

FOR PERFORMERS ONLY

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SSA RITUAL

for concert band

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*to all the Brothers of the Gamma Theta Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia
in gratitude for allowing me an inspiration for this piece*

RITUAL

This piece takes the form of a ritual – most specifically, an initiatic rite. Formal rituals throughout history have commonly followed an archetypal form, and this can be seen in fraternal initiations, church services, and even, if one is willing to stretch the definitions far enough, an hour of television programming. The piece follows not only the initiate, the observer of the ritual, but also the action in the ritual itself.

Rituals comprise five basic acts. The first section is the *purification* of the initiate. The novice is taken, unsure of his fate, from the outer world and plunged into the unknown. Those who have gone before him stand in stark witness to his trial, urging him on and urging him to heed. Drums herald the beginning of the ritual and oaths are intoned by the bassoon, trombone, and horns. The board is set and the pieces are in position.

Next comes the *illustration* of the subject. In this section is found a depiction of some sort of mythic hero, god or king. Two jarringly contrasting themes depict the familiar yet primitive mythic tale, begun by a solo muted trumpet and growing in strength.

Here the third section begins. This is the *transformation*. The initiate begins to be enlightened, and the journey of the hero begins to develop significance to the novice's mind as he understands the symbolism of each step. Little by little the details of the hero's quest are transformed into vital information for the initiate's ascent to a higher level of consciousness. The opening theme is played in the upper woodwinds and trumpets while the low brass attack with polychords, occasionally quoting the tonalities in Stravinsky's *Le sacre du printemps*.

The fourth section, the *interpretation*, represents a new awakening, beyond the surface meanings found in the third act. As the initiate gains further knowledge of the great mysteries, wisdom higher than any he could glean on his own may be passed to him. New and grand material is added to the tapestry of idea and ideal. The themes from the second section return and are augmented by the addition of a third.

Finally, his own journey complete, the initiate emerges a new person, invigorated by the things he has learned, ready to begin a new stage of life. This final act is the *association*. He remembers the oaths he took at the beginning and continues on, an initiated man, the before and after in harmony. The initiate is reintroduced into the world from which he was cut off in the first section, irrevocably changed and ready to see it in new light.

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PARTS

Piccolo	Tenor Trombone 1, 2
Flute 1, 2	Bass Trombone
Oboe 1, 2	Euphonium
English Horn	Tuba
Bassoon 1, 2	String Bass
Contrabassoon	Piano
E♭ Clarinet	Percussion (7 players):
B♭ Clarinet 1, 2, 3	1. Timpani (5)
B♭ Bass Clarinet	2. Chimes/Glockenspiel/Triangle/Brake Drum
B♭ Contrabass Clarinet*	3. Marimba/Vibraphone/Crash Cymbals/Tam-Tam
E♭ Alto Saxophone 1, 2	4. Suspended Crash/Ride Cymbal/China Cymbal/Temple Blocks (5)
B♭ Tenor Saxophone	5. Snare Drum/Hi-Hat
E♭ Baritone Saxophone	6. Toms (5)
B♭ Trumpet 1, 2, 3	7. Bass Drum
F Horn 1, 2, 3, 4	

* E♭ Contra Alto Clarinet is offered as an alternate transposition.

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Score

RITUAL

SEAN WK TURNER

Andante misterioso ♩ = 80

Piccolo

Flute 1
2

Oboe 1
2

English Horn

Bassoon 1
2

Contrabassoon

Andante misterioso ♩ = 80

E♭ Clarinet

B♭ Clarinet 1
2
3

B♭ Bass Clarinet

Contrabass Clarinet

Andante misterioso ♩ = 80

E♭ Alto Saxophone 1
2

B♭ Tenor Saxophone

Baritone Saxophone

Andante misterioso ♩ = 80

B♭ Trumpet 1
2
3

F Horn 1
2
3
4

Andante misterioso ♩ = 80

Trombone 1
2

Bass Trombone

Euphonium

Tuba

String Bass

Andante misterioso ♩ = 80

Piano

Percussion 1 (Timpani)

Percussion 2 (Chimes, Glockenspiel, Triangle, Brake Drum)

Percussion 3 (Marimba, Vibraphone, High Cymbals, Tam-Tam)

Percussion 4 (Suspended Crash, Ride Cymbal, China Cymbal, Temple Blocks)

Percussion 5 (Snare Drum, Hi-Hat)

Percussion 6 (Toms)

Percussion 7 (Bass Drum)

37 Presto e marcato $\text{♩} = 180$
(2 + 3)

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E. Hn.

Bsn. mp

C. Bn.

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Ch. Cl.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax mp

Tpt. mf
straight mute

Hn. 1
 mp

Hn. 2
 mp

Tbn

B. Tbn

Euph.

Tba.

Cb.

Pno. mp
 mp

Perc. 1 ppp
triangle

Perc. 2 mf
to marimba

Perc. 3 pppp
 ff

Perc. 4 mf
hi-hat

Perc. 5 play with palms and fingers, alla bongos

Perc. 6 pp
 mp pp

Perc. 7

36 38 39 40 41 42 43 44

RITUAL

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E. Hn.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cl.

B. Cl.

Ch. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt.

Hn.

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Cb.

Pno.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

Perc. 7

45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E. Hn.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cl.

B. Cl.

Ch. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt.

Hn.

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Cb.

Pno.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

Perc. 7

64

65

66

67

68

69

70

71

73

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E. Hn.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cl.

B. Cl.

Ch. Cl.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpt.

Hn.

Tbn

B. Tbn

Euph.

Tba.

Cb.

Pno.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

Perc. 7

very soft felt mallet, warm and resonant

TOP SECRET

72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83

mp

HOPPER

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E. Hn.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cl.

B. Cl.

Ch. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt.

Hn.

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Cb.

Pno.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

Perc. 7

84

85

86

ff

87

88

89

mf

90

91

92

93

94

medium-hard felt

shake drum snare sticks

to triangle

marimba medium yarn

crash china choke

choke

f

mf

f

TOP SECRET

Picc.
Fl.
Ob.
E. Hn.
Bsn.
C. Bn.
E♭ Cl.
B♭ Cl.
B. Cl.
Ch. Cl.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
B. Sax.
Tpt.
Hn.
Tbn.
B. Tbn.
Euph.
Tba.
Cb.
Pno.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3
Perc. 4
Perc. 5
Perc. 6
Perc. 7

95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105

to brake drum
to glockenspiel
to vibraphone
crash
china
choke
medium yarn
snare sticks
medium-hard felt
f

106

Picc. *f*

Fl. *f*

Ob. *f*

E. Hn. *f*

Bsn. *f*

C. Bn. *f*

106

E♭ Cl. *f*

B♭ Cl. *f*

B. Cl. *f*

Ch. Cl. *f*

106

A. Sax *f*

T. Sax *f*

B. Sax *f*

106

Tpt. *f*

Hn. *f*

106

Tbn. *f*

B. Tbn. *f*

Euph. *f*

Tba. *f*

Cb. *f*

106

Pno.

106

Perc. 1 medium-hard rubber

Perc. 2 *f* hard cord to cymbals

Perc. 3 *f* crash cymbals to vibraphone

Perc. 4 *ff* hard yarn

Perc. 5 *ff* R.S.

Perc. 6 *ff*

Perc. 7 *ff f*

107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114

122

Picc. Fl. Ob. E. Hn. Bsn. C. Bn. E♭ Cl. B♭ Cl. 2 B. Cl. Ch. Cl. A. Sax T. Sax B. Sax Tpt. 2 Hn. 3 Tbn. B. Tbn. Euph. Tba. Cb. Pno. Perc. 1 Perc. 2 Perc. 3 Perc. 4 Perc. 5 Perc. 6 Perc. 7

115 116 117 118 119 120 121 123 124

A page from a musical score for orchestra and piano, featuring large, stylized, semi-transparent letters spelling "HORNETS" across the staves. The letters are composed of musical notes and rests. The score includes parts for Picc., Fl., Ob., E. Hn., Bsn., C. Bn., Eb Cl., Bb Cl., B. Cl., Ch. Cl., A. Sax., T. Sax., B. Sax., Tpt., Hn., Tbn., B. Tbn., Euph., Tba., Cb., Pno., Perc. 1, Perc. 2, Perc. 3, Perc. 4, Perc. 5, Perc. 6, and Perc. 7. The score is numbered from 125 to 137. Various dynamics like ff, f, ff, and sff are indicated throughout the score.

A page from a musical score for orchestra and piano. The score is arranged in six systems, each with multiple staves. The instruments listed on the left are Picc., Fl., Ob., E. Hn., Bsn., C. Bn., Eb Cl., Bb Cl., 3rd Bb Cl., B. Cl., Cb. Cl., A. Sax., T. Sax., B. Sax., Tpt., Hn., Tbn., B. Tbn., Euph., Tba., Cb., Pno., Perc. 1 (snare sticks), Perc. 2, Perc. 3, Perc. 4 (ff), Perc. 5, Perc. 6, and Perc. 7. The score features large, stylized letters spelling 'JOY' and 'SAD' across the staves, with 'JOY' appearing in the upper systems and 'SAD' appearing in the lower systems. Dynamic markings include ff, p, and ff. Measure numbers 138 through 149 are at the bottom.

Picc. Fl. Ob. E. Hn. Bsn. C. Bn. E♭ Cl. B♭ Cl. 1 B. Cl. Ch. Cl. A. Sax T. Sax B. Sax Tpt. 1 Hn. 2 Hn. 3 Hn. 4 Tbn. B. Tbn. Euph. Tba. Cb. Pno. Perc. 1 Perc. 2 Perc. 3 Perc. 4 Perc. 5 Perc. 6 Perc. 7

TOP SECRET

150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159

162

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E. Hn.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

aggressive and reedy
mf

162

E. Cl.

B♭ Cl.

1

2

3

aggressive and reedy
mf

B. Cl.

Cb. Cl.

162

A. Sax

T. Sax

aggressive and reedy
mf

162

B. Sax

Tpt.

1

2

3

Hn.

1

2

3

4

162

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tba.

Ch.

Pno.

162 aggressive
mf

162

Perc. 1

ff

medium felt

to chimes

Perc. 2

p

ff

to cymbals

Perc. 3

ff

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

mf

>

Perc. 6

>

Perc. 7

>

160 161 163 164 165 166 167 168 169

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E. Hn.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cl.

B. Cl.

Ch. Cl.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpt.

Hn.

Tbn

B. Tbn

Euph.

Tba

Cb.

Pno.

(8m)

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

Perc. 7

179 180 181 182 183 184 185 186 187

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

E. Hn.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cl.

B. Cl.

Ch. Cl.

A. Sax

T. Sax

B. Sax

Tpt.

Hn.

Tbn

B. Tbn

Euph.

Tba.

Cb.

Pno.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Perc. 5

Perc. 6

Perc. 7

(8m)

196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203

210 *Meno mosso* $\text{♩} = 80$

solo

Picc. Pl. Ob. E. Hn. Bsn. C. Bn.

E♭ Cl. 1 3b Cl. 2 B. Cl. Cb. Cl.

A. Sax T. Sax B. Sax

Tpt. 1 3 Hn. 1 3

Tbn. B. Tbn. Euph. Tba. Cb.

Pno.

Perc. 1 Perc. 2 Perc. 3 Perc. 4 Perc. 5 Perc. 6 Perc. 7

cue: string bass

pppp

pppp

pppp

pppp

pppp

pppp

pppp

pppp

suono reale

pppp

pp

loco

8va-

8va-

to brake drum

to vibraphone

arco (violin bow)

medium yarn

mp

p

f

Picc. *fff*

Fl. *fff*

Ob. *fff*

E. Hn. *fff*

Bsn. *fff*

C. Bn. *fff*

E♭ Cl. *fff*

B♭ Cl. *fff*

B. Cl. *fff*

Ch. Cl. *fff*

A. Sax *fff*

T. Sax *fff*

B. Sax *fff*

Tpt. *fff*

Hn. *fff*

Tbn. *fff*

B. Tbn. *fff*

Euph. *fff*

Tba. *fff*

Cb. *fff*

Pno. *fff*

Perc. 1 *fff*

Perc. 2 *fff*

Perc. 3 *fff*

Perc. 4 *fff*

Perc. 5 *fff*

Perc. 6 *fff*

Perc. 7 *fff*

225 226 227 228 229 230 231 232 233