

SKETCHES OF WONDERLAND

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Referred to as “Wonderland” even before its official creation in 1872, the land within the borders of Yellowstone National Park is replete with features that are in turn fascinating, inspiring, and astonishing. Located largely in northwest Wyoming, its nearly 3,500 square miles sit atop a currently dormant volcano and contain nearly half of the world’s hydrothermal features. The area is also home to abundant free ranging wildlife, including the largest public bison herd in the United States. I had the good fortune to visit Yellowstone in May of 2021, and my overall impression was one of other-worldliness. This composition for wind band consists of five musical impressions bookended by a theme whose echoes are heard throughout the work.

Mammoth Hot Springs

These astounding rock formations have been described as an “inside-out cave.” Super-heated water rises, dissolving large quantities of the surrounding limestone and depositing a chalky white mineral on the surface. It looked to me the way I imagined the surface of another planet might. The music for this section combines tonal clusters based on the whole tone scale (the massive, stark structures) and meandering sequences consisting principally of alternatively descending and ascending minor thirds (the countless rivulets of hot water running down the sides).

Bison Jam

The aforementioned free-ranging bison herd does not hesitate to use the public park roads. One of the highlights of my family’s visit came when we stopped while driving northbound on a park road to allow the passage of a group of around 25 bison who were moving down the road directly at us at a steady but unhurried pace. These iconic animals, which can grow to nearly seven feet in height and over 800 pounds, passed within a few feet of us as we marveled and took pictures. When they had safely passed, we drove on, thankful for the short delay. It was then that we realized the line of southbound vehicles creeping at bison speed stretched back a full two miles...

Grand Prismatic Spring

The most photographed thermal feature in Yellowstone, Grand Prismatic is bigger than a football field and gets its rainbow-colored rings from heat-loving bacteria that live in different temperature zones (getting progressively cooler moving outward from the center). The music of this section is colored with rich wind harmonies and highlighted with shimmering percussion sounds.

Canyon Waterfalls

The Upper and Lower Falls within the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River are powerful and breathtakingly beautiful. At 308 feet, the Lower Falls are twice the height of Niagara falls. In 1870, visitor Nathaniel Langford recorded, ““A grander scene than the lower cataract of the Yellowstone was never witnessed by mortal eyes.” Overlapping woodwind figures evoke the perpetual motion of the cascading water, ultimately calming as it moves downriver.

Old Faithful Geyser

Yellowstone’s most famous geyser (over 500) shoots thousands of gallons of steaming water up to 180 feet in the air around twenty times a day. The times between eruptions vary from an hour to nearly two hours, and although eruptions are fairly predictable, they are not always on time. Before the actual eruption, Old Faithful teases those waiting with small bursts of vapor, adding to the anticipation. My musical impression depicts both this waiting period and the impressive spectacle of the actual eruption.

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15

Picc.

Fl. 1/2

Ob. 1/2

Bsn. 1/2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. Alt. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1/2

Hn. 3/4

Tbn.

Tbn. 2/3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bls.

Chm.

Vib.

Mrb.

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

mf

f

rit.

a2

tr

mp

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Picc.

Fl. 1/2

Ob. 1/2

Bsn. 1/2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. Alt. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1/2

Hn. 3/4

Tbn.

Tbn. 2/3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bls.

Chm.

Vib.

Mrb.

Let ring

mp

mf

a2

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21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

[36] più mosso ♩=92

Picc.

Fl. 1/2

Ob. 1/2

Bsn. 1/2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. Alt. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1/2

Hn. 3/4

Tbn.

Tbn. 2/3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bls.

Chm.

Vib.

Mrb.

mp

Strike Sus. Cym. w/soft mallet

mp

Oboc

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31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40

Picc. *mf*

Fl. 1/2 *mf*

Ob. 1/2 *mf*

Bsn. 1/2 *mf*

B♭ Cl. 1 *mf*

B♭ Cl. 2 *mf*

B♭ Cl. 3 *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

C. Alt. Cl. *mf*

A. Sx. 1 *mf*

A. Sx. 2 *mf*

T. Sx. *mf*

B. Sx. *mf*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *mf*

B♭ Tpt. 2 *mf*

B♭ Tpt. 3 *mf*

Hn. 1/2 *mf*

Hn. 3/4 *mf*

Tbn. *mf*

Tbn. 2/3 *mf*

Euph. *mf*

Tuba *mf*

Timp. *mf*

Bls. *mf*

Chm. *mf*

Vib. *mf*

Mrb. *mf*

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53

Picc. *mf*

Fl. 1/2 *mf*

Ob. 1/2

Bsn. 1/2

B♭ Cl. 1 *mf*

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. Alt. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx. *mf*

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1 *mf*

B♭ Tpt. 2 *mf*

B♭ Tpt. 3 *mf*

Hn. 1/2

Hn. 3/4

Tbn. *p*

Tbn. 2/3 *p*

Euph. *mp*

Tuba *p*

Timp. *mp*

Bls. *mf*

Chm.

Vib. *mf*

Mrb. *mf*

p *mp* *mf*

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70

78

Picc.

Fl. 1/2

Ob. 1/2

Bsn. 1/2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. Alt. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1/2

Hn. 3/4

Tbn. *Solo*
mf

Tbn. 2/3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bls.

Chm.

Vib.

Mrb.

II

II

70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81

Picc.

Fl. 1/2

Ob. 1/2

Bsn. 1/2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. Alt. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1/2

Hn. 3/4

Tbn.

Tbn. 2/3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bls.

Chm.

Vib.

Mrb.

Tri.

Tamborine

mp

mf

Solo

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94

102

Picc.

Fl. 1/2

Ob. 1/2

Bsn. 1/2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. Alt. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1/2

Hn. 3/4

Tbn.

Tbn. 2/3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bls.

Chm.

Vib.

Mrb.

93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104

Grand Prismatic Spring

Picc.

Fl. 1/2

Ob. 1/2

Bsn. 1/2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. Alt. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1/2

Hn. 3/4

Tbn.

Tbn. 2/3

Euph.

Tuba

mp

Timpani

Bls.

Chm.

Vib.

Mrb.

Tri.

F.C.

mp

105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115

Picc.

Fl. 1/2

Ob. 1/2

Bsn. 1/2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. Alt. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1/2

Hn. 3/4

Tbn.

Tbn. 2/3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bls.

Chm.

Vib.

Mrb.

Sus. Cym.

tutti

mf

p

mp

cresc. poco a poco

a2

p

cresc. poco a poco

p

cresc. poco a poco

p

cresc. poco a poco

p

cresc. poco a poco

p

cresc. poco a poco

p

cresc. poco a poco

p

cresc. poco a poco

p

cresc. poco a poco

mf

mp

cresc. poco a poco

mf

cresc. poco a poco

Crotales

Crotales

Chimes

Soft mallets

mp

cresc. poco a poco

p

cresc. poco a poco

116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126

Picc. *Solo* *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

Fl. 1/2 *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

Ob. 1/2 *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

Bsn. 1/2 *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

B♭ Cl. 1 *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

B♭ Cl. 2 *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

B♭ Cl. 3 *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

B. Cl. *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

C. Alt. Cl. *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

A. Sx. 1 *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

A. Sx. 2 *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

T. Sx. *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

B. Sx. *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

B♭ Tpt. 2 *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

B♭ Tpt. 3 *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

Hn. 1/2 *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

Hn. 3/4 *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

Tbn. *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

Tbn. 2/3 *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

Euph. *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

Tuba *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

Timp. *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

Bls. *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

Chm. *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

Vib. *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

Mrb. *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

F.C. *mf* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

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Picc.

Fl. 1/2

Ob. 1/2

Bsn. 1/2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. Alt. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1/2

Hn. 3/4

Tbn.

Tbn. 2/3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bls.

Chm.

Vib.

Mrb.

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This image shows a page from a musical score, specifically page 155. The page contains staves for various instruments, including Piccolo, Flute 1/2, Oboe 1/2, Bassoon 1/2, Clarinets Bb, C, and Alto, Saxophones A, T, and Baritone, Trumpets Bb 1-3, Horns F# 1/2 and 3/4, Trombones Eb 1-3, Euphonium, Tubas, Timpani, Bells, Chimes, Vibraphone, Mallets, and Snare Drum/Cymbals. The score includes dynamic markings such as *mf* and *f*, and articulation marks like accents and slurs. A large diagonal watermark across the page reads "Not for Rehearsal Score Only".

Picc.
 Fl. 1/2
 Ob. 1/2
 Bsn. 1/2
 B♭ Cl. 1
 B♭ Cl. 2
 B♭ Cl. 3
 B. Cl.
 C. Alt. Cl.
 A. Sx. 1
 A. Sx. 2
 T. Sx.
 B. Sx.
 B♭ Tpt. 1
 B♭ Tpt. 2
 B♭ Tpt. 3
 Hn. 1/2
 Hn. 3/4
 Tbn.
 Tbn. 2/3
 Euph.
 Tuba
 Timp.
 Bls.
 Chm.
 Vib.
 Mrb.
 Tri.

Musical score page showing staves for various instruments including Piccolo, Flutes, Oboes, Bassoon, Clarinets, Saxophones, Truets, Horns, Trombones, Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, Bells, Chimes, Vibraphone, and Maracas. The score includes dynamic markings such as *f* (forte) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). A large diagonal watermark reads "Not for Rehearsal or Performance".

This image shows a page from a musical score, likely for a symphony or concert band. The page is numbered 171 at the top center. The score is written for a large ensemble, including the following instruments and parts:

- Picc.
- Fl. 1/2
- Ob. 1/2
- Bsn. 1/2
- B♭ Cl. 1
- B♭ Cl. 2
- B♭ Cl. 3
- B. Cl.
- C. Alt. Cl.
- A. Sax. 1
- A. Sax. 2
- T. Sax.
- B. Sax.
- B♭ Tpt. 1
- B♭ Tpt. 2
- B♭ Tpt. 3
- Hn. 1/2
- Hn. 3/4
- Tbn.
- Tbn. 2/3
- Euph.
- Tuba
- Timpani (Timp.)
- Bells (Bls.)
- Chimes (Chm.)
- Vibraphone (Vib.)
- Mallets (Mrb.)
- C.C. (Cymbals)
- Tambourine (Tamb.)

The score includes various musical notations, including notes, rests, and dynamic markings such as *mf*, *f*, *mp*, and *mf*. A large, diagonal watermark across the page reads "Not for Rehearsal or Performance". The page number 171 is also visible at the bottom of the page.

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Picc.

Fl. 1/2

Ob. 1/2

Bsn. 1/2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. Alt. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1/2

Hn. 3/4

Tbn.

Tbn. 2/3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bls.

Chm.

Vib.

Mrb.

176 177 178 179 180 181 182 183 184 185

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mf

mp

mf

[illegible]

This image shows a page from a musical score, likely for a symphony or concert band. The page contains staves for various instruments, including Piccolo, Flute 1/2, Oboe 1/2, Bassoon 1/2, B♭ Clarinet 1, B♭ Clarinet 2, B♭ Clarinet 3, B♭ Clarinet, C. Alto Clarinet, A. Saxophone 1, A. Saxophone 2, T. Saxophone, B. Saxophone, B♭ Trumpet 1, B♭ Trumpet 2, B♭ Trumpet 3, Horn 1/2, Horn 3/4, Trombone, Trombone 2/3, Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, Bells, Chimes, Vibraphone, and Mallets. The score includes dynamic markings such as *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *p* (piano). A large, diagonal watermark across the page reads "Not for Rehearsal or Performance". The page number 197 is visible at the bottom left.

This image shows a page from a musical score, likely for a symphony or concert band. The page is numbered 206 at the bottom left. The score is written for a large ensemble of instruments, including Piccolo, Flute 1/2, Oboe 1/2, Bassoon 1/2, B♭ Clarinet 1, B♭ Clarinet 2, B♭ Clarinet 3, B♭ Clarinet, C. Alto Clarinet, A. Saxophone 1, A. Saxophone 2, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, B♭ Trumpet 1, B♭ Trumpet 2, B♭ Trumpet 3, Horn 1/2, Horn 3/4, Trombone, Trombone 2/3, Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, Bells, Chimes, Vibraphone, and Mallets. The score is written in 2/4 time and includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings (pp, mp). A large, diagonal watermark across the page reads "Not for Rehearsal or Performance".

Picc.

Fl. 1/2

Ob. 1/2

Bsn. 1/2

B+ Cl. 1

B+ Cl. 2

B+ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. Alt. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B+ Tpt. 1

B+ Tpt. 2

B+ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1/2

Hn. 3/4

Tbn.

Tbn. 2/3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bls.

Chm.

Vib.

Mrb.

Tri.

C.C.

S.D.

B.D.

mf

f

mp

tutti

a2

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216 217 218 219 220 221 222

225

Picc.

Fl. 1/2

Ob. 1/2

Bsn. 1/2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. Alt. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1/2

Hn. 3/4

Tbn.

Tbn. 2/3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bls.

Chm.

Vib.

Mrb.

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232

Picc.

Fl. 1/2

Ob. 1/2

Bsn. 1/2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. Alt. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1/2

Hn. 3/4

Tbn.

Tbn. 2/3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bls.

Chm.

Vib.

Mrb.

230

mp

231

f

232

233

f

234

mf

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This image shows a page from a musical score, likely for a large orchestra and choir. The page is numbered 240 at the top center. A large, diagonal watermark across the page reads "Not for Perusal Score Only". The score includes staves for various instruments and vocal parts, with dynamic markings such as *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *sub. p* (subito piano). The instruments listed on the left include Picc., Fl. 1/2, Ob. 1/2, Bsn. 1/2, B♭ Cl. 1, B♭ Cl. 2, B♭ Cl. 3, B. Cl., C. Alt. Cl., A. Sx. 1, A. Sx. 2, T. Sx., B. Sx., B♭ Tpt. 1, B♭ Tpt. 2, B♭ Tpt. 3, Hn. 1/2, Hn. 3/4, Tbn., Tbn. 2/3, Euph., Tuba, Timp., Bls., Chm., Vib., and Mrb. The vocal parts are represented by staves at the bottom, with lyrics in Italian. The page is numbered 238, 239, 240, 241, and 242 at the bottom.

Picc. *f* *mf* *tr*

Fl. 1/2 *f* *mf* *tr*

Ob. 1/2 *f* *mf* *tr*

Bsn. 1/2 *f* *mf*

B♭ Cl. 1 *f* *mf* *tr*

B♭ Cl. 2 *f* *mf* *tr*

B♭ Cl. 3 *f* *mf* *tr*

B. Cl. *f* *mf*

C. Alt. Cl. *f* *mf*

A. Sx. 1 *f*

A. Sx. 2 *f*

T. Sx. *f* *mf*

B. Sx. *f* *mf*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *f* *mf* *tr*

B♭ Tpt. 2 *f* *mf* *tr*

B♭ Tpt. 3 *f* *mf* *tr*

Hn. 1/2 *f* *mf*

Hn. 3/4 *f* *mf*

Tbn. *f* *mf*

Tbn. 2/3 *f* *mf*

Euph. *f* *mf*

Tuba *f* *mf*

Timp. *f* *mf*

Bls. *mf* *f*

Chm. *f*

Vib. *f*

Mrb. *f*

C.C. *mf*

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Picc.

Fl. 1/2

Ob. 1/2

Bsn. 1/2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C. Alt. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

B♭ Tpt. 3

Hn. 1/2

Hn. 3/4

Tbn.

Tbn. 2/3

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Bls.

Chm.

Vib.

Mrb.

Chimes

Choke

255

256

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