

# The Dragon Lord

Grade 1.5 - RANDALL D. STANDRIDGE

## RANDALL STANDRIDGE FLEX SERIES INSTRUMENTATION AND SUGGESTED USE

*\*While each part may be used for any instrument in that key, the instruments listed in parentheses are suggested for the best overall sound and range compatibility. Some parts contain optional octaves. The director/performer should select the octave that is best suited for their instrument and range.*

### FLEX PARTS

Includes parts 1, 2, 3, and 4  
for the following transpositions:

<b>C Instruments (T.C)</b> (Flute, Oboe, Violin, Mallets)	<b>3 each</b>
<b>Bb Instruments</b> (Bb Clarinets, Bb Trumpet, Bb Saxophones)	<b>3 each</b>
<b>Eb Instruments</b> (Eb Clarinets, Eb Saxophones)	<b>3 each</b>
<b>F Instruments</b> (French Horn)	<b>3 each</b>
<b>C Instruments (B.C., High)</b> (Bassoon, Trombone, Euphonium, Cello, String Bass)	<b>3 each</b>
<b>C Instruments (B.C., Low)</b> (Tuba)	<b>3 each</b>

### ALTERNATE PARTS

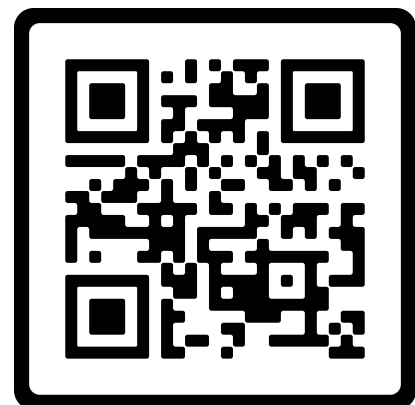
<b>Alternate Bb Clarinet</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Alternate Bb Tenor Saxophone</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Alternate French Horn</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Alternate Alto Clef (Viola)</b>	<b>3</b>

### PERCUSSION/PIANO/SYNTH/OTHERS

<b>Piano/Synth (optional)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Percussion 1</b>	<b>2</b>
		(Finger Cym./Sn.Dr./Ride Cym, Bass Drum, opt Drumset)	
<b>Mallet 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Percussion 2 (optional)</b>	<b>2</b>
(Bells)		(Sus. Cym/Wind Ch./Cr.Cym.)	
<b>Mallet 2 (optional)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Percussion 3 (optional)</b>	<b>2</b>
(Chimes)		(Sus.Cym./Anvil/Sleigh Bells/Tambourine)	
<b>Timpani (optional)</b>	<b>2</b>		

\* Practice click Tracks at two tempi (slow and performance speed) as well as percussion/synth backing tracks may be downloaded from our website at [www.randallstandridgemusic.com](http://www.randallstandridgemusic.com) or at the QR Code shown to the right (scan with device)

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## REIMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES

### ABOUT THE SERIES

The Randall Standridge Music Flex-Series is a collection of adaptable music written for winds, strings, and percussion to provide performers and directors of any instrumentation with quality music that will inspire, educate, and entertain.

### FEATURES OF THE RANDALL STANDRIDGE MUSIC FLEX SERIES

#### ADAPTABLE PARTS

The Randall Standridge Music Flex Series offers two varieties of adaptable instrumentation works:

##### -4 PART FOUR VOICES

- Parts 1-4 transposed for all instruments, with optional octaves where appropriate
- Optional Bb Clarinet/French Horn/Tenor Saxophone/Viola part to address range
- Optional Piano/Percussion parts, which may be covered with our pre-recorded percussion tracks

##### -5 PART FLEX BAND (GRADE 2.5-5)

- Five parts for flex instrumentation, with optional octaves where appropriate
  - Part 1 (C Instruments, Bb Instruments)
  - Part 2 (C Instruments, Bb Instruments, Eb Instruments)
  - Part 3 (C Instruments, Bb Instruments, Eb Instruments, F Instruments)
  - Part 4 (C Instruments, Bb Instruments, Eb Instruments, F Instruments)
  - Part 5 (C Instruments, Bb Instruments, Eb Instruments)
- Optional Piano/Percussion parts, which may be covered with our pre-recorded percussion track

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- All works have pre-recorded click tracks and practice tracks available at two tempi, practice tempo and performance tempo, with 2 measure click intros (available for download from our website, [www.randallstandridge.com](http://www.randallstandridge.com))
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# The Dragon Lord

Tales from the Darklands, Part 1 By Randall D. Standridge

## Program Notes

A few years back, I created a narrative work for concert band entitled *The Darklands Symphony*, which told the tale of several characters and places that I have created over the years in my imagination through stories, art, and, finally, music. All of the pieces were at the Grade 2-2.5 level, and were very well received. I thought I was done with the Darklands.

I was wrong.

New stories and new figures have populated that world and I felt drawn to the subject matter again. Thus, we are beginning a whole new volume, titled *Tales from the Darklands*. Unlike the Symphony, the "Tales" series will not be one long story but, rather, small individual tales that give more back story and depth to the Darklands Universe. Also, the entire "Tales" series will be written at the Grade 1-1.5 level, opening up the Darklands to a whole new level of players. Each "Tales" piece will be accompanied by supplemental material online, which may be found at my website (beginning October 2020).

## The Dragon Lord

The Dragon Lord is a mythical figure from the Darklands, who is said to live in the mountains that border the kingdom. His shadow is occasionally glimpsed flying above the clouds, and, more often, his lonely, terrifying roar can be heard echoing from the ebony cliffs where only fools would dare to go. In this piece, we come face to face with this monstrous giant in all of his fury and power.

## Educational goals of the work:

- Rhythmic stability and vocabulary in 4/4 Time
- Articulation differences between: Tenuto, Accents, Staccatos, Slurs
- Navigating Slight Tempo Changes
- Teaching Chromaticism at a basic level and with limited range. Copyable Chromatic exercise sheets have been included with this work and are keyed for all instruments

## Rehearsal suggestions

- The tempo of this work is critical to its character. When planning your preparation, make sure to allow time for proper technical development to achieve the written tempos, lest the work come off as "boring."
- The percussion should be on the slightly louder side of the balance spectrum. Please do not "hide" them. However, they should not cover the ensemble.
- The sound FX are optional and may be downloaded from my website.
- The clarinets may be assigned the regular part OR the optional French Horn double (or you may split your section as needed).
- Please use the COPYABLE chromatic exercise sheets to help work with your performers with their development of this skill.**
- Some supplemental videos and the entire short story about "The Dragon Lord" will be available on my website by mid-October 2020.



## About the Composer

Randall Standridge (b.1976) received his Bachelor's of Music Education from Arkansas State University. During this time, he studied composition with Dr. Tom O'Connor, before returning to Arkansas State University to earn his Master's in Music Composition, studying with Dr. Tom O'Connor and Dr. Tim Crist. In 2001, he began his tenure as Director of Bands at Harrisburg High School in Harrisburg, Arkansas. He left this post in 2013 to pursue a career as a full-time composer and marching arts designer.

Mr. Standridge is currently published by Grand Mesa Music, Alfred Music, FJH Music, Wingert-Jones Music, Band Works Publications, Twin Towers Music, and Northeastern Music Publications. Mr. Standridge's music is performed internationally. He has had numerous works selected to the J.W. Pepper's editor's choice. His compositions *Snake Charmer*, *Gently Blows the Summer Wind*, and *Angelic Celebrations* have been included in the "Teaching Music Through Performance in Band" series. He has had numerous works performed at the prestigious Midwest Clinic in Chicago, Illinois. His work *Art(isms)* was premiered by the Arkansas State University Wind Ensemble at the 2010 CBDNA conference in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and his work *Stonewall: 1969* was premiered at the National LGBA conference in 2019. Mr. Standridge is also a contributing composer for Alfred Music's Sound Innovations: Ensemble Development series.

In addition to his career as a composer, Mr. Standridge is the owner and editor for Randall Standridge Music, LLC and Grand Mesa Marching. He is in demand as a drill designer, music arranger, and colorguard designer for the marching arts, as well as a freelance artist/photographer and writer. He lives in Jonesboro, Arkansas with his family.

Grade 1.5  
Duration: 2'00"

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\*Parts 1-4 are transposed for every instrument with octave adjustments and options as necessary.

FLEX SERIES: For Adaptable Instrumentation.

Randall D. Standridge  
(ASCAP)

Mysterious  $\text{♩} = 72$

3

1  
2  
3  
4

Alt. Horn in F  
Alt. T. Sax  
Alt. B. Clarinet  
Alt. Viola

Piano (Optional)

Mallets 1  
Mallets 2 (Optional)  
Timpani (Optional)  
Tune: G, C  
(If playing drumset, play finger cymbal on cymbal dome)  
Finger Cymbal (opt. Triangle)

Percussion 1  
Player 1: Finger Cymbal/  
Snare Drum/Ride Cymbal  
Player 2: Bass Drum  
(opt. 1 pl. on drumset)

Percussion 2 (Optional)  
Suspended Cymbal/  
Wind Chimes/  
Crash Cymbals

Percussion 3 (Optional)  
Suspended Cymbal/  
Anvil/Sleigh Bells/  
Tambourine

Bells (Hard Acrylic Mallets)  
Chimes

1 2 3 4 5 6

*p* *mp* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

# The Dragon Lord (Flex Series)

**Aggressive!** ♩=144

11

1 *mf* *f*  
 2 *mf* *f*  
 3 *mf* *f*  
 4 *mf* *f*  
 Alt.H  
 Alt.T.S.  
 Alt.B.Cl.  
 Alt.Vla. *mf* *f*  
 Pn. *mf* *f*  
 Mal. 1 *mf* *f*  
 Mal. 2 *f*  
 Timp. *p* *f*  
 Perc. 1&2 *p* *f*  
 Perc. 2 *f*  
 Perc. 3 *f*

Marimba (Hard Yarn Mallets)  
 (Medium Hard Mallets)  
 Snare Drum  
 Crash Cymbals  
 Anvil (opt. Brake Drum)

7 8 9 10 11 12



# The Dragon Lord (Flex Series)

21

1  
2  
3  
4  
Alt. H  
Alt. T.S.  
Alt. B.Ci.  
Alt. Vla.

Pn.

Mal. 1  
Mal. 2  
Timp.

Perc. 1&2  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3

(trill WW only)  
*tr*

*p* *mf*

*mf*

*p* *mf*

*mf*

*p* *mf*

*mf*

*p* *mf*

*mf*



29

1  
2  
3  
4  
Alt. H  
Alt. T.S.  
Alt. B.Cl.  
Alt. Vla.  
Pn.  
Mal. 1  
Mal. 2  
Timp.  
Perc. 1&2  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3

*mf*  
*mf*  
*mf*  
*mf*  
*mf*  
*mf*  
*p*  
*mf*  
*p*  
*mf*  
*mf*

25 26 27 28 29 30



37

1 *mf*

2 *p* *mf* *p* *mp*

3 *p*

4 *p*

Alt. H  
Alt. T.S.  
Alt. B. Cl.  
Alt. Vla.

*p* *mf* *p* *mp*

Pn. *p* *mf* *p*

Mal. 1

Mal. 2 *p* *mf* *p*

Timp. *mp*

Perc. 1&2 *p* *mf* *p*

Wind Chimes

Perc. 2 *mf*

Perc. 3 *mf* *p* *mf*

37 38 39 40 41 42

1  
2  
3  
4  
Alt. H  
Alt. T.S.  
Alt. B. Cl.  
Alt. Vla.  
Pn.  
Mal. 1  
Mal. 2  
Timp.  
Perc. 1&2  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3  
Ride Cymbal Bell w/ Stick  
Tambourine

*p* *mf* *mp*

43 44 45 46 47 48

1

2

3

4

Alt.H  
Alt.T.S.  
Alt.B.Cl.  
Alt.Vla.

Pn.

Mal. 1

Mal. 2

Timp.

Perc. 1&2

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

49 50 51 52 53 54

*f*

*fp*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

Crash Cymbals

Anvil

Detailed description of the musical score: The score is for measures 49-54. The woodwind section (Alts H, T.S., B.Cl., Vla.) has four staves. The Piano part (Pn.) has two staves. The Maraca section (Mal. 1, 2) has two staves. The Timpani (Timp.) and Percussion sections (Perc. 1&2, 2, 3) have three staves. The Anvil part has one staff. Dynamics include *f* and *fp*. The Perc. 1&2 part includes 'Crash Cymbals' and 'Anvil' markings.

55

1 *f*

2 *f*

3 *f*

4 *f*

Alt. H  
Alt. T.S.  
Alt. B.Cl.  
Alt. Vla. *f*

Pn. *f*

Mal. 1

Mal. 2

Timp.

Perc. 1&2

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

1  
2  
3  
4  
Alt. H  
Alt. T.S.  
Alt. B. Cl.  
Alt. Vla.  
Pn.  
Mal. 1  
Mal. 2  
Timp.  
Perc. 1&2  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3

The musical score is arranged in a multi-staff format. The top four staves (1-4) are for woodwinds: Flute (1), Clarinet (2), Bassoon (3), and Alto Saxophone (4). Below these are staves for strings: Violin I (5), Violin II (6), Viola (7), and Cello/Double Bass (8). The piano (Pn.) is represented by staves 9 and 10. The percussion section includes two Maracas (Mal. 1, 2), a Snare Drum (Timp.), and three other Percussion parts (Perc. 1&2, Perc. 2, Perc. 3). The score is divided into measures 61, 62, 63, and 64. A large diagonal watermark 'SAMPLED ONLY ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.' is overlaid across the entire page.

65

1 *mf* *fp* *f*

2 *mf* *fp* *f*

3 *mf* *fp* *f*

4 *f*

Alt. H  
Alt. T.S.  
Alt. B. Cl.  
Alt. Vla.

*mf* *f* *ff*

Pn.

Mal. 1

Mal. 2

Timp.

Perc. 1&2

Perc. 2

Perc. 3