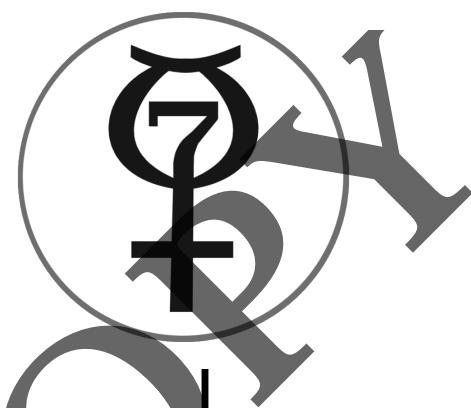

WE SEVEN
FOR BRASS BAND



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*written for and dedicated to my mentor
Joseph Parisi
and the
Fountain City Brass Band*

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*"How many things have been denied one day,
only to become realities the next!"
—Jules Verne's *From the Earth to the Moon**

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WE SEVEN FOR BRASS BAND

Duration

about 10'00"

Instrumentation

- 1 Soprano Cornet (Eb)**
9 Cornets (Bb) [Both 3rd Cornets double Crystal Glasses]
1 Flugelhorn
3 Tenor Horns (Eb) [2nd Horn doubles Crystal Glasses]
2 Baritone Horns (Bb)
2 Tenor Trombones (Bb)
1 Bass Trombone
2 Euphoniums (Bb)
2 Basses (Eb)
2 Basses (Bb)

4 Percussion

Percussion I:

Marimba
Bass Drum

Percussion II:

Vibraphone
Suspended Cymbal

Percussion III:

3 Triangles (small, med., large)
Tam-Tam
2 Suspended Cymbals

Percussion IV:

Chimes
Crotales
Crash Cymbals

Program Notes

We Seven, the title of this work, comes from a book by the same name written by the United States's first astronauts. In 1959, the United States entered the space race by starting a program whose main aims included sending a solo astronaut into space and recovering him safely. Project Mercury, as this program was so called, recruited the first seven American astronauts and successfully sent six of them into space. These men were Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard, and Deke Slayton, and collectively they became known as the "Mercury Seven." Through their efforts and those of countless others, the United States Space Program accomplished much with these six flights, including successfully sending an astronaut into space, putting a man in orbit, and keeping him up there for more than 24 hours. In 1962, shortly after Glenn and Carpenter's orbital flights, the "Mercury Seven" co-wrote the book *We Seven* and throughout it, the astronauts discuss the events leading from their selection into the program up through Carpenter's flight in May of 1962. The primary material for the work comes from two sources: the use of musical cryptograms to encode the astronauts names and initials into pitches and the aria 'Un bel dì vedremo' from Giacomo Puccini's opera, *Madame Butterfly*. The inclusion of the latter comes directly from one of Glenn's chapters in the book. Together with a couple of the other astronauts, he would often listen to the opera to unwind from a long day of training. I would like to think that as he was orbiting the Earth that this opera, particularly this aria, would be running through his mind.

This work commemorates the Project Mercury on the 50th anniversary of its conclusion and was written for Joseph Parisi and the University of Missouri-Kansas City Wind Ensemble. The version for brass band has been prepared by the composer for the Fountain City Brass Band

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Performance Notes

- An “X” time signature indicates “free time.” Throughout these free time sections, triangles containing numbers are used. These indicate the number of cues in each larger section. Dashed barlines separate cues.
- Single line staves denote that the player is not playing.
- Thick horizontal lines indicate that the previous material should continue to be played.
- Boxed notation is to be played freely and, in the case of multiple events contained within the box, in any order. Boxed notation continues for as long as the horizontal lines indicate.
- Two “*soli*” players accompany each soloist at the beginning. These *soli* players have cues for the soloists’ parts and should feel free to react to it.
- Timing indications in free time are simply guidelines.
- The crescendi and decrescendi at the opening in the repiano and 2nd cornets and their subsequent appearances elsewhere are to be played free and asynchronous and should move no more than one dynamic level louder than the indicated dynamic.
- Double whole notes in the “free time” sections indicate the note begins at the cue and lasts for the duration of that cue or until the line ends.
- Half-note noteheads without a stem in the “free time” sections indicate that the given note begins sometime after a cue or ends sometime after a cue. During these instances, the players are free to enter or release the given pitch as they desire. (Example: See 1st tenor horn, mm. 4-5).
- The accel. with an arrow (e.g. mm. 16-18) is only indicated in the score. This shows that the time between cues under the arrow should get progressively shorter.
- Eighth-note stems without noteheads are used to indicate where some boxed notation ideas conclude. The player is to stop playing at that eighth-note regardless of where they are at in their boxed notation. (Example: See measure 21).
- The three crystal glass players (Both 3rd cornets and 2nd tenor horn) each have two glasses. They are free to alternate between these two glasses, and can even overlap the two pitches, if they so desire. The glasses need to be tuned to the given pitches (pitches are written at sounding pitch in the score and parts), however they do not have to sound at the given octave.

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Transposed Score

WE SEVEN

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5 free time, atmospheric

5 sec.

8-10 sec.

8-10 sec

5-7 sec

6-8 sec

* The author would like to thank Dr. J. H. G. van der Pol for his help.

These crescendi and diminuendi should be free and asynchronous.
Their placement in the score and parts is entirely arbitrary and only serves as a rough model.

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WE SEVEN

A $\sqrt{3}$

8-10 sec. 5-7 sec. 8-10 sec.

SOP. II III IV REP. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

SOLO cup mute straight mute ppp < pp <> <> sim.

FLUG. solo f mp < f > mp < fp > f ppp

SOLO end solo

T. HN. I II T. HN. I II T. HN. I II

BAR. I II BAR. I II BAR. I II

TBN. B. TBN. EUPH. BASS

A $\sqrt{3}$ 8-10 sec. 5-7 sec. 8-10 sec.

Marimba Vibraphone bowed w/ mallets

Triangles Crotales

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B 2

8-10 sec.

SOP. *end soli* *pp < mf > pp*

I *ppp*

II

SOLO

III *ppp* *p ppp*

IV

REP. *ppp* *sim.*

1 *pp* *sim.*

2ND *ppp* *sim.*

1 *straight mute* *ppp* *ppp* *sim.*

3RD *ppp* *p pp*

FLUG.

SOLO *pp*

T. HN. 1 *ppp* *sim.* *ppp* *sim.*

II *ppp* *p ppp*

1 *solo* *ppp* *f pp* *ppp* *f ppp* *end solo*

II *ppp* *mf pp*

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COPY

8-10 sec.

8-10 sec.

tr. *(o)* *p* *pp* *end soli* *ppp* *straight mute* *ppp*

TBN. I

II

B. TBN.

EUPH. I *mute* *ppp* *p ppp* *ppp* *ppp* *mute*

II

E_b BASS B_b

B 2

8-10 sec.

I *ppp* *bowed* *pp* *ppp* *ppp*

II *ppp* *mp* *pp*

PERC. III *pp*

IV

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C 2

8-10 sec.

7-9 sec.

D in time ($\Delta = 76$)

rit.

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COPY

D in time ($\text{♩} = 76$)

end solo

rit.

open

open

a²

rit.

Chimes

6

E V_5 free time, triumphant

accel.

WE SEVEN

15-17 sec.

SOP. X *f*

I open (ca. $\text{J} = 60$) f *fp* f

II f *fp* f

SOLO f

III f

IV f

REP. open f

1 open f

2 open f

2ND open f

1 open f

3RD open f

FLUG. X *f*

SOLO f

T. HN. I open tr f

II

BAR. I X *f*

II f

E V_5 free time, triumphant accel. 15-17 sec.

TBN. I f *pp*

II f *pp*

B. TBN. f *pp*

EUPH. I f *pp*

II f *pp*

BASS f *pp*

B_b f *pp*

E V_5 free time, triumphant accel. 15-17 sec.

I Bass Drum f *pp*

Sus. Cymbal f *mf*

II f *mf*

PERC. Triangle f

III Crash Cymbals mf $\gg\gg\gg$ $\gg\gg$ sim.

IV f

WE SEVEN

7

majestic ($\text{J} = 76$)

F

2 free time, triumphant

8-10 sec.

SOP. f

I p

II f

Solo p

III f

IV f

REP. f

1 f

2ND f

1 f

3RD f

FLUG. p

SOLO p

T. HN. I p

II open f

1 f

II f

COPY 1

ORIGINAL

majestic ($\text{J} = 76$)

F

2 free time, triumphant

8-10 sec.

TBN. f

II f

B. TBN. f

1 f

II f

EUPH. f

II f

BASS f

Bb f

majestic ($\text{J} = 76$)

F

2 free time, triumphant

8-10 sec.

PERC. pp

III f

IV f

WE SEVEN

majestic ($\text{J} = 76$)G $\frac{6}{4}$ free time, triumphant

7-9 sec.

accel.

SOP. f

I p

II p

SOLO p

III p

IV p

REP. p

1 p

2ND p

2 p

1 3RD p

2 p

FLUG. p

SOLO p

T. HN. I p

II f

1 BAR. f

II f

majestic ($\text{J} = 76$)G $\frac{6}{4}$ free time, triumphant

7-9 sec.

accel.

I TBN. f

II f

B. TBN. f

EUPH. f

II f

E_b BASS f

B_b BASS f

majestic ($\text{J} = 76$)G $\frac{6}{4}$ free time, triumphant

7-9 sec.

accel.

I Bass Drum f

II Sus. Cymbal pp

PERC. Triangle pp

III f

IV Crash Cymbals $mf < > \text{sim.}$

WE SEVEN

H majestic ($\text{J} = 76$)

SOP. *f*

I *f*

II *f*

SOLO *f*

III *f*

IV *f*

REP. *f*

1 *f*

2ND *f*

2 *p*

1 *f*

3RD *f*

2 *p*

FLUG. *f*

fp

tr

SOLO *f*

fp

tr

T. HN. I *p*

II *f*

fp

1 *f*

2ND *f*

II *f*

fp

tr

BAR. I *f*

II *f*

fp

tr

H majestic ($\text{J} = 76$)

I *f*

II *f*

B. TBN. *f*

fp

EUPH. I *f*

II *f*

fp

E_b BASS I *f*

B_b *f*

fp

a2

f

fp

a2

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fp

H majestic ($\text{J} = 76$)

I *f*

II *pp*

PERC. III *f*

IV *p*

Chimes

WE SEVEN

rit.

SOP. *f*

1 *f*

II *f*

SOLO *f*

III *f*

IV *f*

REP. *f*

1 *f*

2ND *f*

2 *f*

1 *f*

3RD *f*

2 *f*

FLUG. *f*

SOLO *f*

T. HN. I *f*

II *f*

1 *f*

II *f*

BAR. I *f*

II *f*

TBN. I *f*

II *f*

B. TBN. *f*

EUPH. I *f*

II *f*

E_b BASS *f*

B_b BASS *f*

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WE SEVEN

I

3 free time, atmospheric

15-17 sec.

4

a tempo

SOP. -

I straight mute *pp*

II straight mute *pp* *mp > ppp*

SOLO *ppp*

III straight mute *pp* *mp > ppp*

IV straight mute *pp* *mp > ppp*

REP. *ppp* straight mute *pp* *mp > ppp*

1 straight mute *pp* *mp > ppp*

2ND straight mute *pp* *mp > ppp*

1 to Crystal Glasses *ppp* [Crystal Glasses] *pp*

3RD to Crystal Glasses *ppp* [Crystal Glasses] *pp*

FLUG. -

X

SOLO -

T. HN. I -

II to Crystal Glasses *ppp* [Crystal Glasses] *pp*

BAR. -

I *ppp*

II *ppp*

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X

4

I

3 free time, atmospheric

15-17 sec.

4

a tempo

TBN. -

II *ppp*

B. TBN. -

EUPH. I mute *pp* *mp > ppp*

II *ppp*

BASS E_b -

B_b *ppp*

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X

4

I

3 free time, atmospheric

15-17 sec.

4

a tempo

PERC. I -

II -

III -

IV Crotales

improvise freely and very sporadically with given instruments (in any order) Tam-Tam & Suspended Cymbals bowed *pp*

improvise freely and very sporadically with given pitches (in any order) bowed *pp*

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12

WE SEVEN

J slow, atmospheric ($\text{♩} = 60$)

SOP.

I

II

SOLO

III

IV

REP.

1

2ND

1

3RD

2

FLUG.

straight mute

SOLO

T. HN. I

II

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BAR.

II

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FLUG.

straight mute

SOLO

T. HN. I

II

1

BAR.

II

J slow, atmospheric ($\text{♩} = 60$)

TBN.

II

B. TBN.

1

EUPH.

II

J slow, atmospheric ($\text{♩} = 60$)

E_b

BASS

B_b

Marimba

Vibraphone

PERC.

III

IV

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WE SEVEN

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WE SEVEN

L stately; lush ($\text{J} = 42$)

rit.

SOP. $\frac{3}{4}$ ff f mf p #p mp p 4 p

I ff f mf p p mp p p

II ff f mf p p mp p p

SOLO ff f mf p pp

III ff f mf p pp

IV ff f mf p pp

REP. ff f mf p mp pp

1 ff f mf p mp p

2 ff f mf p mp p

2N^D ff f mf p mp p

1 ff f mf p mp p

3RD ff f mf p mp p

Crystal Glasses

FLUG. f ff f mf p mp p

SOLO ff f mf p mp pp

T. HN. I ff f mf p mp p

II ff f mf p mp p

T. HN. II ff f mf p mp p

BAR. ff f mf p mp p

1 ff f mf p mp p

2 ff f mf p mp p

L stately; lush ($\text{J} = 42$) rit.

TBN. ff f mf p pp

II ff f mf p

B. TBN. ff f mf p

EUPH. ff f mf p mp p

II ff f mf p mp p

E_b a² ff f mf p

BASS ff f mf p mp p

B_b ff f mf p mp p

L stately; lush ($\text{J} = 42$) rit.

Bass Drum

Sus. Cymbal

Tam-Tam

Chimes

Marimba

pp *sempre*

WE SEVEN

M slow, atmospheric ($\text{♩} = 60$)

SOP. pp

I $\text{mp} \rightarrow \text{ppp}$

II mp

SOLO ppp

III

IV

REP. straight mute ppp

1 cup mute

2ND cup mute $\text{ppp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ppp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ppp}$

1 $\text{ppp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ppp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ppp}$

3RD $\text{ppp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ppp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ppp}$

FLUG. $\text{mp} \rightarrow \text{ppp}$

SOLO straight mute $\text{ppp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ppp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ppp}$

T. HN. I straight mute $\text{ppp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ppp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ppp}$

II $\text{ppp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ppp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ppp}$

BAR. $\text{mp} \rightarrow \text{ppp}$

II $\text{mp} \rightarrow \text{ppp}$

M slow, atmospheric ($\text{♩} = 60$) cup mute

I $\text{ppp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ppp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ppp}$

II

B. TBN.

EUPH. $\text{mp} \rightarrow \text{ppp}$

II $\text{mp} \rightarrow \text{ppp}$

E \flat BASS II $\text{ppp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ppp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ppp}$

B \flat BASS III $\text{ppp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ppp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \rightarrow \text{ppp}$

M slow, atmospheric ($\text{♩} = 60$)

I ppp

II

PERC. Tam-Tam & Suspended Cymbals bowed pp

III Crotales bowed pp

IV pp

Bass Drum pp

Sus. Cymbal pp

18

N 5 free time, triumphant

accel.

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-15-17 sec.

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N **5** free time, triumphant accel. 15-17 sec.

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majestic ($\text{♩} = 76$)

SOP.

I

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SOLO

III

IV

REP.

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2ND

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FLUG.

SOLO

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EUPH.

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PERC.

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Chimes

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P.R.E.P. USA

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SOP. *f*

I *f*

II *f*

SOLO *fp*

III *f*

IV *f*

REP. *f*

1 *f*

2ND *fp*
tr.

2 *f*

1 *f*

3RD *fp*

FLUG. *f*

SOLO *fp*
tr.

T. HN. I *f*

II *f*

BAR. I *f*

II *f*

TBN. I *f*

II *f*

B. TBN. *f*

EUPH. I *f*

II *f*

BASS E♭ *f*

B♭ *f*

PERC. I Bass Drum
Sus. Cymbal
Chimes

II *f*
pp

III

IV *f*

rit.

3

slow, atmospheric ($\downarrow = 60$)

WE SEVEN