

From the GAYANE Ballet **Sabre Dance**

ARAM KHACHATURIAN Arranged by MICHAEL STORY (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 10 C Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B^J Clarinet
- 2 B^J Bass Clarinet
- 6 E Alto Saxophone
- 4 B^J Tenor Saxophone
- 2 E Baritone Saxophone
- 8 B[,] Trumpet
- 4 Horn in F
- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon

BEGINNING BAND

- 2 Baritone Treble Clef (World Part Trombone in B[↓] Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba
- 2 Mallet Percussion (Xylophone)
- 1 Optional Timpani (Tune: Eb, Ab, C, F
- 2 Percussion I (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- 3 Percussion II (Tambourine, Triangle, Woodblock)

WORLD PARTS Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in E Trombone/Baritone in B Bass Clef Tuba in E Bass Clef Tuba in E Treble Clef Tuba in B Bass Clef Tuba in B Treble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

In 1939, Aram Khachaturian composed the ballet *Schast 'ye (Happiness)*. Using material from this work, he drastically changed and rewrote it, calling the new work *Gayane* (1942). Ironically, "Sabre Dance," the most famous piece from the *Gayane* ballet, was almost never written; it was added as an additional piece to the score at the request of the Kirov Theater

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The marked tempo (120) is only a guide; feel free to increase or decrease the tempo to fit your ensemble. Carefully observe all marked articulations, especially in measures 23, 28, and 29. Xylophone is the recommended keyboard percussion instrument; however, bells may also be used. I have written a four-drum timpani part. Please note that this part is completely optional; it is merely a doubling of the low brass and woodwinds.

Phope you and your ensemble find "Sabre Dance" to be a worthwhile musical experience.

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