Beginning String Orchestra

Grade 1



Enchanted Village

Sean O'Loughlin

BAS41 INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score	 . 1
Violin I	 . 8
Violin II	 . 8
Violin III (Viola T.C.)	
Viola	
Cello	 . 5
Bass	
Piano	1

Program Notes

Enchanted Village is a dramatic work for string orchestra. The piece was commissioned by the Manhattan Beach Elementary Honor Ensembles in Manhattan Beach, California, Dawn Farmer and Dan Mollick, directors. The piece is very accessible to the developing ensemble. There are some nice teaching opportunities for both legato and marcato playing.

The music starts out ominous and foreboding. Make sure to connect the notes so there are no gaps in the sound. The fast section at m. 11 should be full of energy and excitement. A little stress on the articulation will keep the music moving forward. The legato style returns at m. 28. Make the passage as smooth as possible. Overexaggerate the dynamics for the most musical effect. The build-up starting at m. 44 should be very dramatic. The *marcato* style comes back at m. 51 and should be aggressive all the way to the resounding end.

About the Composer

Sean O'Loughlin (b.1972) is a fresh voice and a rising name in the music world. His music is characterized by vibrant rhythms, passionate melodies, and colorful scoring. Commissions from the Boston Pops Orchestra, the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra highlight and showcase his diverse musical abilities. As a conductor, he has led performances with the Atlanta Symphony, the Baltimore Symphony, the Grant Park Orchestra, and the Philadelphia Chamber Orchestra. He was the conductor and arranger for a recent orchestral tour with the band The Decemberists.

As an arranger and orchestrator, he has worked with such artists as Blue Man Group, Pink Martini, Christian McBride, Belle and Sebastian, Nickel Creek, Jamie Cullum, and others. The Los Angeles Times calls his orchestrations "...colorful," while adding "...even more dimension..." to the compositions. Daily Variety heralds Sean's writing as "most impressive ..." with a "wide range of coloring in the orchestra..." that "...adds heft and rolling energy."

Growing up in Syracuse, New York, Sean displayed a passion for music and showed musical talent at an early age. Sean benefited from loving parents who supported his musical aspirations and challenged him to explore music as a career. During his undergraduate years at Syracuse University, Sean's musical career began to take shape with the guidance of Larry Clark. As Vice-President at Carl Fischer Music, Larry continues to be a major influence in Sean's professional career as mentor and friend.

An avid supporter of music education, Sean frequently writes for the Los Angeles Philharmonic's youth concert series. Through his growing number of commissions and published works, Sean is excited to continue contributing to the rich history of orchestral and wind band literature. An annual ASCAP Special Awards winner, Sean was a composition fellow at the Henry Mancini Institute in Los Angeles, and holds degrees from New England Conservatory and Syracuse University. His music is published exclusively by Carl Fischer. Sean and his wife Dena reside in Los Angeles. For more information, please visit Sean's website at www.grayslacks.com.

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