

GYMNOPÉDIE NO. I

ERIK SATIE
Arranged by JACK BULLOCK (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- I Conductor
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B Clarinet
- 2 Bb Bass Clarinet
- 6 E♭ Alto Saxophone
- 4 By Tenor Saxophone
- 2 E Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B♭ Trumpet
- 4 F Horn
- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon

- 2 Baritone Treble Clef (World Part Trombone in B₁ Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba
- I Optional Timpani (Tune: F, B)
- I Mallet Percussion (Bells)
- 2 Percussion I

(Snare Drum, Bass Drum)

I Percussion 2 (Suspended Cymbal)

WORLD PART

Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in E♭

Trombone/Baritone in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in E♭Bass Clef

Tuba in El Treble Clef

Tuba in B Bass Clef

Tuba in B Treble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

Erik Satie (1866–1925), French composer, pianist and writer, wrote short musical compositions mainly for the piano, but also composed music for ballet and incidental music for stage productions.

During his lifetime, he associated with other French composers such as Debussy, Ravel, Cocteau, Poulenc, Milhaud, and then later with the Russian composer, Stravinsky. After his death, he was described as a precursor of the avant-garde movements of early 20th Century music, including Impressionism, Neo Classicism, Atonalism and others.

His most famous compositions were a collection of short piano pieces written early in his life (1888) called *The Gymnopédies*.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The simplicity of the melody and the orchestration is contrasted with the complexity of the harmonic structure of the piece, typical of Satie. You may wish to introduce this harmonic structure to the students by describing the chord structure of the first two measures (both major seventh chords), the instruments that are playing the major seventh notes of the chord, and the overall sounds that are created with them. Although at first this will sound quite dissonant to the young students, the repetition of this harmonic structure for the first 16 measures will help the students to learn this "modern sound" which Satie used. Other examples throughout may be examined in the same manner.

Feel free to adjust the dynamic levels to balance your ensemble, but keep the overall sound at the levels indicated.







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