



BENJAMIN E. DANIEL

AMERICAN HERITAGE

A Patriotic Tribute for Symphonic Winds and SATB Choir



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American Heritage Program Notes

After Benjamin Daniel had completed his first composition, *Dreamflight*, he struggled for a number of months searching for creative direction for his next piece. Then one day in August of 2013, he was on a business trip in Phoenix, AZ, where he was the only natural born American citizen among his group. His other colleagues were three Indians and an Australian, all of who were very familiar with Middle East, as they had all lived in or near that part of the world.

On the way to the client site one morning, they were riding in the car and his colleagues started to debate and discuss things they liked and didn't like about life in the Middle East. As the conversation continued it grew more heated, eventually they started comparing life in the Middle East to life in the United States. Then one of his colleagues went on a rant ... passionately defending life, liberty, and freedom in the United States. At that moment, inspiration hit, and Ben knew exactly what his next piece would be. It would be something patriotic and meaningful, something that would be a proper homage to life, liberty, and freedom.

American Heritage is a fanfare, prelude, and grand finale for three linked national hymns: God of Our Fathers, The Battle Hymn of The Republic, and America The Beautiful. Over each respective hymn, an excerpt is read from The Declaration of Independence, The Gettysburg Address, and Ronald Reagan's 1989 Farewell Address.

The piece is meant to celebrate the American heritage of freedom and liberty throughout the history of the United States' in her noble founding, great conflict, and optimistic future.

Composer Bio

Ben Daniel (1976 -) is a native of Springfield, Georgia.

Music Education and Experience

1983 – Piano with local teacher

1987 – 1994 – Trombone in Birmingham County School Bands

1993 – Georgia All State Band (Trombone)

1994 – 1995 Georgia All State Band

Principal Trombone in High School Wind Ensemble

John Philip Sousa Award Recipient

University of Georgia Redcoat Band

University of Georgia Trombone Choir

2012 – Studied with composer and arranger William Locklear

2013 – Choir conductor for Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Alpharetta, Ga.

2014 – Premiere of symphonic composition for Band and Choir, *American Heritage*

2016 – Premiere of symphonic composition, *DreamFlight*

2016 – Music coordinator and choir director for Veterans Day Celebration at The Home Depot Corporate Headquarters.

American Heritage featured at celebration.

Ben holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems (1999) and an MBA (2007) from The University of Georgia.

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Score

American Heritage

Benjamin E Daniel

Maestoso ♩=100

Piccolo
Flute
Oboe
Bassoon
Clarinet in B♭ 1
Clarinet in B♭ 2
Bass Clarinet
Alto Sax 1
Alto Sax 2
Tenor Sax
Baritone Sax
Trumpet in B♭ 1
Trumpet in B♭ 2
Horn in F 1
Horn in F 2
Trombone
Euphonium
Timpani
Tuba
Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass
Timpani
Untuned Percussion
Crash Cymbal
Cymbals
Vibraphone
Chimes
Narrator

16

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bass

Soprano

Alto

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn.

tenor cues for one or two trombones

Tenor

Bass

Euph.

Tuba

S

Ah
mf

A

Ah
mf

T

Let our spir - its rise _____

B

Ah
mf

Timp.

Unt. Perc.

Cym.

Vib.

Ped.

Ped.

Ped.

Ped.

No Ped.

Chm.

Nar

16

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B

6
23

Picc. Fl. Ob. Bsn. B♭ Cl. 1 B♭ Cl. 2 B. Cl. A. Sx. 1 A. Sx. 2 T. Sx. B. Sx.

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23

B♭ Tpt. 1 B♭ Tpt. 2 Hn. 1 Hn. 2 Tbn. Euph. Tuba

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23

S A T B

shine on us and ge - ner - a - tions. Let a na - tion rise. on a hill,
shine on us and ge - ner - a - tions. na - nation rise. on a hill,
shine on us and ge - ner - a - tions. Let a na - nation rise. as a ci - ty on a hill, where her
shine ge - ner - a - tions. na - nation rise. on a hill,

23

Timp.

23

Unt. Perc. Cym.

23

Vib. Chm.

23

Nar

mf

p

pp

Ped. Ped. No Ped. Ped. Ped.

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30

Picc. Fl. Ob. Bsn. B♭ Cl. 1 B♭ Cl. 2 B. Cl. A. Sx. 1 A. Sx. 2 T. Sx. B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1 B♭ Tpt. 2 Hn. 1 Hn. 2 Tbn. Euph. Tuba

S. A. T. B.

Tim. Unt. Perc. Cym. Vib. Chm. Nar.

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30

peo - ple live and thrive in peace to - day and ev - er still. And where brave souls all answer
 peo - ple live and thrive in peace to - 'day and ev - er still. And where brave souls all answer
 peo - ple live and thrive in peace to - day and ev - er still. Ah - Ah Ah
 peo - ple live and thrive in peace to - 'day and ev - er still. Ah Ah

30

Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *No Ped.*

30

8

36

Picc.

Fl.

Ob. *p*

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2 *p*

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

36

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn. 1 *p*

Hn. 2 *p*

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

S free - dom's call of li - ber-ty and jus - ti - ce for all!

A free - dom's call of li - ber-ty and jus - ti - ce for all!

T ah ah li - ber-ty and jus - ti - ce for all!

B ah ah li - ber-ty and jus - ti - ce for all!

36 Timp.

Unt. Perc.

Cym.

Vib. *p*

Chm.

Nar

36

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C =140

Picc. *f*

Fl. *f*

Ob. *f*

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1 *f*

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1 *f*

A. Sx. 2 *f*

T. Sx. *f*

B. Sx. *f*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *f*

B♭ Tpt. 2 *f*

Hn. 1 *f*

Hn. 2 *f*

Tbn. *f*

Euph.

Tuba

S.

A.

T.

B.

Timp. *f*

Unt. Perc. *f*

Cym.

Vib. *f*

Chm.

Nar.

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This is a page from a musical score. The title 'American Heritage' is at the top center, and the page number '9' is in the top right corner. The score is for a full orchestra and choir. The instruments listed on the left are Picc., Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, B♭ Clarinet 1, B♭ Clarinet 2, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone 1, Alto Saxophone 2, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, B♭ Trumpet 1, B♭ Trumpet 2, Horn 1, Horn 2, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), Bass (B.), Timpani (Timp.), Unt. Perc., Cymbals (Cym.), Vibraphone (Vib.), Chimes (Chm.), and Narrator (Nar.). The tempo is marked 'C = 140'. The music consists of ten staves of five measures each. Measures 1-3 show various woodwind and brass entries. Measure 4 features a prominent bassoon line. Measures 5-6 show more woodwind and brass entries. Measures 7-8 show a continuation of the woodwind and brass patterns. Measures 9-10 show a final set of woodwind and brass entries. A large, diagonal watermark reading 'NOT AUTHORIZED FOR PERFORMANCE' is overlaid across the music.

American Heritage

D

55

Picc.

Fl.

Ob. *p*

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1 *p*

A. Sx. 2 *p*

T. Sx. *p*

B. Sx. *#*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *p*

B♭ Tpt. 2 *p*

Hn. 1 *p*

Hn. 2 *p*

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

S.

A.

T.

B.

Timp.

Unt. Perc. *mp*

Cym.

Vib.

Chm.

Nar.

E

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56

57

58

American Heritage

12

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

S

A

T

B

62

Timp.

Unt. Perc.

Cym.

Vib.

Chm.

Nar.

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68

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

S

A

T

B

68

Timp.

68

Unt. Perc.

Cym.

Vib.

Chm.

Nar

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14

Go

God of Our Fathers : Narrator reads from Declaration of Independence

God of Our Fathers : Narrator reads from Declaration of Independence

with reverence

84

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

S

A

T

B

Timp.

Unt. Perc.

Cym.

Vib.

Chm.

84

84

84

84

16

89

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

S

A

T

B

89

Timp.

Unt. Perc.

Cym.

Vib.

Chm.

Nar

are instituted among men drawing their just powers | from the consent of the governed, and | for support of this declaration with a firm reliance on | divine providence, we |

H = 100
March in place

Picc. Fl. Ob. Bsn. B_b Cl. 1 B_b Cl. 2 B. Cl. A. Sx. 1 A. Sx. 2 T. Sx. B. Sx. B_b Tpt. 1 B_b Tpt. 2 Hn. 1 Hn. 2 Tbn. Euph. Tuba S A T B Timp. Unt. Perc. Cym. Vib. Chm. Nar.

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108

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

S

A

T

B

108

Timp.

Unt. Perc.

Cym.

Vib.

Chm.

Nar

108

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Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent,

108

A musical score page from American Heritage, page 20, featuring 26 staves for various instruments. The instruments listed on the left are Picc., Fl., Ob., Bsn., B♭ Cl. 1, B♭ Cl. 2, B. Cl., A. Sx. 1, A. Sx. 2, T. Sx., B. Sx., B♭ Tpt. 1, B♭ Tpt. 2, Hn. 1, Hn. 2, Tbn., Euph., Tuba, S., A., T., B., Timp., Unt. Perc., Cym., Vib., Chm., and Nar.

The score includes dynamic markings like 'ff' and 'ff3'.

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121

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

121

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

121

S

A

T

B

121

Timp.

121

Unt. Perc.

Cym.

Vib.

Chm.

121

Nar

to the great task before us | that this nation under God may | have a new birth of freedom and that a | government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish

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To Suspended Cymbal

I

Picc. *f*

Fl. *f*

Ob. *f*

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1 *f*

B♭ Cl. 2 *f*

B. Cl. *f*

A. Sx. 1 *f*

A. Sx. 2 *f*

T. Sx.

B. Sx. *f*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *mp* *f*

B♭ Tpt. 2 *f*

Hn. 1 *f*

Hn. 2 *f*

Tbn. *f*

Euph. *f*

Tuba *f*

S ooo Glo ry, Glo ry Ha le lu iah! Glo ry, Glo ry Ha le lu iah!

A ooo Glo ry, Glo ry Ha le lu iah! Glo ry, Glo ry Ha le lu iah!

T ooo Glo ry, Glo ry Ha le lu iah! Glo ry, Glo ry Ha le lu iah!

B ooo Glo ry, Glo ry Ha le lu iah! Glo ry, Glo ry Ha le lu iah!

Tim. *f*

Unt. Perc. *p* *f*

Cym. To Crash Cymbal

Vib. *f*

Chm.

Nar from the earth.

poco accel.

accel.

rit.

K Maestoso

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138

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

S

A

T

B

Tim.

Unt. Perc.

Cym.

Vib.

Chm.

Nar.

I've spoken of

d=72

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

S

A

T

B

Timp.

Unt. Perc.

Cym.

Vib.

Chm.

Nar.

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the shining city all my political life. In my mind | it was a tall, proud city built on rocks stronger than oceans, | wind swept God blessed and teeming with people of all kinds |

A musical score page from American Heritage, page 27, showing measures 149. The page features 25 staves for various instruments:

- Picc.
- Fl.
- Ob.
- Bsn.
- B♭ Cl. 1
- B♭ Cl. 2
- B. Cl.
- A. Sx. 1
- A. Sx. 2
- T. Sx.
- B. Sx.
- B♭ Tpt. 1
- B♭ Tpt. 2
- Hn. 1
- Hn. 2
- Tbn.
- Euph.
- Tuba
- S
- A
- T
- B
- Timp.
- Unt. Perc.
- Cym.
- Vib.
- Chm.
- Nar.

The score includes lyrics at the bottom:

living in harmony and peace; — with free ports that hummed with commerce and creativity. And if the city had to have walls, the walls had doors, and they were open

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G.P.

158

Picc. Fl. Ob. Bsn. B♭ Cl. 1 B♭ Cl. 2 B. Cl. A. Sx. 1 A. Sx. 2 T. Sx. B. Sx. B♭ Tpt. 1 B♭ Tpt. 2 Hn. 1 Hn. 2 Tbn. Euph. Tuba S. A. T. B. Timp. Unt. Perc. Cym. Vib. Chm. Nar.

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crown thy good with broth - er hood from *p* sea to shin-ing sea shin - ing
 crown thy good with broth - er hood sea to shin-ing sea shin - ing
 crown thy good with broth - er hood *mf* sea to shin-ing shin - ing
 crown good with broth - er hood *f* sea shin - ing

158

Read after the conductor pauses after the G.P.
Now God bless you and God bless the United States of America

Spirto (M.M. $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 130$)

N

M

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

S

A

T

B

Tim.

Unt. Perc.

Cym.

Vib.

Chm.

Nar

sia!

sea!

sea!

sea!

ff

p

mf

To Suspended Cymbal

171

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

S

A

T

B

Tim.

Unt. Perc.

Cym.

Vib.

Chm.

Nar.

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180

Picc. *sfz*

Fl. *ff*

Ob. *mf*

Bsn. *ff*

B♭ Cl. 1 *ff*

B♭ Cl. 2 *mf*

B. Cl. *ff*

A. Sx. 1 *mf*

A. Sx. 2 *ff*

T. Sx. *ff*

B. Sx. *ff*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *ff*

B♭ Tpt. 2 *mf*

Hn. 1 *ff*

Hn. 2 *mf*

Tbn. *ff*

Euph. *ff*

Tuba *ff*

S cross this land we sing! A - mer - ic - ca the Bea - ti - ful, A - mer - ic - ca the

A cross this land we sing! A - mer - ic - ca the Bea - ti - ful, A - mer - ic - ca the

T cross this land we sing! A - mer - ic - ca the Bea - ti - ful, A - mer - ic - ca the

B cross this land we sing! A - mer - ic - ca the Bea - ti - ful, A - mer - ic - ca the

180 Tim. *sfz*

Unt. Perc. To Suspended Cymbal *sfz*

Cym. *f*

Xyl. *f*

Chm.

Nar. *ff*

O

196

Picc. *subito p*

Fl. *subito p*

Ob. *subito p*

Bsn. *subito p*

B♭ Cl. 1 *subito p*

B♭ Cl. 2 *subito p*

B. Cl. *subito p*

A. Sx. 1 *subito p*

A. Sx. 2 *subito p*

T. Sx. *subito p*

B. Sx. *subito p*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *subito p*

B♭ Tpt. 2 *subito p*

Hn. 1 *subito p*

Hn. 2 *subito p*

Tbn. *subito p*

Euph. *subito p*

Tuba *subito p*

S *shed* His lov - ing grace on thee!

A *shed* His lov - ing grace on thee!

T *shed* His lov - ing grace on thee!

B *shed* His lov - ing grace on thee!

Tim. *subito p*

Unt. Perc. *sfp*

Cym.

Xyl. *subito p*

Chm.

Nar.

The musical score consists of 36 staves, each representing a different instrument or voice part. The instruments listed on the left side of the page include Picc., Fl., Ob., Bsn., B♭ Cl. 1, B♭ Cl. 2, B. Cl., A. Sx. 1, A. Sx. 2, T. Sx., B. Sx., B♭ Tpt. 1, B♭ Tpt. 2, Hn. 1, Hn. 2, Tbn., Euph., Tuba, S, A, T, B, Tim., Unt. Perc., Cym., Xyl., Chm., and Nar. The score is marked with dynamic instructions such as *subito p*, *ff*, and *A*. The vocal parts (S, A, T, B) have lyrics: 'His lov - ing grace on thee!' and 'shed'. The score begins at measure 196. A large, diagonal watermark reading 'NOT AUTHORIZED FOR PERFORMANCE' is overlaid across the page.