Christmas on the Town Square

John Prescott

1 Full Score

1 Piccolo

4 Flute 1

4 Flute 2

2 Oboe

2 Bassoon

3 Clarinet 1

6 Clarinet 2,3

2 Bass Clarinet

2 Alto Saxophone

2 Alto Saxophone 2

2 Tenor Saxophone

1 Baritone Saxophone

3 Trumpet 1

3 Trumpet 2

3 Trumpet 3

2 F Horn 1

2 F Horn 2

2 Trombone

2 Trombone 2

2 Bass Trombone

2 Euphonium B.C.

1 Euphonium T.C.

5 Tuba

1 Timpani

1 Chimes

1 Glockenspiel, Marimba

1 Xylophone, Vibraphone

1 Triangle, Snare Drum

2 Crash Cymbals, Sus. Cymbal, Bass Drum, Finger Cymbals, Hi-Hat

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Program Notes

In the town where I live, the annual Christmas Parade features bands from all the area high schools in addition to floats and trailers from which candy is thrown to kids who line the parade route. At one point during the parade, the route circles around the town square, and if you stand in the right place, it is possible to hear the music played by more than one band simultaneously. This is how Charles Ives experienced music as a child in the town square of Danbury, Connecticut, an experience that ultimately led to his combining of tunes. So imagine a town square in which three bands, playing "Good King Wenceslas," "Angels We Have Heard on High," and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" can be heard, first individually, and later in harmonious combination with one another. Let this image take you back to a simpler time and place, a small American town, enhanced by the music of the holiday season.

About the Composer

John Prescott is a Professor of Music at Missouri State University, where he teaches theory, composition, and commercial music. His compositions include works for band, orchestra, chorus, solo, and chamber ensembles, as well as multi-media pieces, and have been performed nationally and internationally. Dr. Prescott holds degrees in music theory and composition from Florida State University and from the University of Kansas, where he studied composition with John Pozdro and James Barnes.



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