# Two Irish Sketches

1. The Legend of Tully Castle 11. Dance of the Leprechauns

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usic is deep in the bones of the Irish people, and the music of their culture is rich, unique and emotional. An equally significant part of their culture is the rich tradition of Irish folklore and legend, stories that transport us to a magical world.

Two Irish Sketches is an original two-movement work in the style of the Irish folk song. Each movement was inspired by a character of Irish mythology and motivated by the composer's travels in that country.

The first movement, "The Legend of Tully Castle," is a dark and beautiful ly ic work written in a lush, contemporary setting. Care should be taken to ensure that a smooth, flowing quality is maintained throughout. Precise attention to balance and dynamics will add tremendously to the emotional appeal of this movement.

The second movement, "Dance of the Leprechauns," is a jig in 6/8 time. This movement features a lively melody, clever syncopation and subtle counterpoint. The effective use of the percussion section helps enhance the dance-like quality, keeping it light and spirited from beginning to end.

#### Instrumentation



10 — Flute (Piccolo)

2 — Oboe

2 Bassoon

4 - 1st B Clarinet

4 — 2nd Bb Clarinet

4 — 3rd B♭ Clarinet

1 — E♭ Alto Clarinet

2 — B Bass Clarinet

2 — 1st E♭ Alto Saxophone

2 — 2nd E Alto Saxophone

2 — Bb Tenor Saxophone

1 — E♭ Baritone Saxophone

3 — 1st B♭ Trumpet

3 — 2nd B Trumpet

3 — 3rd B♭ Trumpet

1 — 1st F Horn

1 — 2nd F Horn

1 — 3rd F Horn

2 — 1st Trombone

2 — 2nd Trombone

2 — 3rd Trombone

2 — Baritone T.C.

2 — Baritone B.C.

4 — Tuba

2 — Mallets (Bells & Xylophone)

 3 — Percussion (Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Crash Cymbals, Sus. Cymbal, Triangle,

Tambourine)

1 — Timpani





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#### II. Dance of the Leprechauns

#### Duration - 1:30































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