Storyteller March

Commissioned by the Janitell Junior High Bands in honor of the stories we have heard and hope to tell

Instrumentation:

Piccolo
Flute
Oboe
Bassoon
Clarinets 1, 2, 3
Bass Clarinet
Alto Sax 1, 2
Tenor Sax
Bari Sax
Trumpet 1, 2
French Horn
Trombone
Bass Trombone
Euphonium (BC/TC)

Timpani Glockenspeil Percussion 1

- Snare
- Triangle

Percussion 2

- Bass Drum
- Crash Cymbals

Percussion 3

- High+Low woodblocks
- Washboard/guiro

Score Notes:

Tuba

The piece is meant to be read as you would a standard march. Omit or take repeats as needed/wanted.

Program Notes:

When speaking with my friend Junior, the director of the Janitell Middle School Band, I mentioned how I wanted to try my hand at a march, with a classic Sousa form. We continued to talk and we got to talking about Aaron Copland and my personal love for specifically Appalachian and fiddle music. He mentioned it could be cool to sort-of combine those two things, and I thought it would be a fun project. The intro of course takes its influence from Appalachian Spring, but from then on I relied a little more on the form of a march, and the sound of fiddle tunes. The first and second strains I wanted to be joyous and adventurous, but the trio (as custom) is a little calmer. The dogfight is loud but joyful and sets us up for the 3rd strain, complete with a typical "piccolo solo". I tried to form this woodwind soli into more of a "fiddle" sound, and then the piece ends with a classic stinger.

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