
SOLAR FLARE

FOR VARIABLE INSTRUMENTATION BAND



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*commissioned by my friend
John Oelrich
for the
2018 University of Tennessee at Martin
Junior High Honor Band*

*"It is the stars,
The stars above us, govern our conditions."
William Shakespeare's King Lear*

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Duration

about 5'00"

Instrumentation

at least one wind player per category chosen from the following

- Part I (flute, oboe, clarinet)
- Part II (clarinet, alto sax., trumpet)
- Part III (clarinet, alto sax., trumpet, horn)
- Part IV (bass clarinet, tenor sax., bassoon, horn, trombone, euphonium)
- Part V (bass clarinet, baritone sax., bassoon, trombone, euphonium, tuba)

4 Percussion

Percussion I:

Marimba
Chimes
Xylophone
Sandpaper Blocks
Crash Cymbals

Percussion II:

Xylophone
Tambourine (mounted w/ snare sticks)

Percussion III:

Suspended Cymbal (w/ scraper & wooden snare sticks)
2 Tom Toms

Percussion IV:

Bass Drum

Program Notes

Our sun has represented different things throughout history. It was a deity. An indirect source of food. A supplier of light. A point for navigation. An aid in the telling of time. However, one thing has remained constant: humans have always been enamored by the sheer power of the sun. Solar flares are one such manifestation of this power. NASA states that “[solar] eruptions are created when the motion of the sun’s interior contorts its own magnetic fields. Like the sudden release of a twisted rubber band, the magnetic fields explosively realign, driving vast amounts of energy into space. This phenomenon can create a sudden flash of light -- a solar flare.” This piece alludes to the awesome power of a solar flare with its driving rhythms, sudden changes, and majestic fanfares.

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Transposed Score

SOLAR FLARE

for Variable Instrumentation Band

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stately; regal (♩ = 72-76) **energetic; animated** (♩ = 136-144)

PART I
Flute
Oboe
Clarinet (B♭)

PART II
Clarinet (B♭)
Trumpet (B♭)
Alto Sax.

PART III
Clarinet (B♭)
Trumpet (B♭)
Alto Sax.
Horn (F)

PART IV
Bass Clarinet
Tenor Sax.
Horn (F)
Bassoon
Trombone
Euphonium

PART V
Bass Clarinet
Baritone Sax.
Bassoon
Trombone
Euphonium
Tuba

PERCUSSION
I Marimba
II Xylophone
III Sus. Cymbal
scrape
let ring
IV Bass Drum

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

* - If more than one player is on Part I, up to half of the players can play the small notes.
Otherwise, play only the large notes.

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PART I

Fl. Ob. *p* *f*

B♭ Cl. *p* *f*

PART II

B♭ Cl. B♭ Tpt. *p* *f* *p*

A. Sax. *p* *f* *p*

PART III

B♭ Cl. B♭ Tpt. *p* *f*

A. Sax. *p* *f*

Hn. *p* *f*

PART IV

B. Cl. T. Sax. *p* *f*

Hn. *p* *f*

Bsn. Tbn. Euph. *p* *f*

PART V

B. Cl. *p* *f*

B. Sax. *p* *f*

Bsn. Tbn. Euph. *p* *f*

Tuba *p* *f*

PERCUSSION

I Marimba *p* *f* *p*

II Xylophone

III

IV

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

* - Octaves are sometimes given in the score and parts. The performers can play either octave, depending on comfortability.

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B

PART I

Fl. Ob.

B♭ Cl.

PART II

B♭ Cl. B♭ Tpt.

A. Sax.

B

PART III

B♭ Cl. B♭ Tpt.

A. Sax.

Hn.

PART IV

B. Cl. T. Sax.

Hn.

Bsn. Tbn. Euph.

B

PART V

B. Cl.

B. Sax.

Bsn. Tbn. Euph.

Tuba

B

P E R C U S S I O N

I

II

III

IV

Sus. Cymbal wooden snare sticks

Bass Drum let ring

SOLAR FLARE

PART I

FL. Ob. C

B♭ Cl.

PART II

B♭ Cl. B♭ Tpt.

A. Sax.

PART III

B♭ Cl. B♭ Tpt.

A. Sax.

Hn.

C

PART IV

B. Cl. T. Sax.

Hn.

Bsn. Tbn. Euph.

PART V

B. Cl.

B. Sax.

Bsn. Tbn. Euph.

Tuba

C

P E R C U S S I O N

I Marimba

II Xylophone

III

IV Bass Drum

SOLAR FLARE

PART I

Fl. Ob.
Bb Cl.

f fp f

PART II

Bb Cl.
Bb Tpt.
A. Sx.

f

PART III

Bb Cl.
Bb Tpt.
A. Sx.
Hn.

p mf fp fp

PART IV

B. Cl.
T. Sx.
Hn.
Bsn.
Tbn.
Euph.

mf fp fp

PART V

B. Cl.
B. Sx.
Bsn.
Tbn.
Euph.
Tuba

p mf p f fp fp

P E R C U S S I O N

I
II
III
IV

f fp

D

37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45

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PART I

Fl. Ob. *f* *fp* *f*

B♭ Cl. *f* *fp* *f*

PART II

B♭ Cl. B♭ Tpt. *f* *fp* *f*

A. Sx. *f* *fp* *f*

PART III

B♭ Cl. B♭ Tpt. *f* *fp* *f*

A. Sx. *f* *fp* *f*

Hn. *f* *fp* *f*

PART IV

B. Cl. T. Sx. *f* *fp* *f*

Hn. *f* *fp* *f*

Bsn. Tbn. Euph. *f* *fp* *f*

PART V

B. Cl. *f* *fp* *f*

B. Sx. *f* *fp* *f*

Bsn. Tbn. Euph. *f* *fp* *f*

Tuba *f* *fp* *f*

P E R C U S S I O N

I Xylophone

II *f*

III Sus. Cymbal *f* + Tom Toms *p* *f*

IV Bass Drum *f* *p* *f* *p* *f*

46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53

E

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PART I

Fl. Ob. *p* *f*

B♭ Cl. *p* *f*

PART II

B♭ Cl. B♭ Tpt. *f*

A. Sx. *f*

PART III

B♭ Cl. B♭ Tpt. *f* *mp*

A. Sx. *f* *mp*

Hn. *f* *mp*

PART IV

B. Cl. T. Sx. *mp* *f*

Hn. *mp* *f*

Bsn. Tbn. Euph. *mp* *f*

PART V

B. Cl. *f* *p* *f*

B. Sx. *f* *p* *f*

Bsn. Tbn. Euph. *f* *p* *f*

Tuba *f* *p* *f*

PERCUSSION

I Chimes *f*

II Tambourine *p* *sim.* *f*

III *p* *f*

IV *p* *f*

54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61

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PART I

Fl. Ob.

Bb Cl.

F

PART II

Bb Cl. Bb Tpt.

A. Sx.

mp *f* *p* *f*

PART III

Bb Cl. Bb Tpt.

A. Sx.

Hn.

F

f *mp* *f* *p* *f*

PART IV

B. Cl. T. Sx.

Hn.

Bsn. Tbn. Euph.

f *f* *f*

PART V

B. Cl.

B. Sx.

Bsn. Tbn. Euph.

Tuba

F

mp *f* *mp* *f* *mp* *f*

P E R C U S S I O N

I Chimes

II Tambourine

III Sus. Cym. + Tom Toms

IV Bass Drum

F

SOLAR FLARE

PART I
Fl. Ob.
Bb Cl.

PART II
Bb Cl.
Bb Tpt.
A. Sx.

PART III
Bb Cl.
Bb Tpt.
A. Sx.
Hn.

PART IV
B. Cl.
T. Sx.
Hn.
Bsn.
Tbn.
Euph.

PART V
B. Cl.
B. Sx.
Bsn.
Tbn.
Euph.
Tuba

P E R C U S S I O N
I
II
III
IV

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G

Xylophone

71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78

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PART I

Fl. Ob. *p mp mf p < mp*

B♭ Cl. *p mp mf p < mp*

PART II

B♭ Cl. B♭ Tpt. *p mf p mp p*

A. Sax. *p mf p mp p*

PART III

B♭ Cl. B♭ Tpt. *p mf p mp*

A. Sax. *p mf p mp*

Hn. *p mf p mp*

PART IV

B. Cl. T. Sax. *mf mp*

Hn. *mf mp*

Bsn. Tbn. Euph. *mf mp*

PART V

B. Cl. *p mp*

B. Sax. *p mp*

Bsn. Tbn. Euph. *p mp*

Tuba *p mp*

P E R C U S S I O N

I *mf p < mp*

II *mp mf p < mp*

III

IV *mf mp*

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79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86

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I stately; regal

PART I
 Fl. Ob.
 Bb Cl.

PART II
 Bb Cl. Bb Tpt.
 A. Sx.

PART III
 Bb Cl. Bb Tpt.
 A. Sx.
 Hn.

PART IV
 B. Cl. T. Sx.
 Hn.
 Bsn. Tbn. Euph.

PART V
 B. Cl.
 B. Sx.
 Bsn. Tbn. Euph.
 Tuba

P E R C U S S I O N
 I Sandpaper Blocks
 II
 III Sus. Cymbal
 IV Bass Drum

98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106

SOLAR FLARE

J energetic; animated (♩ = 136-144)

PART I

Fl. Ob. *ff* *p* *f*

B♭ Cl. *ff* *p* *f*

PART II

B♭ Cl. B♭ Tpt. *p* *p*

A. Sx. *p* *p*

PART III

J energetic; animated (♩ = 136-144)

B♭ Cl. B♭ Tpt. *ff* *f* *p*

A. Sx. *ff* *f* *p*

Hn. *ff* *f* *p*

PART IV

B. Cl. T. Sx. *ff* *p* *f*

Hn. *ff* *p* *f*

Bsn. Tbn. Euph. *ff* *p* *f*

PART V

J energetic; animated (♩ = 136-144)

B. Cl. *ff* *p* *f*

B. Sx. *ff* *p* *f*

Bsn. Tbn. Euph. *ff* *p* *f*

Tuba *ff* *p* *f*

J energetic; animated (♩ = 136-144)

PERCUSSION

I Marimba *p* *f*

II *f* *sim.*

III *ff* *f*

IV *ff* *p* *f*

Tambourine

Sus. Cym. + Tom Toms

107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115

SOLAR FLARE

PART I

Fl. Ob.
Bb Cl.

PART II

Bb Cl.
Bb Tpt.
A. Sax.

PART III

Bb Cl.
Bb Tpt.
A. Sax.
Hn.

PART IV

B. Cl.
T. Sax.
Hn.
Bsn.
Tbn.
Euph.

PART V

B. Cl.
B. Sax.
Bsn.
Tbn.
Euph.
Tuba

PERCUSSION

I Chimes
II Tambourine
III Sus. Cym. + Tom Toms
IV Bass Drum

K

f *mp* *f* *fp* *f* *p*

116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123

SOLAR FLARE

PART I

Fl. Ob.
Bb Cl.

PART II

Bb Cl.
Bb Tpt.
A. Sx.

PART III

Bb Cl.
Bb Tpt.
A. Sx.
Hn.

PART IV

B. Cl.
T. Sx.
Hn.
Bsn.
Tbn.
Euph.

PART V

B. Cl.
B. Sx.
Bsn.
Tbn.
Euph.
Tuba

PERCUSSION

I Xylophone
II
III
IV

124 125 126 127 128 129 130

SOLAR FLARE

PART I
 Fl. Ob.
 B♭ Cl.
fp *f* *p*

PART II
 B♭ Cl.
 B♭ Tpt.
 A. Sx.
fp *f* *p*

PART III
 B♭ Cl.
 B♭ Tpt.
 A. Sx.
 Hn.
fp *f* *mp* *mf*

PART IV
 B. Cl.
 T. Sx.
 Hn.
 Bsn.
 Tbn.
 Euph.
fp *f* *mp* *mf*

PART V
 B. Cl.
 B. Sx.
 Bsn.
 Tbn.
 Euph.
 Tuba
fp *f* *fp*

P E R C U S S I O N
 I
 II Tambourine *sim.*
 III Sus. Cym. + Tom Toms *mp*
 IV Bass Drum *f* *f* *mp* *mf*

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PART I

Fl. Ob.
B♭ Cl.

3/4 4/4

fp *ff*

PART II

B♭ Cl.
B♭ Tpt.
A. Sax.

3/4 4/4

fp *ff*

PART III

B♭ Cl.
B♭ Tpt.
A. Sax.
Hn.

3/4 4/4

fp *ff*

PART IV

B. Cl.
T. Sax.
Hn.
Bsn.
Tbn.
Euph.

3/4 4/4

f *ff*

PART V

B. Cl.
B. Sax.
Bsn.
Tbn.
Euph.
Tuba

3/4 4/4

f *ff*

P E R C U S S I O N

I
II
III
IV

Crash Cymbals

3/4 4/4

f *mf* *ff*