



That Little Beast

PETER SCIAINO

Instrumentation

Full Score	1
Piccolo	2
Flute 1	4
Flute 2	4
Oboe	2
B♭ Clarinet 1	4
B♭ Clarinet 2	4
B♭ Clarinet 3	4
Bass Clarinet	2
Bassoon	2
Alto Saxophone 1	2
Alto Saxophone 2	2
Tenor Saxophone	2
Baritone Saxophone	2
B♭ Trumpet	4
B♭ Trumpet 2	4
B♭ Trumpet 3	4
Horn in F 1	2
Horn in F 2	2
Horn in F 3	2
Horn in F 4	2
Trombone 1	3
Trombone 2	3
Trombone 3	3
Euphonium	4
Baritone T.C.	2
Tuba	4
Timpani	2
Mallets	2
Xylophone	2
Percussion 1	8
Snare Drum, Bass Drum	
Percussion 2	
Ride Cymbal, Hi-hat, Triangle, Egg Shaker, Cowbell, Jam Block, 2 Concert Tom-toms, Crash Cymbals	

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About the Composer

Appealing, playable, tuneful with a dash of whimsy, Peter's music is influenced by jazz, world, and popular music while still being heavily rooted in the concert band medium.

That Little Beast

That Little Beast has a mind of its own. Inspired by Mary Oliver's poem of the same name, this piece is a commentary on the creative process and whimsically suggests that the author (or composer), despite best efforts, can't control the direction of art. An excerpt from Oliver's poem:

That pretty little beast, a poem,
has a mind of its own.
Sometimes I want it to crave apples
but it wants red meat.
Sometimes I want to walk peacefully
on the shore
and it wants to take off all its clothes
and dive in.

Sometimes I want to use small words
and make them important
and it starts shouting the dictionary,
the opportunities.

Sometimes I want to sum up and give thanks,
putting things in order,
and it starts dancing around the room
on its four furry legs, laughing
and calling me outrageous.

But sometimes, when I'm thinking about you,
and no doubt smiling,
it sits down quietly, one paw under its chin,
and just listens

The compositional process began with a simple four-note riff and I allowed the remainder of the piece to write itself. Subscribing to the "there are no bad ideas" approach I went with whatever the next impulse was, followed by the next and so on. It's a creative exercise that I sometimes use that can lead to some interesting themes or figures but usually most get edited, erased or used in future projects. In this case I decided to let things play out without much reflection or process. Without turning back to see what I had, I just kept moving forward until I uncaged all that grew from the initial four-note motive. Only then did I go back and move a few things around. Ultimately, less editing, less thinking and more writing unleashed the beast!

PERFORMANCE NOTES

An emphasis on subdivision and a focus on the written articulation will go a long way in creating a cohesive and "tight" ensemble sound. Percussionists are kept busy and can influence the dynamic contrasts greatly. Much like the drummer in a jazz ensemble, the percussion section's feel and use of contrast will ultimately make or break this selection. For the "stick clicks" used throughout, I recommend a heavy stick that can create a loud cracking sound. Taped marching sticks might be your best bet.



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PETER SCIAINO
(ASCAP)

Allegro $\text{♩} = 120$

Piccolo

Flute 1, 2

Oboe

B♭ Clarinet 1

B♭ Clarinet 2, 3

Bass Clarinet

Bassoon

Alto Saxophone 1, 2

Tenor Saxophone

Baritone Saxophone

B♭ Trumpet 1

B♭ Trumpet 2, 3

Horn in F 1, 2

Horn in F 3, 4

Trombone 1, 2

Trombone 3

Euphonium

Tuba

Timpani
(F: A♭: B♭: C)

Mallets
(Xylophone)

Percussion 1
(Snare Drum,
Bass Drum)

Percussion 2
(Ride Cymbal,
Hi-hat, Triangle,
Egg Shaker, Cowbell,
Jam Block, 2 Concert Toms,
Crash Cymbals)

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1 2 3 4 5

mf Stick clicks

That Little Beast - Full Score

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9

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Bb Tpt. 1

Bb Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

6 7 8 9 10

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5

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Bb Tpt. 1

Bb Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Snare Drum
Bass Drum

That Little Beast - Full Score

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Bb Tpt. 1

Bb Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Ride Bell

Perc. 2

[17] 2 3 2 3 2 4 2 4

[21] 2 3 2 4 2 4

[17] 2 3 2 4 2 4

[21] 2 3 2 4 2 4

[17] 2 3 2 4 2 4

[21] 2 3 2 4 2 4

[17] 2 3 2 4 2 4

[21] 2 3 2 4 2 4

[17] 2 3 2 4 2 4

[21] 2 3 2 4 2 4

[17] 2 3 2 4 2 4

[21] 2 3 2 4 2 4

[17] 2 3 2 4 2 4

[21] 2 3 2 4 2 4

[17] 2 3 2 4 2 4

[21] 2 3 2 4 2 4

[17] 2 3 2 4 2 4

[21] 2 3 2 4 2 4

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7

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Bb Tpt. 1

Bb Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Bb Tpt. 1

Bb Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

mp

Hi-hat

27 28 29 30 31

33

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Bb Tpt. 1

Bb Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

32 33 34 35 36 37

mf

2 3 4 4 4 4

Rim Head Rim

Ride Bell

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42

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Tim.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

4
4
f
4
4
f
4
3
2
4

4
4
f
4
3
2
4

4
4
f
4
3
2
4

4
4
f
4
3
2
4

4
4
f
4
3
2
4

38 39 40 41 42

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A musical score page featuring a grid of 16 staves for various instruments. The instruments are grouped by family: Picc., Fl. 1, 2, Ob., B♭ Cl. 1, B♭ Cl. 2, 3, B. Cl., and Bsn. in the top section; A. Sax. 1, 2, T. Sax., B. Sax., B♭ Tpt. 1, B♭ Tpt. 2, 3, Hn. 1, 2, Hn. 3, 4, Tbn. 1, 2, Tbn. 3, Euph., Tba., Timp., Mal., Perc. 1, and Perc. 2 in the middle section; and Perc. 1 again at the bottom. The score is in 2/4 time, with measures 43 through 47. Measures 43 and 47 feature large, bold numerals (2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3) indicating rhythmic patterns. Measures 44 and 46 show more complex notation with eighth and sixteenth notes. Measure 45 includes dynamic markings *mp* and *f*. Measure 47 concludes with a "Triangle Solo" instruction and a dynamic *mf*. A large diagonal watermark reading "Wingert-Jones Publications Preview Only" is overlaid across the page.

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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48

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Tim.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

3

4

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

Tutti

mf

Tutti

St. Mute

St. Mute

mp

mp

mp

Xylophone

Rim

p

48

49

50

51

mp

52

53

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13

56

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Bb Tpt. 1

Bb Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

54

55

56

57

58

f

Rim shot

Egg Shaker

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Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

Div.

T. Sax.

Unis.

sffz

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

sffz

Hn. 3, 4

sffz

sffz

Tbn. 1, 2

sffz

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

sim.

Cowbell

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

59 f 60 sim. Cowbell 61 62

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15

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Tim.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

64

3 4 2 4 3 4 2 4 3 4

Solo *mf*

64

3 4 2 4 3 4 2 4 3 4

mf

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70

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Bb Tpt. 1

Bb Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

70

Tutti

mf

3

2

3

4

4

mp

mf

4

4

4

mp

mp

mf

mp

mf

mp

mf

3

2

3

4

4

mf

Press roll

Ride bell

Jam Block

68

69

70

71

72

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Bb Tpt. 1

Bb Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

73

74

75

76

77

78

f Stick clicks

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79

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

87

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

87

3 2 3
4 4 4

Solo
mf

87

4 2 3
4 4 4

88

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B_b Cl. 1

B_b Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B_b Tpt. 1

B_b Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

93

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Tim.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Rim
mf

Perc. 2

93

94

95

96

97

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Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

102

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

102

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

102

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Tim.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Snares off

Head

Rim

102

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

103

104

105

Egg Sh. **p**

106

107

110

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

110

mf

mf Stick clicks 110

111

112

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Tim.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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119

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

119

3

4

119

3

4

118

f

119

r.s.

sim.

Crash Cymbals

120

121

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27

That Little Beast - Full Score

127

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

130

mf

131

Stick clicks

132

133

134

That Little Beast - Full Score

135

A musical score for a full orchestra, page 30, measures 135-138. The score includes parts for Picc., Fl. 1, 2, Ob., B♭ Cl. 1, B♭ Cl. 2, 3, B. Cl., Bsn., A. Sax. 1, 2, T. Sax., B. Sax., B♭ Tpt. 1, B♭ Tpt. 2, 3, Hn. 1, 2, Hn. 3, 4, Tbn. 1, 2, Tbn. 3, Euph., Tba., Timp., Mal., Perc. 1, and Perc. 2. The score features large, bold numerals (3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 4) overlaid on the music, corresponding to the measures. Measure 135 starts with a Picc. solo. Measures 136-137 feature woodwind entries with large numerals. Measure 138 concludes with a dynamic marking of *mf*.

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139

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Timp.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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140 Toms *mf*

141

142 *r.s.*

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Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2, 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sax. 1, 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2, 3

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1, 2

Tbn. 3

Euph.

Tba.

Tim.

Mal.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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