

ANDREW E. LAWSON

The Forge



About the Music

The Forge is inspired by blacksmiths and the many sounds that can be heard in the forge. From hammers clanging on anvils, to the swooshing of a furnace, the forge is a lively place full of danger and excitement as new creations are formed by the expert blacksmith hammering away!



About the Composer

Andrew E. Lawson is an American composer, arranger, orchestrator, and music educator. Since 2019, he has served as Director of Bands at the Innovation Academy of Robertson County in Springfield, TN. His responsibilities at Innovation Academy include directing the Beginning Band, Middle School Concert Band, and High School Band. In 2022 and 2023, Lawson was named *Distinguished New Educator of the Year* at Innovation Academy.

As a composer, Lawson has written for a variety of ensembles including band, orchestra, brass band, brass choir, and chamber ensembles. Over the last decade, Lawson has written more than 250 arrangements for churches across the Southeastern United States. Andrew's concert music has been performed by middle school, high school, collegiate, and professional ensembles in the United States, including performances by the *University of Georgia Wind Ensemble*, *Texas Tech University Band*, *Vandercook College of Music Symphonic Band*, *Dallas Brass Band* and most notably, the *Dallas Winds*. In addition, he is also a staff arranger for Southcoast Music and Design, where he writes and arranges music for marching bands. His music has been performed at state and national conferences including the *Virginia Music Education Association Conference* and the *Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic*, and has been featured at honor band clinics including the *Tri-Lakes Honor Band*, *SMART Band Camp*, and *TSSBDA Honor Band Clinic*. His music is currently published with Lovebird Music, Murphy Music Press, and Brookwright Music.

Lawson's professional affiliations include active memberships in the Middle Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association (MTSBOA), Tennessee Music Educators Association (TMEA), Tennessee Bandmasters Association (TBA), High School Band Director's National Association (HSBDNA), National Band Association (NBA), American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP), the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), the Robertson County Education Association (RCEA), Tennessee Education Association (TEA), and the National Education Association (NEA). When away from teaching, composing, and performing, Andrew spends his time hiking, fishing, kayaking, volunteering at his church, spending time with friends and family, and playing disc golf.