Beginning String Orchestra



Grade 1

Carol of the Bells

Music by

Words by

Mikola Leontovich Peter Wilhousky

Arranged by

Larry Clark

BAS42
INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score			1
Violin I			8
Violin II			8
Violin III (Viola T.C.)			2
Viola			
Cello			5
Bass			5
Pigno			1

About the Arrangement

Carol of the Bells is one of the most popular of Christmas carols. It became a Christmas staple in the 1930s when composer/arranger Peter Wilhousky added the famous Christmas lyrics to this then-unknown Ukrainian folk song and gave it the title Carol of the Bells. Since that time it has been recorded by countless artists and used in hundreds of Christmas movies, television shows and commercials of every sort, taking its place as one of the top carols. In this arrangement I have strived to make this the simplest version of this piece that is possible for young string groups, though without loosing the intent of the original piece. I have also coupled with this tune God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen to give the arrangement some variety and uniqueness. The tempo should be played only as fast as the ensemble can play it with accuracy.

It has been my pleasure to have the opportunity to write this piece. I hope you and your students enjoy it and find it useful for your program.

-LARRY CLARK Lakeland, FL 2008

About the Arranger

Larry Clark (b. 1963) is Vice President for Carl Fischer, LLC in New York. At Carl Fischer he serves as the editor and chief and coordinates all of Carl Fischer's publishing in all genres of music. Prior to this appointment he served as an Instrumental Music Editor for Warner Bros. Publications in Miami. His diverse background includes serving as the Director of Bands at Syracuse University and considerable public-school teaching in the state of Florida.

Larry is well known as a composer and arranger of music for band and orchestra. His pieces have been performed internationally and appear on numerous contest/festival performance required music lists. He is an ASCAP award-winning composer, has over 150 publications in print and is in demand to write commissions for bands and orchestras across the country. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Music Education from Florida State University and Masters Degrees in Conducting and Composition from James Madison University in Virginia.

Violin

Viola

Cello

Bass

II

Allegro = 144-152

pizz.

mf





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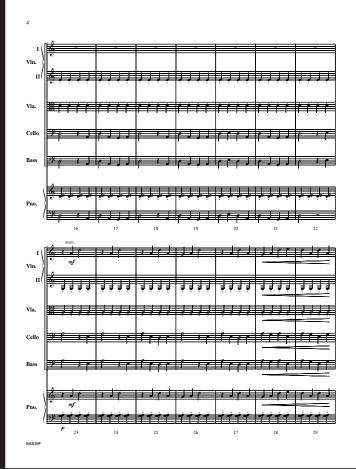












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