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(A Glorious Fanfare)

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# Look to the Skies

## (A Glorious Fanfare)

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### Instrumentation

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|---|----|
| Full Conductor Score.....                               | 1  |
| Flute.....  | 10 |
| Oboe.....   | 2  |
| 1st Bb Clarinet.....                                    | 6  |
| 2nd Bb Clarinet.....                                    | 6  |
| Bb Bass Clarinet.....                                   | 2  |
| Bassoon.....  | 2  |
| Eb Alto Saxophone.....                                  | 8  |
| Bb Tenor Saxophone.....                                 | 2  |
| Eb Baritone Saxophone.....                              | 2  |
| 1st Bb Trumpet.....                                     | 5  |
| 2nd Bb Trumpet.....                                     | 5  |
| F Horn.....   | 4  |
| Trombone.....   | 6  |
| Baritone BC.....  | 2  |
| Baritone TC.....  | 2  |
| Tuba.....   | 4  |
| Mallet Percussion: Bells, Chimes.....                   | 5  |
| Timpani.....  | 1  |
| Percussion 1: Snare Drum, Bass Drum.....                | 3  |
| Percussion 2: Sleigh Bells, Suspended Cymbal, Gong..... | 3  |
| Piano/Keyboard (optional).....                          | 1  |

### Program Notes

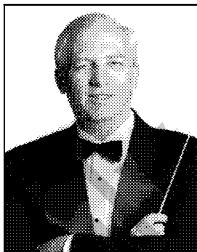
Music that is highly inspirational best describes the reason that I created this work. The excitement and drive of the opening fanfare leads to a lyrical theme that sends the strong message of hope. The powerful ending is intended to be uplifting and very positive. Above all else, I certainly hope you enjoy listening to this glorious fanfare that is appropriately titled **Look To The Skies**.

### Rehearsal and Performance Suggestions

- Resist the temptation to slow down during the lyrical sections and avoid the possibility of speeding up during the more separated style of the majestic sections.
- In terms of balance, the melody should generally be the prominent voice. Establish who has the melody and ask the remaining musicians to listen for that part. If they can't hear the melody while performing, they are probably playing too loud.
- Dynamic contrast is a key factor in the performance of this work.
- Feel free to add the piano with the ensemble. This is purely optional.
- Above all else, have as much fun performing this piece as I did composing it.



### About the Composer



James Swearingen's talents as a performer, composer/arranger and educator include a background of extensive training and experience. He has earned degrees from Bowling Green State University and The Ohio State University. In recognition of distinguished contributions, Mr. Swearingen was recently accorded the title of Professor Emeritus from Capital University located in Columbus, Ohio. Prior to his appointment at Capital in 1987, he spent eighteen years teaching instrumental music in the public schools of central Ohio. His first teaching assignment took him to the community of Sunbury, Ohio. He then spent fourteen years as Director of Instrumental Music at Grove City High School, where his marching, concert, and jazz bands all received acclaim for their high standards of performing excellence.

Mr. Swearingen currently serves as a staff arranger for the famed Ohio State University Marching Band. In addition to his arranging responsibilities, Mr. Swearingen manages to be very active as a guest conductor, adjudicator and educational clinician. Appearances have included trips throughout the United States, as well as Japan, Australia, Europe, Canada and The Republic of China.

School directors, student performers and audiences worldwide have enthusiastically received Mr. Swearingen's numerous contributions for band. With over 550 published works, he has written band compositions and arrangements that reflect a variety of musical forms and styles. Many of his pieces, including 107 commissioned works, have been chosen for contest and festival lists. He is a recipient of several ASCAP awards for published compositions and in 1992 was selected as an Accomplished Graduate of the Fine and Performing Arts from Bowling Green State University. In March of 2000, he was invited to join The American Bandmasters Association, considered to be the most prestigious bandmaster organization in the world. Mr. Swearingen received the 2002 Community Music Educator Award given annually by the Columbus Symphony Orchestra. In that same year, he became conductor of the Grove City Community Winds. This highly talented ensemble consists of many fine musicians from the central Ohio area. On June 20, 2009, The American School Band Directors Association, Inc., presented Mr. Swearingen with the A. Austin Harding Award. This prestigious award is presented annually by the organization and is reflective of valuable and dedicated service to the school bands of America. In 2011, he received the Hall of Fame Award presented by the Ohio Chapter (Mu) of Phi Beta Mu. The OMEA Distinguished Service Award was presented to him at the 2014 OMEA Professional Development Conference. Later that year, he was presented the Signature Sinfonia Award by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. It should be noted that he is also a member of numerous professional and honorary organizations including NAFME, ASBDA and Pi Kappa Lambda.

Many of Mr. Swearingen's most popular band compositions have been recorded by the prestigious Washington Winds and are available on Walking Frog Records compact discs: His recordings include In All Its Glory, Exaltation, Celebration For Winds And Percussion, The Light Of Dawn, and the newest release, Flight of Valor.

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James Swearingen (ASCAP)

Conductor Score  
024-4411-00

Majestic ♩ = 128

The score is for a conductor and includes parts for the following instruments:

- Flute
- Oboe
- 1st B♭ Clarinet
- 2nd B♭ Clarinet
- B♭ Bass Clarinet
- Bassoon
- E♭ Alto Saxophone
- B♭ Tenor Saxophone
- E♭ Baritone Saxophone
- 1st B♭ Trumpet
- 2nd B♭ Trumpet
- F Horn
- Trombone
- Baritone
- Tuba
- Mallet Percussion: Bells, Chimes (with instructions: Bells w/light mallets & Chimes, Bells only)
- Timpani B♭, F (with instruction: Med. hard mallets)
- Percussion 1: Snare Drum, Bass Drum (with instruction: f)
- Percussion 2: Sleigh Bells, Suspended Cymbal, Gong (with instruction: Sleigh Bells, f)
- Piano/Keyboard (optional)

The score is in 3/4 time and begins with a key signature of two flats (B♭ and E♭). It features a 'Majestic' tempo of 128 beats per minute. The music is marked with a forte (f) dynamic. The score is divided into five measures, with first endings indicated by '1' through '5' at the bottom of the page.

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Fl.

Ob.

1st Cl.

2nd Cl.

Bs. Cl.

Bsn.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

1st Trp.

2nd Trp.

Hn.

Trb.

Bar.

Tuba

Mallet Perc.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno. /Kbd. (opt.)

19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*p* *mf*

*p* *mf*

*p* *mf*

29 Majestic

Fl. *mf* *f*

Ob. *mf* *f*

1st Cl. *mf* *f* *mp*

2nd Cl. *mf* *f* *mp*

Bs. Cl.

Bsn. *f*

A. Sx. *f*

T. Sx. *f*

B. Sx. *f*

1st Trp. *div.* *f* *VB*

2nd Trp. *f*

Hn. *f*

Trb. *f*

Bar. *f*

Tuba *f*

Mallet Perc. Chimes only *mf* Bells & Chimes *f* Bells only *f*

Timp. *f* *mp*

Perc. 1 *f* *mp*

Perc. 2 Sleigh Bells *f*

Pno. /Kbd. (opt.) *f*

27

28

29

30

31

32











