YOUNG BAND SERIES

THE JUNGLE DRUMS

by

ADAM ARNOLD

DURATION: 2'25" LEVEL: 2

INSTRUMENTATION

1 - Score 3 - Trumpet 2

6 – Flute 4 – French Horn

2 – Oboe 4 – Tromlon

2 – Bassoon 2 – Fuphonium BC

4 – Clarinet 2 4 – Tuba

4 – Alto Saxophone

2 – Bass Clarinet 1 – Timpani

2 – Tenor Sevonhone 2 – Percussion 1 tom-toms/bass drum

1 – Baritone Saxophone 2 – Percussion 2 crash & suspended cymbal

2 – Marimba

3 – Trumpet 1 2 – Tom-Toms Advanced

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Program Notes:

The drums are the raw heartbeat of the jungle. They are the soundtrack for the wild adventures that can be had, venturing where no human has ever set foot. There is something primal about being deep in the forest, surrounded by wild animals and far, far away from the modern world.

Rehearsal Notes:

This piece is all about energy. Really good diminuendos/crescendos throughout will challenge the ensemble and add character to the work. Most bands will not find playing loud too difficult, however dropping the dynamic in those sections will allow the feature lines to come through.

The more people playing the tom parts, the better. What is more, you could bring them to the front of the band on either side to really get the feeling of being surrounded by drums.

With the wild animal noises at [43], this is a chance to allow the band to have some fun. They may need some encouragement! They should be reminded that overdoing it is better than being half-hearted – just make sure they are ready to play afterwards.

About the Composer:

Beginning his music career with a cornet for his 6th birthday, Adam moved quickly on to bigger and better instruments, playing the trombone and euphonium before finally settling on the tuba.

Adam studied at Melbourne University, where he graduated with Honours in Music Performance in 2004. He then spent eight years performing with the Royal Australian Navy Band. During this time he completed a Graduate Diploma in Education at the University of New England, and was awarded a Licentiate in Music Performance from Trinity College London.

Adam has performed in numerous orchestras, wind bands, big bands, brass bands, jazz combos, roving groups, cover bands and pit orchestras. He has won state and national solo competitions. As well as playing, he is an accomplished arranger and conductor.

Adam now lives in Melbourne, Australia, and teaches at Carey Grammar School and Richmond West Primary School. He performs as a freelance musician, and runs "Funk Buddies", a New Orleans style street funk band.

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