

# *20<sup>th</sup> Century Duets*

*for Euphonium & Tuba*

by

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*Four 20<sup>th</sup> Century Duets for Bass Trombone and Tuba* were originally conceived as 20<sup>th</sup> Century counterpoint exercises. The first piece is a strict, canon at the minor 9<sup>th</sup> and the last piece, is an ostinato. These two pieces were composed in 1988 while the composer was working on his doctorate degree. The second and third pieces were composed in the same style during the fall of 2009. The new movements were premiered on a Louisiana Composers Consortium later that same fall.

*Four 20<sup>th</sup> Century Duets for Two Tuba*

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- I. Canon at the Minor Ninth*
- II. Ostinato on a Minor Sixth*
- III. Canon at the Minor Third*
- IV. Ostinato*

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# Canon at the Minor 9th

for euphonium and tuba

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Moderato  $\text{♩} = 100$

The musical score is written for Euphonium and Tuba in common time (C). The tempo is Moderato, with a quarter note equal to 100 beats per minute. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The score is divided into five systems, each with a measure number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) at the beginning of the first staff. The Euphonium part is on the upper staff and the Tuba part is on the lower staff. The first system shows the initial entry of the Tuba with a *mf* dynamic, followed by the Euphonium. The second system (measures 3-4) shows the Euphonium playing a melodic line while the Tuba provides a rhythmic accompaniment. The third system (measures 5-6) continues the melodic development in the Euphonium. The fourth system (measures 7-8) shows the Euphonium playing a more complex, sixteenth-note pattern. The fifth system (measures 9-10) concludes the piece with a final cadence in both parts.

# II. Ostinato on a Minor Sixth

for euphonium and tuba

Joe L. Alexander

$\bullet = 100$

Euphonium

Tuba

*f*

*p*

5

*f*

*mp*

9

13

*f*

18

*Rit. al Fine*

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# II. Canon at the Minor 3rd

for euphonium and tuba

Joe L. Alexander

$\bullet = 100$

Euphonium

Tuba

*f*

*mp*

*mp*

*mf*

*mf*

*p*

*f*

*f*

4

7

10

13

# Ostinato

for euphonium and tuba

by Joe L. Alexander

$\bullet = 80$

1

Euphonium

1

Tuba

*f* *mf*

3

*mp* *ff* *f*

3

*p* *mp* *f*

6

*n* *mp*

6

*mf* *mf*

9

*mf*

9

*mf*

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11 *f*

11 *mp*

13

13

15 *mp* *f* *mf*

15 *f* *mf*

17 *f* *mf*

17 *f* *mf* *mp*

19 *f*

19 *mf*

The composer welcomes any questions concerning *20<sup>th</sup> Century Duets for euphonium and tuba* and would greatly appreciate hearing about performances. Inquires and programs should be sent to:

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