



Commissioned by and Dedicated to the
Slinger High School Band (WI), Dave Hanke and Steve Zenz, Directors

An American Christmas

TRADITIONAL

Arranged by ROBERT W. SMITH (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

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| 1 Conductor | 2 1st Horn in F |
| 3 C Piccolo/1st C Flute | 2 2nd Horn in F |
| 3 2nd C Flute | 2 1st Trombone |
| 2 Oboe | 2 2nd Trombone |
| 3 1st B \flat Clarinet | 2 Baritone |
| 3 2nd B \flat Clarinet | 1 Baritone Treble Clef |
| 3 3rd B \flat Clarinet | 4 Tuba |
| 2 B \flat Bass Clarinet | 2 Mallet Percussion |
| 1 E \flat Contrabass Clarinet | (Bells, Optional Chimes) |
| 2 Bassoon | 1 Timpani |
| 2 1st E \flat Alto Saxophone | 4 Percussion I |
| 2 2nd E \flat Alto Saxophone | (Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Ride Cymbal, |
| 1 B \flat Tenor Saxophone | Hi-Hat Cymbal) |
| 1 E \flat Baritone Saxophone | 2 Percussion II |
| 3 1st B \flat Trumpet | (Sleigh Bells, Congas) |
| 3 2nd B \flat Trumpet | 2 Percussion III |
| 3 3rd B \flat Trumpet | (Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal) |

WORLD PARTS

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- 1st Horn in E \flat
- 2nd Horn in E \flat
- 1st Trombone in B \flat Bass Clef
- 2nd Trombone in B \flat Bass Clef
- 1st Trombone in B \flat Treble Clef
- 2nd Trombone in B \flat Treble Clef
- Baritone in B \flat Bass Clef
- Tuba in E \flat Bass Clef
- Tuba in E \flat Treble Clef
- Tuba in B \flat Bass Clef
- Tuba in B \flat Treble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

Although Western European immigrants brought the Christmas tradition to the United States, the American popular culture has had a unique effect on this annual celebration. Equally, American music has been one of the most widely accepted gifts to the modern world.

It is in this spirit that Robert W. Smith merges the holiday musical tradition with truly American styles through *An American Christmas*. Mr. Smith has woven three traditional holiday melodies with unique American musical styles. Beginning with quotes using John Philip Sousa's immortal march style, the piece transitions into a melody by Tchaikovsky that is an annual tradition throughout the United States. However, following a brief melodic statement in a traditional setting, the familiar melody is transformed into American jazz. The American style of rock follows with a traditional holiday melody that Mr. Smith calls "Rock Ye Merry Gentlemen." Finally, the sounds of John Philip Sousa return with a careful pairing of "The Stars and Stripes Forever" and "Jingle Bells," which Mr. Smith has titled "Jingle Bells Forever."

An American Christmas was commissioned by and dedicated to the Slinger High School Band of Wisconsin under the direction of Dave Hanke and Steve Zenz. *An American Christmas* was premiered at the Hollywood (California) Christmas parade and festivities.