

Commissioned by Mark Zwilling, Director of Music and The Arts for St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch, Colorado.
Christmas Program "Fishing For Joy" 2025.

The Joy of Christmas Overture

Arranged by Jeff Cranfill

Maestoso $\text{♩} = 94$

The score is for a 4/4 piece in B-flat major, marked Maestoso with a tempo of quarter note = 94. The instrumentation includes Flutes 1 & 2, Oboe, Bb Clarinets 1 & 2, Bass Clarinet, Bassoon, Horns 1 & 2 (Alto Sax 1 & 2), Trumpets 1 & 2, Trumpet 3, Trombones 1 & 2 (Tenor Sax, Bar. T.C.), Trb. 3 Tuba, Drum Set, orch. bells, wind chimes, Triangle, crash cymbal, Suspended Cymbal, Timpani, Piano, Harp, Violins 1 & 2, Viola, Cello, and Bass. The score is divided into five measures, with measure numbers 2, 3, 4, and 5 indicated at the bottom. Dynamics include *mf* and *f*. The harp part includes a chord box: Eb F4 G4 A# / D# C# Bb.

The Joy of Christmas Overture - Full score

Flts.

Ob.

Bb Clts.

Bs. Clt.

Bsn.

Hns.

Tpts. 1 & 2

Tpt. 3

Trb 1 & 2

Trb. 3 Tba

Drums

orch. bells

Tri.
or cym.
Sus. Cym.

Timp.

Piano

Harp

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Bass

f

mf

tr

accel.

F Bb F/C C N.C.

17 18 19 20 21 22

The Joy of Christmas Overture - Full score

23 Faster, ♩ = 104

Flts. *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Bb Clts. *mf*

Bs. Clt. *mf*

Bsn. *mf*

Hns. *mf*

Tpts. 1 & 2 *mf*

Tpt. 3 *mf*

Trb. 1 & 2 *mf*

Trb. 3 Tba *mf*

Drums

orch. bells

Tri. cr. cym. Sus. Cym.

Timp. *mf*

Piano *mf*

Harp *mf*

Vln. *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Bass *mf*

Ab Eb/Bb Eb Ab Ab Eb/G Ab Cm Eb Ab Ab Cm Db Eb Ab Fm Cm

E♭ F♯ G♯ A♭
D♯ C♯ B♭

23 24 25 26 27 28 29

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Flts. *mf*

Ob.

Bb Clts. *mf*

Bs. Clt.

Bsn.

Hns.

Tpts. 1 & 2

Tpt. 3

Trb 1 & 2

Trb. 3 Tba

Drums

orch. bells

Tri.
or. Cym.
Sus. Cym. *mf*

Timp.

Piano

Hp.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Bass

30 31 32 33 34 35 36

triangle

mf

Db Eb Ab N.C.

Db

G# A#
D#

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Flts.

Ob.

Bb Clts.

Bs. Clt.

Bsn.

Hns.

Tpts. 1 & 2

Tpt. 3

Trb. 1 & 2

Trb. 3 Tba

Drums

orch. bells

Tri.
or. cym.
Sus. Cym.

Timp.

Piano

Hp.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Bass

37

38

39

40

41

42

43

The Joy of Christmas Overture - Full score

48

rit..... solo Gently ♩ = 86
legato

Flts.

Ob.

Bb Clts.

Bs. Clt.

Bsn.

Hns.

Tpts. 1 & 2

Tpt. 3

Trb 1 & 2

Trb. 3 Tba

Drums

orch. bells

Tri.
or cym.
Sus. Cym.

Triangle

Timp.

Piano

Harp

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Bass

mf

mp

p

pizz.

mp

E♭ *C7 Fm* *E♭/G* *B♭*

44 45 46 47 48 49 50

The Joy of Christmas Overture - Full score

56 ritenuto **a tempo**
solo continues...

Flts. *mf* *mp*

Ob. *one only, with flute*

Bb Clts. *mf* *mp*

Bs. Clt.

Bsn.

Hns. *mp*

Tpts. 1 & 2

Tpt. 3

Trb 1 & 2 *mp*

Trb. 3 Tba *mp*

Drums

orch. bells *chimes* *mp*

Tri. cr. cym. Sus. Cym. *mp*

Timp.

Piano *E_b E_b/D_b C Fm E_b B_b E_b sus4 E_b N.C.*

Harp *G₄ A₄*

Vln.

Vla.

Vc. *mp*

Bass *arco* *pizz.*

51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59

The Joy of Christmas Overture - Full score

rit.....
end solo

Flts.

Ob.

Bb Clts.

Bs. Clt.

Bsn.

Hns.

Tpts. 1 & 2

Tpt. 3

Trb 1 & 2

Trb. 3 Tba

Drums

orch. bells

Tri.
cr. cym.
Sus. Cym.

Timp.

Piano

Hrp.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Bass

Eb D/Eb Eb Ab /F Eb/Bb /B Bb Eb Eb7 Ab Fm7

mp

Ab/Db

mp

60 61 62 63 64 65

The Joy of Christmas Overture - Full score

67 Joyfully, marcato, tempo 1 ♩ = 94

Flts. *mf* *tr*

Ob. *mf* *tr*

Bb Clts. *mf* *tr*

Bs. Clt. *mf*

Bsn. *mf*

Hns. *mf*

Tpts. 1 & 2 *mf*

Tpt. 3 *mf*

Trb 1 & 2 *mf*

Trb. 3 Tba *mf*

Drums *mf*

orch. bells *mf*

wind chimes

Tri. or. cym. Sus. Cym. *mf*

Timp. *mf*

Piano *mf*

Hp. *A2* *D2*

Vln. *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Bass *arco* *mf*

66 67 68 69 70

The Joy of Christmas Overture - Full score

rit.....

74 **Grandioso, ♩ = 98**

Flts. *f*

Ob. *f*

Bb Clts. *f*

Bs. Clt. *f*

Bsn. *f*

Hns. *fp* *f*

Tpts. 1 & 2 *f*

Tpt. 3 *f*

Trb. 1 & 2 *f*

Trb. 3 Tba *f*

Drums *f*

orch. bells *f*

Tri. or. cym. Sus. Cym. *f* crash cym.

Timp. *f*

Piano *f*

Hp. *f*

Vln. *f*

Vla. *f*

Ve. *f*

Bass *f*

71 72 73 74 75

F Eb/F F Eb/F Bb F

E♭ F♯ G♯ A♯
D♯ C♯ B♯

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Flts.
Ob.
Bb Clts.
Bs. Clt.
Bsn.
Hns.
Tpts. 1 & 2
Tpt. 3
Trb 1 & 2
Trb. 3 Tba
Drums
orch. bells
Tri.
or cym.
Sus. Cym.
Timp.
Piano
Hp.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
Bass

F /A Bb Eb Bb/F F Gm Gm C F C F Bb/D F B F/C C F#us4 F

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87

Flts. *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Bb Clts. *mf*

Bs. Clt. *mf*

Bsn. *mf*

Hns. *mf*

Tpts. 1 & 2

Tpt. 3

Trb 1 & 2 *mf*

Trb. 3 Tba *mf*

Drums

orch. bells *f* triangle *f* chimes *mf* orch. bells *mf*

Tri. or. cym. Sus. Cym. *f*

Timp. *mf*

Piano *N.C.*

Hp. *mf* $\begin{matrix} A\sharp \\ E\flat \end{matrix}$

Vln. *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Bass *mf*

82 83 84 85 86 87 88

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Flts.

Ob.

Bb Clts.

Bs. Clt.

Bsn.

Hns.

Tpts. 1 & 2

Tpt. 3

Trb. 1 & 2

Trb. 3 Tba

Drums

orch. bells

Tri.
cr. cym.
Sus. Cym.

Timp.

Piano

Hp.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Bass

crash cym.

f

fp

f

F/C D Gm Cm⁶⁵ Bb/F Fsus4 F N.C.

95 96 97 98 99 100

The Joy of Christmas Overture - Full score

This page of the musical score includes the following instruments and parts:

- Flts. (Flutes)
- Ob. (Oboe)
- Bb Clts. (B-flat Clarinets)
- Bs. Clt. (Bass Clarinet)
- Bsn. (Bassoon)
- Hns. (Horns)
- Tpts. 1 & 2 (Trumpets 1 & 2)
- Tpt. 3 (Trumpet 3)
- Trb 1 & 2 (Trombones 1 & 2)
- Trb. 3 Tba (Trombone 3/Tuba)
- Drums
- orch. bells (Orchestra bells)
- Tri. or. cym. Sus. Cym. (Triangle or cymbal, suspended cymbal)
- Timp. (Timpani)
- Piano
- Hp. (Hammered dulcimer)
- Vln. (Violins)
- Vla. (Violas)
- Vc. (Violoncello)
- Bass

Key features of the score on this page include:

- Measures 101 through 107.
- Tempo marking: *rit.* (ritardando) starting at measure 105.
- Dynamic markings: *fp* (fortissimo piano) and *f* (forte).
- Chord markings: F, Eb/F, F, Bb, Bb, Bb, Bb.
- Performance instructions: *tr* (trills), *acc* (accents), *mf* (mezzo-forte), *ff* (fortissimo).
- Rehearsal mark: A4 Bb at measure 105.