## CANGO CAVES

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## INSTRUMENTATION

- I Conductor
- 8 C Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 8 B♭ Clarinet
- 2 B Bass Clarinet
- 6 E Alto Saxophone
- 4 B Tenor Saxophone
- 2 E Baritone Saxophone
- 8 Bb Trumpet
- 4 Horn in F

- 6 Trombone/Baritone/
  - **Bassoon**
- 2 Baritone Treble Clef
- 4 Tuba
- I Mallet Percussion (Bells)
- I Timpani (Optional)
- 2 Percussion I (Snare Drum, Bass Drum)
- 3 Percussion II Suspended
- Cymbal, Shaker, Triangle)

  I Percussion III (Congas)

- WORLD PARTS
- 4 Horn in E
- 3 Trombone in B Bass Clef
- Trombone in Bb Treble Clef
- Baritone in B Bass Clef
- 2 Tuba in E Bass Clef
- 2 Tuba in E♭ Treble Clef
- 2 Tuba in Bb Bass Clef
- 2 Tuba in Bb Treble Clef

## **PROGRAM NOTES**

"Cango Caves" is a musical depiction of the early exploration of natural caves in the Swartberg range of the South African Cape region. Discovered in 1780 by a farmer, Van Zijl, recovered stone artifacts used by the Bushman show that they inhabited these caves 25,000 years earlier during the Middle Stone Age. Subterranean water over the tens of thousands of years first scoured the honeycomb of chambers and passages. The water then carried the soluble calcium carbonate through the tiny cracks and fissures to allow the formation of stalactites and the gradual build from the floor of stalagmites. Throughout the many chambers of the Cango network, many of these deposits have joined to form imposing pillars, while elsewhere brilliantly colored flowstone walls and curtains of calcite reflect the light of the visitors' headlamps. Rimstone pools, calcite flowers and straws, and helictites—which grow in all directions—add to the magic.

Inspired during a visit to the region, I hope you and your young band students enjoy the musical journey through "Cango Caves."

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**Please note**: Our band and orchestra music is now being collated by an automatic high-speed system. The enclosed parts are now sorted by page count, rather than score order. We hope this will not present any difficulty for you in distributing the parts. Thank you for your understanding.







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