and rests in measures 43-44. Measures 45-46 start on *ff*.
- Cl. 1 (Clarinet 1):** Measures 41-42 have eighth-note patterns. Measures 43-44 have a half-note pattern starting on a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. Measures 45-46 have eighth-note patterns starting on *ff*.
- Cl. 2 (Clarinet 2):** Measures 41-42 have eighth-note patterns. Measures 43-44 have a half-note pattern starting on a fortissimo (*fp*) dynamic. Measures 45-46 have eighth-note patterns starting on *ff*.
- A. Sx. (Alto Saxophone):** Measures 41-42 have eighth-note patterns. Measures 43-44 have a half-note pattern starting on a fortissimo (*fp*) dynamic. Measures 45-46 have eighth-note patterns starting on *ff*.
- T. Sx. (Tenor Saxophone):** Measures 41-42 have eighth-note patterns. Measures 43-44 have a half-note pattern starting on a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measures 45-46 have eighth-note patterns starting on *ff*.
- Tpt. 1 (Trumpet 1):** Measures 41-42 have eighth-note patterns. Measures 43-44 have a half-note pattern starting on a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. Measures 45-46 have eighth-note patterns starting on *ff*.
- Tpt. 2 (Trumpet 2):** Similar to Tpt. 1, with eighth-note patterns in measures 41-42 and 45-46, and rests in measures 43-44. Measures 45-46 start on *ff*.
- Hn. (Horn):** Measures 41-42 have eighth-note patterns. Measures 43-44 have a half-note pattern starting on a fortissimo (*fp*) dynamic. Measures 45-46 have eighth-note patterns starting on *ff*.
- Trb. Euph. Bssn. (Trombone/Euphonium/Bassoon):** Measures 41-42 have eighth-note patterns. Measures 43-44 have a half-note pattern starting on a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measures 45-46 have eighth-note patterns starting on *ff*.
- L.R. Tuba (Low Brass/Tuba):** Measures 41-42 have eighth-note patterns. Measures 43-44 have a half-note pattern starting on a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measures 45-46 have eighth-note patterns starting on *ff*.
- Mal. (Mallets):** Measures 41-42 are rests. Measures 43-44 have a half-note pattern starting on a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measures 45-46 have eighth-note patterns starting on *ff*.
- Timp. (Timpani):** Measures 41-42 are rests. Measures 43-44 have a half-note pattern starting on a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measures 45-46 have eighth-note patterns starting on *ff*.
- Perc. 1 & 2 (Percussion 1 & 2):** Measures 41-42 are rests. Measures 43-44 have a half-note pattern starting on a fortissimo (*fp*) dynamic. Measures 45-46 have eighth-note patterns starting on *ff*.
- Perc. 3 (Percussion 3):** Measures 41-42 are rests. Measures 43-44 have a half-note pattern starting on a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measures 45-46 have eighth-note patterns starting on *ff*.
- Perc. 4 (Percussion 4):** Measures 41-42 are rests. Measures 43-44 have a half-note pattern starting on a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measures 45-46 have eighth-note patterns starting on *ff*.

41 42 43 44 45 46

D.S. al Coda

Musical score for measures 47-50. The score is written for a large ensemble, including woodwinds, brass, percussion, and strings. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into four measures, numbered 47, 48, 49, and 50. The instruments are listed on the left: Fl., Ob., Cl. 1, Cl. 2, A. Sx., T. Sx., Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Hn., Trb., Euph., Bssn., L.R. Tuba, Mal., Timp., Perc. 1&2, Perc. 3, and Perc. 4. The percussion section includes a mallet (Mal.), timpani (Timp.), and three different percussion instruments (Perc. 1&2, Perc. 3, Perc. 4). The woodwinds and brass sections are mostly silent in these measures, indicated by rests. The percussion section is active, with various rhythmic patterns and accents. The mallet part starts with a forte (ff) dynamic and features a series of eighth notes with accents. The timpani part has a similar pattern. Percussion 1&2 plays a complex pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. Percussion 3 and 4 play simpler patterns. The score ends with a double bar line and a Coda symbol.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn.

Trb.
Euph.
Bssn.

L.R.
Tuba

Mal.

Timp.

Perc. 1&2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

(Rim Shot)

Fl. *ff*

Ob. *ff*

Cl. 1 *ff*

Cl. 2 *ff*

A. Sx. *ff*

T. Sx. *ff*

Tpt. 1 *ff*

Tpt. 2 *ff*

Hn. *ff*

Trb. Euph. Bssn. *ff*

L.R. Tuba *ff*

Mal. *ff*

Timp. *ff*

Perc. 1&2 *ff*

Perc. 3 *ff*

Perc. 4 *ff*

57 58 59 60 61 62