The Uprising

David Marlatt

The Uprising is a bold and daring work portraying a group challenging the people in power. This has been staged in 6 sections: The Current Regime is noble and confident in character - perhaps too confident. Next is The Planning - the rebel forces begin planning quietly but with purpose and drive. This builds as The Forces Gather - louder, stronger and passionate about their beliefs. This inevitably leads to Battle! where the forces collide in combat. Short aggressive bursts of sound lead to Victory is Ours where a new order takes their place in charge. Celebration begins and builds to a joyous conclusion.

Always watch for, and emphasize, accents throughout this piece. Sometimes 4/4 bars have 3+3+2 8th note feel which should be exaggerated for maximum effect. These accents are loud off the top but are sometimes quieter, like at 27. Make all accents jump out for a fun rhythmic feel.

At 35 make the difference between the short, accented lines and the smooth, slurred ones. Watch for "play 2nd time only" - the forces are gathering on the repeat.

Battle! must have short and aggressive accents to make this part dramatic and exciting.

Be sure to really get quiet on the fp at 57. Anyone with long notes should get out of the way to allow other musical lines to be heard - don't just play loud. Loud playing IS exciting but careful attention to accents, short notes and dynam c centre at a skell even me re exciting and interesting for the audience.

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David Marlatt has composed pieces for concert band, string orchestra, brass quintet, trumpet ensemble, piano, tuba and trumpet. His writing style is diverse and he has written for a wide range of difficulty levels from very young concert band to professional brass quintet. His jazz based trumpet ensemble pieces Groovy Vamp and A Coconut Named Alex have been well received by audiences everywhere and his concert band compositions are found on many festival lists. He has also arranged over 800 pieces of repertoire from the Baroque to the Romantic eras such as Monteverdi madrigals, a large suite of music from Handel's Messiah, Largo from New World Symphony and even Mahler's First Symphony.

Mr. Marlatt is a trumpet player who obtained a music education degree from the University of Western Ontario, Canada. He was Principal Cornet in the Whitby Brass Band for 6 years and founder of the trumpet ensemble Trumpets in Style. As a performer, he has played in jazz bands, brass quintets, orchestras, concert bands, brass bands and period instrument ensembles.

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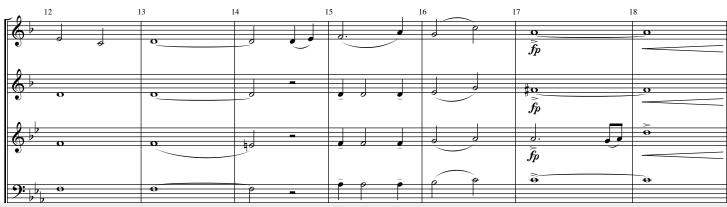


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