# AN AMERICAN IN PARIS George Gershwin Arranged and Orchestrated by Charles Booker

### <u>INSTRUMENTATION</u>

1-Full Score (Large Score) 2-Piccolo 4-1st Flute 4-2<sup>nd</sup> Flute 1-1st Oboe 1-2<sup>nd</sup> Oboe 1-1st Bassoon 1-2<sup>nd</sup> Bassoon 3-1st Clarinet 3-2<sup>nd</sup> Clarinet 3-3<sup>rd</sup> Clarinet 2-Bass Clarinet 2-1<sup>st</sup> Alto Saxophone 2-2<sup>nd</sup> Alto Saxophone 2-Tenor Saxophone 1-Baritone Saxophone

3-1st Trumpet
3-2nd Trumpet
3-3rd Trumpet
2-1st Horn in F
2-2nd Horn in F
2-1st Trombone
2-2nd Trombone
2-3rd Trombone
3-Euphonium BC
2-Euphonium TC
4-Tuba

1-Double Bass (optional)

1-Timpani 2-Bells/Xylophone

3-Vibraphone/Xylophone

4-Percussion 1

(Snare Drum/Bass Drum/Crash Cymbals/Wood-Block/Tom-Tom)

3-Percussion 2

(Cymbals/Triangle/Taxi-Horns (a) (b) (c)

Duration: 7 minutes 42 seconds Medium Advanced(Grade 3+)

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# **AN AMERICAN IN PARIS**

An American in Paris is a jazz-influenced symphonic poem (or tone poem) originally written for orchestra by American composer George Gershwin and first performed in 1928. It was inspired by the time that Gershwin had spent in Paris and evokes the sights and energy of the French capital during the Années folles.

Gershwin scored the piece for the standard instruments of the symphony orchestra plus celesta, saxophones, and automobile horns. He brought back four Parisian taxi horns for the New York premiere of the composition, which took place on December 13, 1928, in Carnegie Hall, with Walter Damrosch conducting the New York Philharmonic. Gershwin completed the orchestration on November 18, less than four weeks before the work's original premiere.

This setting for symphonic band has been skillfully arranged and orchestrated to capture the original Gershwin creation and make it performable by today's symphonic bands.

# **Notes on the Arranger**

Charles Booker (b. 1952), a native of Natchez, Mississippi, is a retired U.S. Army Bandmaster, and former Associate Professor at the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith. He served the university as Director of Jazz Studies, Director of Bands, and Chair of the Music Department. During his tenure at UA Fort Smith he taught trumpet, band, jazz band, conducting, music theory, orchestration and composition. Mr. Booker studied composition with Hank Levy (composer/arranger for Stan Kenton), Dr. Steve Strunk and Dr. James Balentine, and conducting with Dr. Robert Garofalo and Dr. Robert Rustowicz. Mr. Booker attended the Armed Forces School of Music, and received his degrees from the University of the State of New York and the University of Texas at San Antonio. He later completed courses for Texas teacher certification in secondary music education at Texas State University. His compositions are published by Alfred, Kendor, Lecta Music, Potenza Music, Print Music Source, Southern Music Company, and Wingert-Jones. Mr. Booker's music has been performed internationally by schools, universities, community bands and professional bands and orchestras that include the Fort Smith Symphony Orchestra, the U.S. Army Band and Orchestra ("Pershing's Own"), the U.S. Army Field Band, the U.S. Military Academy Band (West Point), the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America and the U.S. Air Force Academy Band. Mr. Booker's 21 year career in the U.S. Army included service in the Fifth Army Band in San Antonio, Texas, staff arranger for the Army Field Band, bandmaster of Army Bands in Louisiana, Germany, New York City, and director of the Jazz Ambassadors in Washington, D.C.

### **SCORE** Time: Approx. 7 minutes and

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