

Fury of the Storm

Ryan Meeboer

Fury of the Storm is a great piece to challenge and introduce beginning band musicians to music with multiple elements occurring simutaneously. The piece consists of mainly two themes that are performed at separate points of the piece, and eventually come together in the final measures.

One element to focus on is to make sure the main theme is played legato, while the backgrounds are played staccato. It is very easy for beginning musicians to fall into the trap of matching the sound they hear.

While most of the piece has a loud accented feel, the middle contrasting section starting at measure 29, will give your ensemble opportunity to work on dynamic control and contrast, as well as playing legato as a whole.

PREVIEW ONLY

Ryan Meeboer is a music educator, who obtained his degree through the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. As a composer, he has written and arranged many pieces for concert band, jazz band, and small ensembles. His young band piece, *Last Voyage of the Queen Anne's Revenge*, has been well received by performers, educators, and audiences, and his pieces are starting to be found on festival and contest lists. As a performer, he has had experience in several groups, including concert and stage bands, chamber choir, vocal jazz ensemble, acoustic duets, and the Hamilton based swing group, "The Main Swing Connection".

Ryan began studying music at the age of seven through private guitar lessons. During his years in elementary and secondary school, he gained experience in several families of instruments. Focusing on music education and theory (including composition and orchestration), he attended McMaster University to achieve his honours degree in music. Ryan is currently a teacher for the Halton District School Board in Ontario, where he continues to compose and arrange.

Please contact the composer if you require any further information about this piece or his availability for commissioning new works and appearances.

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