

# Aerodynamics

for Wind Ensemble

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## Instrumentation

1 Piccolo  
 3 Flutes  
 2 Oboes  
 1 English Horn  
 3 Clarinets in B♭  
 1 Bass Clarinet in B♭  
 2 Bassoons  
 1 Contrabassoon

Soprano Saxophone  
 Alto Saxophone  
 Tenor Saxophone  
 Baritone Saxophone

4 Horns in F  
 3 Trumpets in B♭  
 3 Trombones (3rd is bass)  
 2 Euphoniums  
 1 Tuba

Timpani  
 4 Percussion  
 Harp  
 Piano/Celesta  
 Double Bass

Percussion required:

1. Vibraphone, Crotales
2. Vibraphone (share with 1), Glockenspiel, Chimes
3. Suspended Cymbal, Snare Drum, 5 Tom-toms (low to high)
4. Suspended Cymbal, Bass Drum, Tam-tam, Small Triangle

Transposed score  
 Duration ca. 6'30"

Inspired by a trip to Disneyland, Aerodynamics describes an imaginary flight on an open-air glider. I remember getting into a new ride at California Adventure theme park called "Soarin' California" where I was suspended in the air with my legs dangling as if I were in a hang glider. I was immersed by imagery of California landscapes zooming by at incredible speeds as fans blew air at me to simulate the speed. Even the scent of pine forests wafted through the breeze, completing the experience. This ride was so visceral and powerful to me that I went on it over and over, taking it in with wonderment and excitement every time. I am enraptured by high speeds and by flight, and Aerodynamics is my musical response to these primal experiences. Musically, Aerodynamics is a work focused on the ebb and flow of fluid gestures, connected by a continuous stream of quickly repeated notes that represents the wind blowing at your face. Every line is echoed and mirrored so that a simple idea expands into a wash of sound. The listener may imagine taking flight throughout this piece, dipping and swooping as the shape of the music weaves its way from high to low and from small to large. This work uses a very limited amount of material, consisting almost entirely of a repetitive two note motive and a fleeting melody. The constant underlying motion builds the energy toward the end of the piece, where a climax combines the two main musical ideas in a majestic tutti.

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*J = 132*

Piccolo  
Flute 1  
Flute 2  
Flute 3  
Oboe 1  
Oboe 2  
Cor Anglais  
Clarinet in B♭ 2  
Bass Clarinet in B♭  
Bassoon 1  
Bassoon 2  
Contrabassoon  
Soprano Saxophone  
Alto Saxophone  
Tenor Saxophone  
Baritone Saxophone

*J = 132*

Horn in F 1.3  
Horn in F 2.4  
Trumpet in B♭ 1.2  
Trombone 1.2  
Euphonium 1.2  
Tuba  
Timpani  
Percussion 1  
Percussion 2  
Percussion 3  
Percussion 4  
Celesta  
Harp  
Double Bass

Vibraphone      motor off      soft plastic mallet

*p*      *p*      *p*

solo      l.v.      l.v.

+ + + + +      *mf*      ○  
harmonics sound 8va

*J = 132*

**A**

Picc. 9  
Fl. 2  
Ob.  
C. A.  
Cl. 2  
B. Cl.  
Bsn.  
Cbsn.  
Sop. Sax.  
Alto Sax.  
Ten. Sax.  
Bari. Sax.

Hn.  
Tpt.  
Tbn.  
Euph. 1.2  
Tba.  
Tim.  
Perc. 1  
Vib.  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3  
Perc. 4  
Cel.  
Hp.  
Db.

**A**

**B**

Picc. 16

Fl. 2 3 1 Ob. 2 C. A. 1 Cl. 2 3 B. Cl. 1 Bsn. 2 Cbsn. Sop. Sax. Alto Sax. Ten. Sax. Bari. Sax.

**C**

Hn. 1.3 2.4 Tpt. 1.2 Tbn. 3 Euph. 1.2 Tba. Timp. Perc. 1 Vib. Perc. 2 Glock. Perc. 3 Perc. 4 Cel. Hp. Db.

**B**

**C**



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Picc. *p*

Fl. 1 *p*

Fl. 2

Ob. 1 *pp*

Ob. 2 *pp*

C. A.

Cl. 1 *p* *pp* *pp*

Cl. 2 *mp* *pp*

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2

Cbsn.

Sop. Sax.

Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Euph. 1.2

Tba.

Timp.

Perc. Vib. [Crotales] *pp* *mp* *p* *To Vib.*

Perc. 2 Glock.

Perc. 3 Cym.

Perc. 4 T-t.

Cel. *pp* *sempre pp*

Hp. *f*

Db. *ppp lontano*

**E**

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**F**

Picc. 40

Fl. 1. 1  
Fl. 2. 3  
Ob. 1. 2  
C. A. 1  
Cl. 2. 3  
B. Cl.  
Bsn. 1. 2  
Cbsn.  
Sop. Sax.  
Alto Sax.  
Ten. Sax.  
Bari. Sax.

**G**

This page contains two systems of musical notation, labeled F and G. System F begins with Piccolo (Picc.) at dynamic 40, followed by Flute 1 (Fl. 1) and Flute 2 (Fl. 2). The Flutes play eighth-note patterns with grace notes. Oboe (Ob.) and Clarinet 2 (Cl. 2) enter with sustained notes and grace notes. Bassoon 1 (Bsn. 1) and Bassoon 2 (Bsn. 2) provide harmonic support. System G continues with the same instrumentation, featuring sustained notes and grace notes. Dynamics include *p*, *pp*, *mp*, and *mf*. Articulation marks like '3' and '(echo)' are present.

**F**

Hn. 1.3  
Hn. 2.4  
Tpt. 1.2  
Tpt. 3  
Tbn. 1.2  
Tbn. 3  
Euph. 1.2  
Tba.  
Timp.

**G**

Crot. 1  
Perc. 2 Glock.  
Perc. 3 Cym.  
Perc. 4 T-t.  
Cel.  
Hpf.  
Db.

Vibraphone

This page contains two systems of musical notation, labeled F and G. System F includes parts for Horn 1 (Hn. 1), Horn 2 (Hn. 2), Trombone 1 (Tpt. 1), Trombone 2 (Tpt. 3), Bass Trombone (Tbn. 1), Bass Trombone 2 (Tbn. 3), Euphonium (Euph. 1), and Bass Drum (Tba.). System G includes parts for Crotal (Crot.), Percussion 2 (Glock.), Percussion 3 (Cym.), Percussion 4 (T-t.), and Cello (Cel.). The Vibraphone is also mentioned. Dynamics include *ppp*, *p*, *mp*, *a2*, *b2*, *3*, and *mf*. Articulation marks like '3' and ' $\ddot{\text{z}}$ ' are used.

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**H**

Picc. *mf*

Fl. 2. *p* *3*

Fl. 3. *pp* *3*

Ob. *mf*

C. A. *p* *3* *3*

Cl. 1. *p* *3* *3* *p* *3* *3* *mp*

Cl. 2. *p* *3* *3* *p* *3* *3* *mp*

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2. *p*

Cbsn. *p*

Sop. Sax. *p*

Alto Sax. *p*

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

**H**

Hn. *soli* *3* *mp* *with warmth*

2.4. *soli* *3* *mp* *with warmth*

1.2. *Tpt.*

1.2. *Tbn.* *pp* *p*

Euph. 1.2. *pp* *p*

Tba.

Timpani

Perc. 1. Vib. *mp*

Perc. 2. Glock.

Perc. 3. Cym. *mp*

Perc. 4. T-t.

Cel. *To Pno.*

Hp. *ff* *trill* *mf* *3*

Db.



This page contains two systems of a musical score, labeled J and K.

**Measure J:** Measures 62-63. The score includes parts for Picc., Fl. 1.2.3, Ob. 1.2, C. A., Cl. 2.3, B. Cl., Bsn., Cbsn., Sop. Sax., Alto Sax., Ten. Sax., Bari. Sax., Hn., Tpt., Tbn. 2, Euph., Tba., Timp., Perc. 1 Vib., Perc. 2 Chim., Perc. 3 S. D., Perc. 4 B. D., Pno., Hp., and Db. Various dynamics like ff, p, mf, pp, and cresc. poco a poco are indicated. Performance instructions include gliss., marc., a2, and unis.

**Measure K:** Measures 64-65. The score continues with the same instruments. Dynamics include f, ff, pp, mf, p, and fp. Performance instructions include marcato, rim shot, hard sticks, Tom-toms, To T.-t., and sul pont.



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Picc.

Fl. 1 3 p < mf 3

Fl. 2 3 p < mf 3

Fl. 3 3 p < mf 3

Ob. 1.2

C. A.

Cl. 1 3 p < mf 3

Cl. 2 3 p < mf 3

Cl. 3 3 p < mf 3

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1.2

Cbsn.

Sop. Sax. 3 p

Alto Sax. 3 p

Ten. Sax. 3 p 3 ppp

Bari. Sax. 3 p dim. 3 3 ppp

Hn. 3 p

2.4 3 p

1.2 Tpt.

3 Tbn. 1 3 p 3 p 3

Tbn. 2 3 p 3 p 3

3 3 p 3 p

Euph. 3 p pp

2 3 p pp

Tba. 3 p

Tim. 3 p 7 mp > p

Perc. 1 Vib.

Perc. 2 Chim.

Perc. 3 Tom-t.

Perc. 4 T-t. 3 mf

Pno. 3 mp

Hp.

Db. 3 p mp

