

Autumn Adrift

written for the advanced wind ensemble

Nishant Amatya

Instrumentation:

Piccolo

Flute 1, 2

Oboe

Bassoon 1, 2

Bb Clarinet 1, 2, 3

Bb Bass Clarinet

Bb Soprano Saxophone

Eb Alto Saxophone 1, 2

Bb Tenor Saxophone

Eb Baritone Saxophone

Bb Trumpet 1, 2, 3

F Horn 1, 2, 3, 4

Trombone 1, 2, 3

Bass Trombone

Euphonium

Tuba

Double Bass

Percussion/Keys:

Piano (optional)

Timpani

Glockenspiel

Vibraphone

Marimba

Percussion (Snare, Bass, Cymbals, Aux. Perc)

Performance Notes:

Players should make decisions when it comes to the timing of wind sounds at their best discretion; i.e. if a brass player is holding a note before they are asked to take off their mouthpiece in order to put it on their instrument backwards, they should hold the note for its full value before doing so.

The piano part adds a layer of depth to the sound I really like, but does largely double other parts and can thus be optional.

Program Notes:

Autumn Adrift attempts to capture a dream I once had, where I was walking down the streets of Oak Bay during the autumn. All of a sudden, time completely stopped. At that moment, the leaves on the ground began to fall upwards, and while suspended in the air, created platforms for me to walk up into the sky. The piece evokes the feelings of someone getting lost in the clouds with these warm, brightly coloured leaves all around them, and avoiding the heavy rain and storms that occur in the fall season. Eventually, the leaves carry this person up above the clouds to safety and light, where they find themselves flying amongst the leaves.

Dedicated to my grandmother, Saraswoti Shrestha, whose kindness knew no bounds, and to my grandfather, Amrit Lal (Nati Kaji) Shrestha, whose music curated my own love of music as a young toddler. I hope I've made them proud.

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Composer Bio:

Nishant Amatya (he/him) is a Nepalese-Canadian educator, composer and arranger currently residing in Cobble Hill, BC on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the Cowichan, Malahat and Tsartlip Nations. He completed his BMus (Education) in 2023 and his BEd in 2024 at the University of Victoria.

His first work, Journey's End, was premiered by the UVic Wind Symphony in October 2022, and he has composed/arranged for various other groups. His musical inspirations include composers such as Joe Hisaishi, Yoko Shimomura, Carlos Eiene and Charlie Rosen.

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♩ = 66

A Tempo

Piccolo

Flute 1

Flute 2

Oboe

Bassoon 1

Bassoon 2

B♭ Clarinet 1

B♭ Clarinet 2

B♭ Clarinet 3

Bass Clarinet

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A Tempo

Soprano Saxophone

Alto Saxophone 1

Alto Saxophone 2

Tenor Saxophone

Baritone Saxophone

B♭ Trumpet 1

B♭ Trumpet 2

B♭ Trumpet 3

F Horn 1 & 3

F Horn 2 & 4

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Trombone 3

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A Tempo

Bass Trombone

Euphonium

Tuba

Double Bass

Piano (opt.)

Timpani

Glockenspiel

Vibraphone

Musimba

Percussion (Snare, Bass, Cymbals, Aux. Perc.)

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Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

Bb Cl. 3

B. Cl.

S. Sax.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

Bor. Sax.

Bb Tpt. 1

Bb Tpt. 2

Bb Tpt. 3

F Hrn. 1, 3

F Hrn. 2, 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Db.

Pno.

Temp.

Gk.

Vib.

Mmn.

Perc.

12

12

(sus. cymbal)

(mark tree)

23

Perc. *f* *mf* *p*

Fl. 1 *f*

Fl. 2 *f*

Oboe *f*

Bsn. 1 *f* *mf* *p*

Bsn. 2 *f* *mf* *p*

Bb Cl. 1 *f*

Bb Cl. 2 *f*

Bb Cl. 3 *f*

B. Cl. *f* *mf* *p*

S. Sax. *f*

A. Sax. 1 *f*

A. Sax. 2 *f*

T. Sax. *f*

Bar. Sax. *f* *mf* *p*

Bb Tpt. 1 *f* *mf* *p* blow wind through instrument, with mouthpiece backwards

Bb Tpt. 2 *f* *mf* *p* blow wind through instrument, with mouthpiece backwards

Bb Tpt. 3 *f* *mf* *p* blow wind through instrument, with mouthpiece backwards

F Hn. 1 *f* *mf* *p* blow wind through instrument, with mouthpiece backwards

F Hn. 2 *f* *mf* *p* blow wind through instrument, with mouthpiece backwards

Tbn. 1 *f* *mf* *p* blow wind through instrument, with mouthpiece backwards

Tbn. 2 *f* *mf* *p* blow wind through instrument, with mouthpiece backwards

Tbn. 3 *f* *mf* *p* blow wind through instrument, with mouthpiece backwards

B. Tbn. *f* *mf* *p* blow wind through instrument, with mouthpiece backwards

Euph. *f* *mf* *p*

Tuba *f* *mf* *p*

Db. *f* *mf* *p*

Piano *f* *mf* *p*

Temp. *f* *mf* *p*

Gong *f* *mf* *p* vocalize wind noises

Wh. *f* *mf* *p* vocalize wind noises

Mrc. *f* *mf* *p* vocalize wind noises

Perc. *f* *mf* *p* (see above)

19

20

Perc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

Bb Cl. 3

B. Cl.

20

S. Sax.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

Bor. Sax.

Bb Tpt. 1

Bb Tpt. 2

Bb Tpt. 3

F Hn. 1, 2

F Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

20

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tbn.

Ob.

Pno.

Temp.

Gk.

Vib.

Mbr.

Perc.

blow wind through instrument, no pitch

blow wind through instrument, no pitch

blow wind through instrument, no pitch

Solo

Sop. Sax cue

blow wind through instrument, no pitch

blow wind through instrument, no pitch

play

play

play

play

play

25

28

Perc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bar. 1

Bar. 2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

28

S. Sax.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

F Hrn. 1 & 2

F Hrn. 3 & 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

28

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Ob.

Perc.

Tmp.

Gr.

Wh.

Mrm.

Perc.

Ob. cuo

Tutti

37

Perc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

S. Sax.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

Bor. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

F Hrn. 1 & 2

F Hrn. 3 & 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Db.

Pno.

Imp.

Gk.

Vib.

Mrm.

Perc.

Play

Play

(snare)

37 $\text{♩} = \text{♩} (\text{♩} = 132)$

Perc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

37 $\text{♩} = \text{♩} (\text{♩} = 132)$

S. Sax.

A. Sax. 1

A. Sax. 2

T. Sax.

Bas. Sax.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

F Hrn. 1, 2

F Hrn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

37 $\text{♩} = \text{♩} (\text{♩} = 132)$

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Db.

Pno.

Temp.

Gk.

Wh.

Mrm.

Perc.