

# Birth of the Dragon Nebula

(for Bb clarinet, tuba, piano, and 3 percussionists)

## Legend:

Parts are spatial-proportionally notated.

Whole notes represent sustained notes; black notes represent shorter notes.

Piano note clusters include all notes (♯, ♭, #) covered by the block.

Every note is natural unless specifically notated.

If desired, a slideshow of nebulae photos may be added to the performance.

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Clarinet in B $\flat$

Tuba

PERCUSSION #1  
Crash Cym,  
Suspended Cymbal,  
Temple Blocks,  
Triangle, Slapstick

PERCUSSION #2  
Bass Drum, Snare  
Drum, Cabaça,  
Slapstick

Marimba/  
Glockenspiel

Piano

4"

6"

*ff*

*f*

*ff*

*f*

*ff*

*ff*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*ff*

*mf*

*f*

*f*

Crash Cym

Temple Blocks

Sus. Cym. mallet

Bass Drum

Snare Drum

Marimba

gliss

3x  $\flat$   $\bullet$   $\flat$   $\bullet$   $\flat$   $\bullet$   $\flat$

*ff*

*mf*

*f*

*f*

*f*

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**B♭ Cl.**  
3 *f* 9" *mf* 6"

**Tuba**  
3 *mp* *mp*

**Perc. 1**  
3 *mf* *mf*  
scrape Triangle

**Perc. 2**  
3 *p* *mf*  
Bass Drum

**Mrb./Glock.**  
3 *mp* *mp* *δ<sup>va</sup>*

**Pno.**  
3 *p* *pp* *pp*  
*sc* \* \* \* \*

**B♭ Cl.**  
5 6" 5"

**Tuba**  
5

**Perc. 1**  
5 *mp*  
Sus. Cym. scrape

**Perc. 2**  
5 Snare Drum *mp* *pp*

**Mrb./Glock.**  
5 *mf* slow *tr*

**Pno.**  
5 *mp* *mf*

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Musical score for measures 7-10, featuring the following instruments and parts:

- B♭ Cl.:** Measures 7-8 with dynamics *mp* and *p*. Measure 9 with *mp*. Measure 10 with *pp* and a trill (*tr*).
- Tuba:** Measures 7-8 with dynamics *mp* and *mf*. Measure 9 with *mp*. Measure 10 with *mp*.
- Perc. 1:** Measures 7-8 with *p* (stick near center). Measure 9 with *f* (Sus. Cym., stick, = 80). Measure 10 with *mf* (scrape).
- Perc. 2:** Measures 7-8 with *p* (Bass Drum). Measure 9 with *mf* (after 2 sec., = 80). Measure 10 with *mp* (Cabaça).
- Mrb./Glock.:** Measures 7-8 with *pp* (gliss). Measure 9 with *f* (after 2 sec., = 80). Measure 10 with *p* (to glock).
- Pno.:** Measures 7-8 with *p*. Measure 9 with *p*. Measure 10 with *p* and a sweep inner strings with finger instruction.

Additional markings include *Tea* in the piano part and *Triangle* in Perc. 1.

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14 7" 6"

B♭ Cl. *mp* *mf*

Tuba *mf*

Perc. 1 *p* *mp* *p* Slapstick *p* *mp* *mp*

Perc. 2 Bass Drum DAMP *p*

Mrb./ Glock. Glockenspiel *mp* to marimba

Pno. *mp* sweep inner strings with finger *mf*

16 6" 7"

B♭ Cl. *mf*\*

Tuba *f* *mf* *f* 8<sup>va</sup>

Perc. 1 Sus. Cym. *p* *mf* *f*

Perc. 2 Cabaça *mp* 4x

Mrb./ Glock. Marimba *f* *ff* gliss to glock

Pno. *mp* gliss *mf* gliss

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18 *mp* 6" **improvise** 8" *mp*

18 *p*

18 *mp* scrape scrape scrape

18 Cabaca *mp* *p*

18 Mrb./Glock. Glockenspiel *mp* gliss

18 Pno. *f* *mp*

20 *mp* 6" 9"

20 *mp*

20 *mf* scrape scrape Temple Blocks Triangle

20 Perc. 2 Snare Drum *p* *mp* *p*

20 Mrb./Glock. *mp* *mp* *p*

20 Pno. *mf* sweep inner strings with finger *mp* repeat *rit.*

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22 5" 7"

B♭ Cl. *p*

Tuba *p* *f* *mp*

Perc. 1  
Sus. Cym. scrape *p* Triangle *p* *mf*

Perc. 2  
Bass Drum *pp*

Mrb./ Glock. *p* *mp* Marimba

Pno. *p* *mp* *mf*

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24 4" 7"

B♭ Cl. *mp* *p*

Tuba *mp*

Perc. 1  
Sus. Cym. scrape *mf* scrape

Perc. 2  
Cabaça *mp* Snare Drum

Mrb./ Glock. *p* *mf*

Pno. *mp* *mp* *f*  
sweep inner strings with finger gliss

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8" 7"

26 *f* *mf*

B♭ Cl.

Tuba *f* *mf* pedal \* \* \*

Perc. 1 Crash Cym. *f* *mf*

Perc. 2 Bass Drum Slapstick *f* *mf*

Mrb./ Glock. *ff* *f*

Pno. *ff* *f* *mp*

6x

28 4" 3" 5" *tr*

B♭ Cl. *mf* *mp* *p*

Tuba *mp* *mf* *p*

Perc. 1 Sus. Cym. mallet *mf* *mp* *p*

Perc. 2 *mp* *p*

Mrb./ Glock. *f* *p* to glock Glockenspiel to marimba

Pno. *mf* *f* *mp*

Detailed description: This page of a musical score, titled 'Birth of the Dragon Nebula', covers measures 26 through 32. The score is arranged for a large ensemble including B♭ Clarinet, Tuba, Percussion 1 (Crash Cymbal, Bass Drum, Slapstick), Percussion 2, Marimba/Glockenspiel, and Piano. Measures 26-27 feature a dynamic shift from fortissimo (ff) to mezzo-forte (mf) across most instruments. A piano part in measure 26 includes a circled sixteenth-note figure labeled '6x'. Measures 28-32 show further dynamic changes, with some instruments reaching piano (p) and others ending with trills or tremolos. Performance markings include 'pedal \* \* \*' for the tuba and 'mallet' for Percussion 1. The score concludes with performance directions: 'to glock' for Marimba/Glockenspiel and 'to marimba' for Percussion 2.

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31 6" 5"

B♭ Cl. *mp* *mf*

Tuba *mp*

Perc. 1 *mp* *mf* scrape Temple Blocks

Perc. 2 *mp*

Mrb./ Glock. *mf* Marimba 5x

Pno. *f* improvise →  
*f* G<sup>13</sup> Dm<sup>9</sup> E A<sup>7</sup>

33 5" 4"

B♭ Cl. *f* *mf*

Tuba *mp* *mf*

Perc. 1 *p* Sus. Cym.

Perc. 2 *p* Snare Drum

Mrb./ Glock. *mp* *mf* *mf*

Pno. *mf* *p* *mf*

*8<sup>va</sup>* *8<sup>vb</sup>*



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35 4" 6"

B♭ Cl. *f* *mf*

Tuba *mf* *pp*

Perc. 1 Crash Cym. *mf* Temple Blocks *mp*  
Bass Drum Slapstick

Perc. 2 *mf* *p* *mf*

Mrb./Glock. *f* *mp* *mf*

Pno. *f* *mf* *mp*

37 5" 3" 5"

B♭ Cl. *mf* *f* *f* *p*

Tuba *f* *mf* *f*

Perc. 1 Triangle *mp* Slapstick *mf* Temple Blocks *mp* Sus. Cym. *p* scrape

Perc. 2 Snare Drum *mp* Bass Drum *mp* *f* *mf* *mp* *p* *pp*

Mrb./Glock. *p* *mp* gliss *p*

Pno. *mp* gliss *mf* *f* *p*

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41 7" 8"

B♭ Cl. *mp*

Tuba improvise

Perc. 1 *mp* stick *mp* scrape *p* scrape

Perc. 2 Snare Drum *p* Bass Drum sticks *p* *mp* *pp*

Mrb./ Glock. *mp* to glock Glockenspiel

Pno. *mf* gliss *pp* *pp* *pp*

*pp* *pp* \*

43 5" 8"

B♭ Cl. *mp*

Tuba *mf*

Perc. 1 Slapstick *f* Triangle *mp* + + +

Perc. 2 Snare Drum *mf* *p*

Mrb./ Glock. *mp* to marimba

Pno. *mp* *mf* *p*

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45 8" 5"

B♭ Cl. *mf* *mp*

Tuba *mp* *f*

Perc. 1 *mp* *mf*  
Bass Drum Snare Drum

Perc. 2 *pp* *p*

Mrb./ Glock. Marimba *mf* to glock

Pno. *mf* *mf*  
sweep inner strings with finger *pp* \*

47 7" 4"

B♭ Cl. *mp*

Tuba *mp*

Perc. 1 *mp*  
Sus. Cym. scrape stick near center 3x

Perc. 2 *p*  
Bass Drum

Mrb./ Glock. Glockenspiel *mp*

Pno. *p*  
gliss sweep inner strings with finger

49 *p* *mp* *p*

5" 3" 4"

49 *mp* *p* *pp*

49 scrape *p* *pp* scrape

49 *p* *p* *pp*

49 *p* *pp*

498 sweep inner strings with finger *pp*