## Noble Gestures

Gary P. Gilroy

1 Full Score

4 Flute 1

4 Flute 2

2 Oboes 1, 2

2 Bassoon (di

**Glarinet** 

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ass Clarinet

Alto Sax

one Sax

3 Trumpet 2

3 Trumpet 3

2 F Horn 1

rombone 1

rombone 2

2 Euphonium

2 Euphonium T. C.

5 Tuba

1 Timpani

1 Bells, Marimba, Chimes (1 player)

1 Vibraphone Xylophone (1 player)

3 Percussion 1 - Suspended Cymbal, Sizzle Cymbal, Crash Cymbals, Triangle, Vibraslap, Gong, Sleigh Bells, Splash

Percussion 2 - Snare Drum, Brake Drum, Hi-Hat, Large Slap Stick, Bongos, Suspended Cymbal, Floor Tom,(large), Wood Blocks , Wind Chimes, Bass Drum, Rain Stick, Water Gong

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## **Program Notes**

The majestic opening of this regal work gives way to a driving energy that continues throughout. As is his signature with any work for concert band, Gilroy makes great use of the percussion section, most notably the mallet percussion. This composition works best with nine percussionists but can be performed with eight or fewer if need be. The percussion statements in the opening section should be well balanced with the bass drummer using two mallets to play the unison rhythms in the first several measures, with very even articulation and musical phrasing. The conductor should be relentless with the tempo from measure 26 to the end, making sure that the group does not rush or lose energy and intensity. None of the percussion instruments should be considered optional, as they are all solos in their own right. The water gong is simply a small gong that should be dipped into an ice chest filled with water after it is struck. The water will make the pitch slowly drop for the desired effect.

## **About the Composer**

Gary P. Gilroy is a Professor of Music and Director of Bands at California State University, Fresno. In 1993 he was appointed Associate Director of Bands and Director of the Bulldog Marching Band. After 13 years in this position and having built one of the finest collegiate marching bands on the west coast, Dr. Gilroy became Director of Bands. Prior to this appointment he served for a decade as Director of Bands at Fred C. Beyer High School in Modesto, California, where his band was awarded several national honors as well as the International Sudler Shield Award from the John Philip Sousa Foundation.

Dr. Gilroy is active as a guest conductor and clinician throughout the United States. Most notably, he has served as guest conductor for the Oregon All-State JHS Honor Band and the California All-State High School Symphonic Band. He has published numerous compositions and arrangements for concert band, percussion ensemble and marching band.

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