50 Most Significant Band/Wind Ensemble Pieces

The following pieces have been selected because of their musical and historical contributions to the wind band/ensemble medium. The pieces are listed alphabetically by the composer’s last name. If applicable, the last name of the transcriber and/or arranger is denoted after the “/.”

1. Arnold, Malcolm/Paynter – Four Scottish Dances
2. Bach, Johann Sebastian/Goldman – Fantasia in G Major
3. Bach, Johann Sebastian/Reed – Komm’, Süsser Tod
4. Benson, Warren – The Leaves are Falling
5. Benson, Warren – The Passing Bell
6. Berg, Alban – Kammerkonzert
8. Bernstein, Leonard/Lavender – Symphonic Dances from ‘West Side Story’
9. Colgrass, Michael – Winds of Nagual
10. Copland, Aaron – Emblems
11. Dahl, Ingolf – Concerto for Alto Saxophone and Wind Ensemble
12. Dahl, Ingolf – Sinfonietta
13. Dello Joio, Norman – Variants on a Medieval Tune
15. Gabrieli, Giovanni – Canzon Quarti Toni
16. Grainger, Percy – Irish Tune from County Derry
17. Grainger, Percy – Lincolnshire Posy
18. Grantham, Donald – J’ai ete au bal
19. Hanson, Howard – Chorale and Alleluia
20. Hindemith, Paul – Symphony in B-flat
21. Holst, Gustav – First Suite in E-flat
22. Holst, Gustav – Second Suite in F
23. Holst, Gustav – Hammersmith
24. Husa, Karel – Music for Prague, 1968
27. Maslanka, David – A Child’s Garden of Dreams
28. Messiaen, Olivier – Oiseaux Exotiques
29. Milhaud, Darius – Suite francaise
30. Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus – Serenade No. 10 in Bb Major K361 “Gran Partita”
32. Persichetti, Vincent – Divertimento for Band
33. Persichetti, Vincent – Symphony No. 6 for Band, Op. 69
34. Poulenc, Francis – Suite Francaise
35. Reed, H. Owen – La Fiesta Mexicana
37. Schoenberg, Arnold – Theme and Variations, Op. 43a
38. Schuman, William – George Washington Bridge
40. Schwanter, Joseph – …and the mountains rising nowhere
41. Shostakovich, Dmitri/Hunsberger – Festive Overture
42. Strauss, Richard – Festmusik der Stadt Wien, AV 133
44. Stravinsky, Igor – Octet for Wind Instruments
45. Stravinsky, Igor – Symphonies of Wind Instruments
46. Vaughan Williams, Ralph – English Folk Song Suite
47. Vaughan Williams, Ralph – Toccata Marziale
48. Wagner, Richard – Trauermusik
49. Weill, Kurt – Little Threepenny Music
50. Welcher, Daniel – Zion