First Plus String Orchestra

Grade 11/2



# Tour of California

## Alan Lee Silva

### FAS46 INSTRUMENTATION

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

#### **Program Notes**

Written as an homage to the beauty of the state, *Tour of California* is a lyrical piece with musical and technical challenges throughout for the young musician. An uplifting piece in AABA form, it begins joyfully with the full ensemble from the start. In general, the A melodies should build gracefully to the sweeping B melody (Chorus) then wind back down to the third A section.

The violins and viola carry the A-melody at m. 9, then exchange phrases at m. 21, where violin I has the main tune, and violin II and viola play background lines and fills. The cello has technical challenges in m. 25 and m. 51, and the basses should play their pizzicato parts in m. 10 rhythmically precise to highlight the orchestral color and provide support.

The modulation to A major at m. 53 gives the piece a lift in energy as it builds to the grand sustains at m. 66 and on to the lively ending section. Having each section of the group identify when they have the main melody or a background line or support role will be helpful toward a successful performance.

#### **About the Composer**

Alan Lee Silva is a composer, arranger, and orchestrator whose credits include the feature films Cinderella 3 and Enough, and television's 7th Heaven, Brothers and Sisters, and Soul Collector. He scored the independent films Animated American, Full Moon Fables and Eli's Coming and has written songs, arrangements, and background music for theme parks all over the world, including Sea World's Aquatica, Tokyo Disney Sea, and Universal Studios Japan.

Alan has enjoyed working with an eclectic mix of clients, including Disney Cruise Lines, Sesame Street, Susan Egan, The Nuclear Whales Saxophone Orchestra, and KISS. His catalogue for Concert Band and String Orchestra is published by Carl Fischer, and his contemporary jazz piece *The Flight* was a favorite on San Francisco radio stations.

Alan lives in Culver City, California with his wife and two daughters.



Copyright © 2008 by Carl Fischer, LLC
International Copyright Secured.

All rights reserved including performing rights.

WARNING! This composition is protected by Copyright law. To photocopy or reproduce by any method is an infringement of the Copyright law. Anyone who reproduces copyrighted matter is subject to substantial penalties and assessments for each infringement.

Printed in the U.S.A.

9

10

 $\overline{\mathbf{o}}$ 

6











FAS46 — \$40.00 Set FAS46F — \$6.00 Full Score FAS46P — \$2.75 Parts

#### CARL FISCHER®

65 Bleecker Street, New York, NY 10012 www.carlfischer.com 7 98408 06674

UPC