## JASON TAURINS <br> TOMBSTONE GALOP FLEX BAND

INSTRUMENTATION:<br>2 Part 1: Piccolo/Flute/Oboe<br>1 Timpani<br>2 Part 1: Clarinet in Eb<br>2 Part 1: Clarinet in Bb/ Soprano Sax<br>2 Part 2: Flute/Oboe<br>2 Part 2: Clarinet in Bb/Trumpet in Bb<br>2 Part 2: Alto Sax<br>2 Part 3: Clarinet in Bb/Trumpet in Bb<br>2 Part 3: Alto Sax<br>2 Part 3: English Horn/Horn in F<br>2 Part 4: Tenor Sax/Euphonium (T.C.)<br>2 Part 4: Clarinet in Bb/Trumpet in Bb<br>2 Part 4: Horn in F<br>2 Part 4: Bassoon/Trombone/Euphonium (B.C.)<br>2 Part 5: Bass Clarinet/Tenor Sax/Euphonium (T.C.) 1<br>2 Part 5: Bassoon/Trombone/Euphonium (B.C.)<br>2 Part 6: Bass Clarinet/Contrabass Clarinet<br>2 Part 6: Baritone Sax<br>2 Part 6: Contrabassoon/Trombone/Euphonium<br>2 Part 6: Bass Trombone/Tuba<br>2 Mallets:<br>Xylophone<br>Marimba<br>2 Percussion 1:<br>Snare Drum<br>Bass Drum<br>2 Percussion 2:<br>Crash Cymbals<br>High Woodblock<br>Violin I<br>Violin II<br>Violin III<br>Viola<br>Cello<br>Contrabass


#### Abstract

ABOUT: Yippee ki-yay!! Your flex band will take off with composer Jason Taurins's masterful combination of the best of the Spaghetti Western musical style with the classic march!

FROM THE COMPOSER: I have long been a fan of Spaghetti Western films. Recently, I moved to Benson, Arizona, which is a short drive away from perhaps the most famous town in the Wild West -- Tombstone! The town has a legendary history, starting as a silver mine and growing into one of the big boomtowns of the West. At its peak, it had saloons, hotels, schools, churches, gambling and dance halls, an ice cream parlor, and a bowling alley! This served its nearly 14,000 residents, many of whom were made wealthy from the mine. It was not uncommon to see people in the latest European fashions. But it was not all fun and games. Dangerous gangs made a living smuggling across the Mexican border and extorting locals.

Tombstone entered the history books on October 26, 1881. That March, three members of the notorious gang called The Cowboys attempted to rob a stagecoach filled with nearly \$26,000 worth of silver (that's nearly $\$ 700,000$ in today's dollars). Two men in the stagecoach were shot and killed. The Earp family, in charge of the police in Tombstone, pursued the robbers. This would culminate in October at the legendary shootout at the O.K. Corral. This short gunfight led to three deaths. Later, two of the law enforcement officers involved would be assassinated. This event spawned several movies and TV episodes, and inspired the gunslinging view many had of the Wild West. The town of Tombstone exists to this day, and is a hotspot for tourists who are fans of the Wild West.

In this piece, I tried to imagine what music might have been heard in a dance hall in Tombstone, during its happier days. This is tinged with the dark opening and the sounds of horses and guns. It is in a traditional march form, with the faster circus march tempo. The introduction and first strain are in $C$ minor. The second strain is in A-flat major, and we hear horses for the first time. The trio is gentler and in D-flat major. The dogfight represents the gunfight at the O.K. Corral. Can you hear the horses? The piece ends triumphantly with the victory of law over the outlaws of the notorious Cowboy gangsters. "Tombstone Galop" was composed in response to the Creative Repertoire Initiative. The CRI was designed to encourage composers to write for flexible instrumentation, to allow directors unsure of their upcoming instrumentation to have repertoire to perform, especially with COVID-19 happening. This is for any six melodic instruments and up to five percussionists (3-4 is preferred). The parts are in the range of grade 34 in difficulty


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