

# Dancin' on the Bayou

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# **INSTRUMENTATION**

- 1 Conductor
- 10 C Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B Clarinet
- 2 B<sub>b</sub> Bass Clarinet
- 6 El Alto Saxophone
- 4 By Tenor Saxophone
- 2 El Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B Trumpet
- 4 Horn in F
- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon

- 2 Baritone Treble Clef (World Part Trombone in B) Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba
- 1 Mallet Percussion
  (Bells)
- 2 Percussion I (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- Percussion II
   (Suspended Cymbal, Washtub Bottom)
- 4 Optional Percussion III (3 Washboards)
- 4 Optional Percussion IV (2 Pitched Jugs)

#### **WORLD PARTS**

Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in Elartone in Blass Clef Trombone/Baritone in Blass Clef Tuba in Elartone Tuba in Blass Clef Tuba in Blass Clef Tuba in Blass Clef

# **PROGRAM NOTES**

Deep in the heart of Louisiana bayou country, where the food is hot and the music is hotter, the cajun spirit is captured here in this exciting piece for your first concert. The following found sound items will enhance your performance: musical washboards to be strummed by wearing thimbles on the thumb and fingers (available from many percussion catalogs and dealers), metal washtubs turned upside down to be struck with wooden spoons, and two large bottles approximating the pitches of B<sup>1</sup> and F concert to be blown across at their openings to produce the sound of each pitch. This effect can also be reproduced on a synthesizer (General MIDI Patch 77—blown bottle). Be sure to present your auxiliary performers visually for maximum audience appeal and impact. Perhaps your school administrators, teachers, and/or coaches could perform on these unusual percussion instruments. Listening to authentic cajun and zydeco musical styles could be incorporated into the study of this music as well.

The tempo should be taken as close to 160 as possible, if not quicker, for a half-time dance feel. This piece may also serve as a teaching tool for the alla breve time signature and two-beat feel. It is my hope that you, your students, and your audiences enjoy "Dancin' on the Bayou."



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