

Highland Celebration

Alan Lee Silva

YAS57 INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score								1
Violin I								8
Violin II								8
Violin III (Viola T.C.).								2
Viola								
Cello								
Cell0	•	•	•	•	٠	•	•	J
Bass								5
Piano								1

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Program Notes

This Scottish-flavored, uptempo piece in \S has a lilting, jubilant-feel throughout. *Highland Celebration* is built around two rhythmic subdivisions: two groups of three eighth notes per measure and three groups of two eighth notes per measure. Have the ensemble distinguish between the two subdivisions by tapping each one separately. Make an exercise of the rhythm in mm. 1–2 in Violin 1 to facilitate playing the different rhythms precisely: (1 2 3 - 4 5 6) and (1 2 - 3 4 - 5 6). Rehearsing four-to-eightmeasure sections under tempo will aid in tightening these rhythms and solidifying pitch.

The sections to concentrate on are: mm. 17–24 and mm. 33–40 to make sure that Violins I and II and Cello are playing together; mm. 33–40, to focus on the Violin 1 and Violin 2 unisons and couplings; and mm. 57–62, where the quarter-note subdivisions are emphasized. The piece is book-ended with the introduction material which always begins quietly and builds. The ensemble at m. 79 starts with *tutti* scalar figures and increases in intensity to the final accented measures at m. 83. Written in AABA form with a double bridge at m. 45, the overall feeling is dance-like and festive.

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 back-ground 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.

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