

FULL SCORE

GALLA CREEK MARCH

by CHRIS KAMERLING

INSTRUMENTATION

1-Full Score	2-3rd Trumpet
8-Flute	4-Horn in F
3-1 st Clarinet	2-1 st Trombone
3-2 nd Clarinet	2-2 nd Trombone
3-3 rd Clarinet	3-Euphonium Bass Clef
2-Bass Clarinet	2-Euphonium Treble Clef
3-1 st Alto Saxophone	4-Tuba
3-2 nd Alto Saxophone	1-Timpani
2-Tenor Saxophone	1- Bells
1-Baritone Saxophone	3-Percussion 1 (Snare Drum/Bass Drum)
2-1 st Trumpet	2-Percussion 2 (Crash Cymbals)
2-2 nd Trumpet	

*Duration: 2 min. 38 sec.
Grade: 3 (Medium)*

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PROGRAM NOTES

Galla Creek March is in traditional march form and is a stately rhythmic march in the true classic march tradition. The march was written to celebrate the small town of Pottsville, in the north-central region of Arkansas. Pottsville is like so much of small-town America where family, church and basic American values are still the focus.

Pottsville was settled by the Potts family. Kirkbride Potts, a young bachelor, came to Arkansas by covered wagon from his home in New Jersey in the early 1800's. There he married a pioneer's daughter, Pamelia Logan and settled in Pope County. Their home (the Potts Inn) eventually became a stop on the Butterfield Stagecoach route between the east and west coasts. Since it was an established travel route, it became a railroad depot (Galla Station) as the railroad was completed. Galla Creek was the local waterway serving the area.

PERFORMANCE NOTES

Galla Creek March uses a rather traditional march form and should be very crisp in style. The tempo should be about 116 bpm and will settle into a comfortable flow at that tempo (much faster and it almost feels "rushed"). While traditional in form, it does provide some variety in tonal progression. The initial key of Bb major modulates to Gb major before coming back to Bb major at the close of the first strain. The second strain moves to G minor and features the clarinet section on the melody before the repeat of the strain includes the trumpet and flute sections on the melodic line. Pay close attention to the dotted-eighth and sixteenth note pattern. Take care that it does not begin to be played as a "broken" triplet (especially since the opening of the march has so many triplets written in the parts). The trio section has a flowing melody in the clarinets while the trombones provide a counter-melody. You will notice that the tuba line is tremendously important in this section as it provides the rhythmic structure along with the harmonic backbone. The "dog-fight" section is between the low brass/woodwinds and the upper winds. The low brass/woodwinds should make their notes short to keep the section from slowing down. The last section is a repeat of the trio theme with some embellishments in the flute and upper clarinet part. It can be approached at the original tempo of 116 bpm or you can create a "grandioso" section and slow the tempo slightly. I truly hope you will enjoy preparing and performing *Galla Creek March* with your ensemble, and it will provide you with many hours of educational value.

Length: 2:38

Grade 3 (Medium)

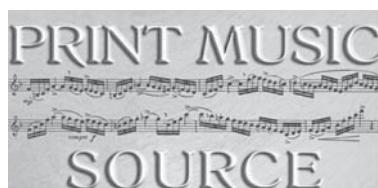
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Score

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Crisp and Lively $\text{♩} = 116$

Flute

Clarinet in B \flat 1

Clarinet in B \flat 2 & 3

Bass Clarinet

Alto Sax. 1 & 2

Tenor Sax.

Baritone Sax.

Trumpet in B \flat 1

Trumpet in B \flat 2 & 3

Horn in F

Trombone 1 & 2

Euphonium

Tuba

Timpani

Bells

Percussion 1

Percussion 2

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GALLA CREEK MARCH

2

9

Fl.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2 & 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1 & 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

9

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2 & 3

Hn.

Tbn. 1 & 2

Euph.

Tuba

9

Tim.

Bls.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

mf (2nd time only)

10
11
12
13
14
15
16

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3

Fl.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2 & 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1 & 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2 & 3

Hn.

Tbn. 1 & 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bls.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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4

Fl. *f*

B♭ Cl. 1 *f*

B♭ Cl. 2 & 3 *f*

B. Cl. *f*

A. Sx. 1 & 2 *f*

T. Sx. *f*

B. Sx. *f*

29

f (2nd time only)

mp~f

mp~f

mp~f

mp~f

mp~f

mp~f

B♭ Tpt. 1 *f*

B♭ Tpt. 2 & 3 *f*

Hn. *f*

Tbn. 1 & 2 *f*

Euph. *f*

Tuba *f*

2.

29

f (2nd time only)

f (2nd time only)

f (2nd time only)

mp~f

mp~f

mp~f

Tim. —

Bls. —

2.

29

f (2nd time only)

Perc. 1 *f*

Perc. 2 *f*

3

29

mp~f

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5

Fl.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2 & 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1 & 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2 & 3

Hn.

Tbn. 1 & 2

Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Bls.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40

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6

The musical score consists of three systems of staves, each divided into two measures (1. and 2.) by vertical bar lines. Measure 1 starts with rests for most instruments. Measure 2 begins with dynamic markings like '>' and 'v' above notes.

- Flute (Fl.):** Starts with a rest in measure 1, then plays eighth-note patterns in measure 2.
- Bassoon Clarinet 1 (B♭ Cl. 1):** Plays eighth-note patterns in measure 2.
- Bassoon Clarinet 2 & 3 (B♭ Cl. 2 & 3):** Plays eighth-note patterns in measure 2.
- Bassoon Clarinet (B. Cl.):** Plays eighth-note patterns in measure 2.
- Alto Saxophone 1 & 2 (A. Sx. 1 & 2):** Plays eighth-note patterns in measure 2.
- Tenor Saxophone (T. Sx.):** Plays eighth-note patterns in measure 2.
- Bass Saxophone (B. Sx.):** Plays eighth-note patterns in measure 2.
- Bass Trombone 1 & 2 (Tbn. 1 & 2):** Plays eighth-note patterns in measure 2.
- Euphonium (Euph.):** Plays eighth-note patterns in measure 2.
- Tuba:** Plays eighth-note patterns in measure 2.
- Timpani (Tim.):** Rests in both measures.
- Bassoon (Bls.):** Rests in measure 1, then plays eighth-note patterns in measure 2.
- Percussion 1 (Perc. 1):** Plays eighth-note patterns in both measures.
- Percussion 2 (Perc. 2):** Rests in both measures.

Measure numbers 41 through 48 are indicated at the bottom of the page.

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7

49

Fl. *f*

B♭ Cl. 1 *f*

B♭ Cl. 2 & 3 *f*

B. Cl. *f*

A. Sx. 1 & 2 *f* *mp*

T. Sx. *f* *mp*

B. Sx. *f*

49

B♭ Tpt. 1 *f*

B♭ Tpt. 2 & 3 *f*

Hn. *f*

Tbn. 1 & 2 *f* *mp* *f* *f*

Euph. *f* *mf*

Tuba *f* *mf*

49

Tim. *f* *p*

Bls. *f*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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8

Fl.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2 & 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1 & 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2 & 3

Hn.

Tbn. 1 & 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bls.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64

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9

69

Fl.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2 & 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1 & 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

This section of the score covers measures 65 through 72. It features a variety of woodwind instruments including Flute, Bass Clarinet 1, Bass Clarinet 2 & 3, Bassoon, Alto Saxophone 1 & 2, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Saxophone, Bass Trombone 1 & 2, Euphonium, and Tuba. The instrumentation is primarily woodwind, with bassoon and tuba providing harmonic support. The bassoon and tuba play sustained notes in measures 65-68, while the woodwinds provide rhythmic patterns. Measures 69-72 introduce more dynamic and sustained notes from the bassoon and tuba, creating a rich harmonic foundation.

69

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2 & 3

Hn.

Tbn. 1 & 2

Euph.

Tuba

This section covers measures 65-72. It includes Bass Trombone 1 & 2, Euphonium, Tuba, Bassoon, Timpani, Bassoon, Percussion 1, and Percussion 2. The bassoon and tuba continue their sustained notes, while the brass instruments (bass trombones and euphonium) provide rhythmic patterns. The bassoon and tuba maintain their sustained notes throughout the entire section.

69

Tim.

Bls.

This section covers measures 65-72. It includes Timpani and Bassoon. The bassoon continues its sustained note, while the timpani provides rhythmic patterns.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

This section covers measures 65-72. It includes Percussion 1 and Percussion 2. Both percussion instruments provide rhythmic patterns.

65

66

67

68

69

70

71

72

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10

Fl.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2 & 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1 & 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2 & 3

Hn.

Tbn. 1 & 2

Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Bls.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80

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11

85

Fl.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2 & 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1 & 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

85

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2 & 3

Hn.

Tbn. 1 & 2

Euph.

Tuba

85

Tim.

Bls.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

81 82 83 84 85 86 **f** 87 88

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12

Fl.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2 & 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1 & 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2 & 3

Hn.

Tbn. 1 & 2

Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Bls.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96

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13

97

Fl. *ff*

B♭ Cl. 1 *ff*

B♭ Cl. 2 & 3 *ff*

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1 & 2 *ff*

T. Sx. *ff*

B. Sx. *ff*

97

B♭ Tpt. 1 *ff*

B♭ Tpt. 2 & 3 *ff*

Hn. *ff*

Tbn. 1 & 2 *ff*

Euph. *ff*

Tuba *ff*

97

Tim. *ff*

Bls. *ff*

Perc. 1 *ff*

Perc. 2 *ff*

97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104

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14

Fl.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2 & 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1 & 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2 & 3

Hn.

Tbn. 1 & 2

Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Bls.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

105

106

107

108

109

110

111

112

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15

Fl. *ff*

B♭ Cl. 1 *ff*

B♭ Cl. 2 & 3 *ff*

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1 & 2 *ff*

T. Sx. *ff*

B. Sx. *ff*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *ff*

B♭ Tpt. 2 & 3 *ff*

Hn. *ff*

Tbn. 1 & 2 *ff*

Euph. *ff*

Tuba *ff*

Tim. *ff*

Bls. *ff*

Perc. 1 *ff*

Perc. 2 *ff*

GALLA CREEK MARCH

16

Fl.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2 & 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1 & 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2 & 3

Hn.

Tbn. 1 & 2

Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Bls.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

muffle

choke

121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128



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