Miriam Danced by the Red Sea (for Concert Band)

Composer: Avner Dorman
Year: 2026
Duration: 3:00
Orchestration: fl.ob.3cl+bcl.bsn(opt).2asax.tsax.barisax / hn.2tpt.2tbn.euph.tuba / timp.2mlt.3perc / cb(opt)
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Program Note

In composing Miriam Danced by the Red Sea, I sought to capture the essence of Israeli dance, tracing its lineage from the ancient tradition of Jewish women's dances to its vibrant presence today. Originally written in 2023 for the Adams/ Cumberland County Music Educators Association high school county orchestra, this piece is a lively and rhythmic celebration of cultural heritage. It draws inspiration from the biblical story of Miriam, who led the women in dance and song after crossing the Red Sea, symbolizing joy and liberation. The music aims to evoke the communal and spirited character of Jewish women's dances throughout history, celebrating the role of women and music in our tradition. This concert band arrangement was made in 2026. Miriam Danced by the Red Sea is a celebration of resilience, communal joy, and the enduring spirit of a culture that continues to inspire and move us.

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