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### INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score.....	1
Flute.....	10
Oboe.....	2
1st B♭ Clarinet.....	6
2nd B♭ Clarinet.....	6
B♭ Bass Clarinet.....	2
Bassoon.....	2
E♭ Alto Saxophone.....	6
B♭ Tenor Saxophone.....	2
E♭ Baritone Saxophone.....	1
1st B♭ Trumpet.....	5
2nd B♭ Trumpet .....	5
F Horn.....	4
Trombone.....	6
Euphonium B.C. ....	2
Euphonium T.C. ....	2
Tuba.....	4
Mallet Percussion: Marimba (opt. Xylophone).....	2
Percussion 1: Congas, Djembe (opt. Low Tom).....	3
Percussion 2: Shekere (opt. Shaker).....	2
Percussion 3: Suspended Cymbal.....	2

### PROGRAM NOTES

As the beauty, calm and serenity of Christmas eve travels across the globe each year, the musical celebrations of this holy night show the similarities and differences in the cultures of our world. Based on the traditional "O Holy Night," this unique arrangement celebrates the African continent featuring the percussion section. We hope you enjoy our performance of "African Holy Night" arranged by Robert W. Smith.

### NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

The percussion section is of prime importance throughout this arrangement. I would suggest rehearsing the grooves in each section. After the percussion is established, layer in the wind sections keeping all in the groove and musical balanced. You may wish to stage the percussion at or near the front of the stage for musical and visual presence.

I hope that you, the band and audience find "African Holy Night" to be a rewarding musical experience. Best wishes to all for a wonderful performance and holiday season!



### ABOUT THE ARRANGER



**Robert W. Smith** (b. 1958) is one of the most popular and prolific composers in America today. He has over 600 publications in print with the majority composed and arranged through his long association with Warner Bros. Publications and the Belwin catalog.

Mr. Smith's credits include many compositions and productions in all areas of the music field. His original works for winds and percussion have been programmed by countless military, university, high school, and middle school bands throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia, South America and Asia. His Symphony #1 (The Divine Comedy), Symphony #2 (The Odyssey), Symphony #3 (Don Quixote), Inchon and Africa: Ceremony, Song and Ritual have received worldwide critical acclaim. His educational compositions such as The Tempest, Encanto, and The Great Locomotive Chase have become standards for developing bands throughout the world.

Mr. Smith's music has received extensive airplay on major network television as well as inclusion in multiple motion pictures. From professional ensembles such as the United States Navy Band, United States Air Force Band, Boston Pops and the Atlanta Symphony to school bands and orchestras throughout the world, his music speaks to audiences in any concert setting. As a conductor, clinician and keynote speaker, Mr. Smith has performed throughout North America, Asia, South America, Europe and Australia. His music has been recorded by various ensembles and is available on CD and download through Walking Frog Records, iTunes, Amazon, and other recorded music outlets.

Mr. Smith is the President/CEO of RWS Music Company, exclusively distributed through C. L. Barnhouse. In addition, he is currently teaching in the Music Industry program at Troy University in Troy, Alabama. His teaching responsibilities are focused in music composition, production, publishing and business.

**Conductor Score**  
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# AFRICAN HOLY NIGHT

(featuring the Percussion Section)

arr. by Robert W. Smith (ASCAP)

African Groove  $\text{♩} = 60$

The conductor score consists of ten staves of music for various instruments, arranged in two sections. The first section, "African Groove  $\text{♩} = 60$ ", includes Flute, Oboe, 1st Bb Clarinet, 2nd Bb Clarinet, Bb Bass Clarinet, Bassoon, E Alto Saxophone, B Tenor Saxophone, and E Baritone Saxophone. The second section, also "African Groove  $\text{♩} = 60$ ", includes 1st Bb Trumpet, 2nd Bb Trumpet, F Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Mallet Percussion (Marimba opt. Xylophone), Percussion 1 (Congas, Djembe opt. Low Tom), Percussion 2 (Shekere opt. Shaker), and Percussion 3 (Suspended Cymbal). The score is in common time (indicated by a 'C') and key signature of one flat (indicated by a 'F'). Measures 1 through 8 are shown, with measure numbers at the bottom of each staff.

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9

Flute

Oboe

Soli  
1st Cl.  
2nd Cl.  
B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

9

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

The musical score page 9 consists of ten staves of music. The top five staves include Flute, Oboe, 1st Clarinet (marked 'Soli'), 2nd Clarinet (marked 'mp'), Bassoon, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, 1st Trombone, and 2nd Trombone. The bottom five staves include French Horn, Tuba, Mallets, and three Percussion parts (Percussion 1, Percussion 2, and Percussion 3). The score features various rests and dynamics, such as 'mp' and 'Soli'. A large, diagonal watermark reading 'Not valid for performance.' is overlaid across the page.

Flute

Oboe

1st Cl.

2nd Cl.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Flute

Oboe

1st Cl.

2nd Cl.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Djembe  
(opt. Concert Tom)

*mf*

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Flute

Oboe

1st Cl.

2nd Cl.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

33      34      35      36      37      38      39      40

45

Flute

Oboe

1st Cl.

2nd Cl.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

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41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

pp

mf

sim.

Sus. Cym.

53

Flute

Oboe

1st Cl.

2nd Cl.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56

Flute

Oboe

1st Cl.

2nd Cl.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

57      58      59      60      61      62      63      64

69

Flute

Oboe

1st Cl.

2nd Cl.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

69

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72

Flute

Oboe

1st Cl.

2nd Cl.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

pp ————— *mf*

85

Flute

Oboe

1st Cl.

2nd Cl.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

div.

85

81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88

p f

Flute

Oboe

1st Cl.

2nd Cl.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

89      90      91      92      93      94      95      96

*p*      *mf*

101

Flute

Oboe

1st Cl.

2nd Cl.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Flute

Oboe

1st Cl.

2nd Cl.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

117

Flute

Oboe

1st Cl.

2nd Cl.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

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113      114      115      116      117      118      119      120

*p*      *f*

Flute  
 Oboe  
 1st Cl.  
 2nd Cl.  
 B. Cl.  
 Bsn.  
 A. Sx.  
 T. Sx.  
 B. Sx.  
 1st Trpt.  
 2nd Trpt.  
 F Hn.  
 Tbn.  
 Euph.  
 Tuba  
 Mlt.  
 Perc. 1  
 Perc. 2  
 Perc. 3

Measures 121-128

Dynamics: **pp**, **ff**, **div.**, **x = slap**

Flute  
 Oboe  
 1st Cl.  
 2nd Cl.  
 B. Cl.  
 Bsn.  
 A. Sx.  
 T. Sx.  
 B. Sx.  
 1st Trpt.  
 2nd Trpt.  
 F Hn.  
 Tbn.  
 Euph.  
 Tuba  
 Mlt.  
 Perc. 1  
 Perc. 2  
 Perc. 3

129      130      131      132      133      134      135      136

*pp*

137

## Percussion Feature (ad lib African Vocals)

Flute      >  
ff

Oboe      >  
ff

1st Cl.      >  
ff

2nd Cl.      >  
ff

B. Cl.      >  
ff

Bsn.      >  
ff

A. Sx.      >  
ff

T. Sx.      >  
ff

B. Sx.      >  
ff

137

## Percussion Feature (ad lib African Vocals)

1st Trpt.      >  
ff

2nd Trpt.      >  
ff

F Hn.      >  
ff

Tbn.      >  
ff

Euph.      >  
ff

Tuba      >  
ff

Mlt.      >  
ff

Perc. 1      >  
ff

Perc. 2      >  
ff

Perc. 3      >

ff

138

139

140

141

142

143

144

Flute

Oboe

1st Cl.

2nd Cl.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

145 146 147 148 149 150 151 152

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*pp*

153

Flute *ff*

Oboe *ff* *div.*

1st Cl. *ff*

2nd Cl. *ff*

B. Cl. *ff*

Bsn. *ff*

A. Sx. *ff*

T. Sx. *ff*

B. Sx. *ff*

153 *a2*

1st Trpt. *ff*

2nd Trpt. *ff*

F Hn. *ff*

Tbn. *ff* *a2*

Euph. *ff*

Tuba *ff*

Mlt. *ff*

Perc. 1 *ff*

Perc. 2 *ff*

Perc. 3 *ff*

Flute  
 Oboe  
 1st Cl.  
 2nd Cl.  
 B. Cl.  
 Bsn.  
 A. Sx.  
 T. Sx.  
 B. Sx.  
 1st Trpt.  
 2nd Trpt.  
 F Hn.  
 Tbn.  
 Euph.  
 Tuba  
 Mlt.  
 Perc. 1  
 Perc. 2  
 Perc. 3

*p* molto cresc.  
*div.*  
*a2*  
*p* molto cresc.  
*f*

Flute

Oboe

1st Cl.

2nd Cl.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

1st Trpt.

2nd Trpt.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Mlt.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

169      170      171      172      173      174      175      176

*pp* ————— *f* ————— *ff*