

As recorded by The Weeknd

Blinding Lights

Words and Music by Ahmad Balshe, Oscar Holter,
Max Martin, Jason Quenneville and Abel Tesfaye
Arranged by Michael Kamuf

INSTRUMENTATION

1 Conductor
8 Flute
2 Oboe
2 Bassoon
4 1st B \flat Clarinet
4 2nd B \flat Clarinet
2 B \flat Bass Clarinet
5 E \flat Alto Saxophone
2 B \flat Tenor Saxophone
2 E \flat Baritone Saxophone
4 1st B \flat Trumpet
4 2nd B \flat Trumpet
4 F Horn

4 Trombone
2 Baritone
2 Baritone Treble Clef
4 Tuba
1 Xylophone
2 Electric Bass/Keyboard
1 Timpani
(Tune: F, B \flat , E \flat)
4 Percussion 1
(Hi-Hat Cymbals/Snare Drum, Bass Drum or
Opt. Drumset)
3 Percussion 2
(Suspended Cymbal/Crash Cymbals,
Tambourine)

WORLD PARTS

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Horn in E \flat
Trombone in B \flat Bass Clef
Trombone in B \flat Treble Clef
Baritone in B \flat Bass Clef
Tuba in E \flat Bass Clef
Tuba in E \flat Treble Clef
Tuba in B \flat Bass Clef
Tuba in B \flat Treble Clef

PROGRAM NOTES

Canadian singer The Weeknd's hit *Blinding Lights* rose to number one on the charts in thirty-four countries including the US and Canada. Taken from his fourth album, *After Hours*, the singer combines elements of pop music along with the synth-pop era of the 1980s. This piece is the perfect vehicle to reinforce syncopation while having fun!

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This arrangement closely follows the original recording and can be felt in a fast four feel or in cut-time. As with all pop and jazz music, woodwind and brass players should approach the articulation in a legato fashion with short notes by utilizing a "dit" or "daht" syllable, and tenuto marks and unmarked notes with a "doo" syllable. The final notes of each slur should not be clipped.

The Percussion 1 part is written so that it may be played by one player on drumset or by two players (player 1—hi-hat cymbals and snare drum; player 2—bass drum). Utilizing the optional electric bass/keyboard part can add a strong sound to the performance. This part can be played on electric bass, keyboard, or on both instruments.

The introduction should be played in a strong and confident manner. In the introduction and throughout the entire arrangement, staccato marks should be observed. At measure 9, the melody is played by alto saxophone, horn, and trombone, with all other instruments playing accompanying figures. At measure 44, the alto and tenor saxophones should complement, and not overpower, the melody. At measure 70, the dialogue between the lower woodwind and brass and the 2nd clarinet, alto saxophones, and tenor saxophones should be played enthusiastically but in an agreement with the mezzo-forte dynamic. The crescendo in measure 92 should be strong to signal the final four notes of the arrangement.

A strong subdivision of the beat by all throughout the piece will contribute to ensemble precision as well as a high energy level!

I hope you and your students have fun studying and performing *Blinding Lights*!



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FULL SCORE
Duration - 2:40

Fast rock ♩ = 170 (or ♩ = 85)

Flute

Oboe

Bassoon

1
B♭ Clarinets

2

B♭ Bass Clarinet

E♭ Alto
Saxophone

B♭ Tenor
Saxophone

E♭ Baritone
Saxophone

Fast rock ♩ = 170 (or ♩ = 85)

1
B♭ Trumpets

2

F Horn

Trombone

Baritone

Tuba

Xylophone

Percussion 1
(Hi-Hat Cymbals/
Snare Drum, Bass Drum
or Opt. Drumset)

Percussion 2
(Suspended Cymbal/
Crash Cymbals,
Tambourine)

Timpani

H.H.
(closed) S.D.
B.D.

Tune: F, B♭, E♭

f

1

2

3

4

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Fl.
Ob.
Bsn.
1
Cls.
2
B. Cl.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
Bar. Sax.
1
Tpts.
2
Hn.
Tbn.
Bar.
Tuba
Xyl.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Timp.

Suspended Cymbal (w/mallets)
p

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9 Play 2nd time only

Fl. *mf*

Ob. *mf* Play 2nd time only

Bsn. *mf*

1 *mf* stagger breathe

2 *mf* stagger breathe

B. Cl. *mf*

A. Sax. *mf*

T. Sax. *mf*

Bar. Sax. *mf*

9 *mf*

1

2 *mf*

Hn. *mf*

Tbn. *mf*

Bar. *mf*

Tuba *mf*

Xyl. *mf* Play 2nd time only

Perc. 1 *mf*

Perc. 2 *mf*

Timp. *mf*

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

1
Cls.

2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

1
Tpts.

2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar.

Tuba

Xyl.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

1.

1.

p

2. 18

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

1
Cls.

2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

2. 18

1
Tpts.

2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar.

Tuba

Xyl.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

mf

p *mf*

mf
Tambourine

Fl.
Ob.
Bsn.
1
Cls.
2
B. Cl.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
Bar. Sax.
1
Tpts.
2
Hn.
Tbn.
Bar.
Tuba
Xyl.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Timp.

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26 Play 2nd time only

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

1 Play 2nd time only

Cls.

2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

26

1

Tpts.

2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar.

Tuba

Xyl.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

f Crash Cymbals

Timp.

1. Play 2.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

1. Play 2.

Cls.

2.

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

1. 2.

Tpts.

2.

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar.

Tuba

Xyl.

Play

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

36

Fl. *mf*

Ob. *mf*

Bsn. *mf*

1 *mf*

Cls. 2 *mf*

B. Cl. *mf*

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax. *mf*

36

1

Tpts. 2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar.

Tuba

Xyl. *mf*

Perc. 1 *mf*

Perc. 2

Timp.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

1
Cls.

2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

1
Tpts.

2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar.

Tuba

Xyl.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

mf stagger breathe

mf Play

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

p Sus. Cym.

mf

mf

mf

44

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Fl.
Ob.
Bsn.
1
Cls.
2
B. Cl.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
Bar. Sax.
1
Tpts.
2
Hn.
Tbn.
Bar.
Tuba
Xyl.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Timp.

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52

Fl.
Ob.
Bsn.
1
Cls.
2
B. Cl.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
Bar. Sax.
1
Tpts.
2
Hn.
Tbn.
Bar.
Tuba
Xyl.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Timp.

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52

Fl.
Ob.
Bsn.
1
Cls.
2
B. Cl.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
Bar. Sax.
1
Tpts.
2
Hn.
Tbn.
Bar.
Tuba
Xyl.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Timp.

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60

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

1

Cls.

2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

60

1

Tpts.

2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar.

Tuba

Xyl.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

Play 2nd time only

Tamb.

Cr. Cyms.

f

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

1
Cls.

2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

1
Tpts.

2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar.

Tuba

Xyl.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

70

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

1
Cls.

2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

70

1
Tpts.

2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar.

Tuba

Xyl.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

78

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

1
Cls.

2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

1
Tpts.

2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar.

Tuba

Xyl.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

fp

mf

f

ff

Sus. Cym.

75

76

77

78

79

Fl.
Ob.
Bsn.
1
Cls.
2
B. Cl.
A. Sax.
T. Sax.
Bar. Sax.
1
Tpts.
2
Hn.
Tbn.
Bar.
Tuba
Xyl.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Timp.

fp

fp

fp

86

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

1

Cls.

2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

86

1

Tpts.

2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar.

Tuba

Xyl.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

1

Cl.

2

B. Cl.

A. Sax.

T. Sax.

Bar. Sax.

1

Tpts.

2

Hn.

Tbn.

Bar.

Tuba

Xyl.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

49153S

90

91

92

93

94

fp *ff*

Tamb.

choke

Cr. Cyms.

dampen