

Young String Orchestra

Grade 2

Sonatina

James Hook

Arranged by

Carl Strommen

YAS74 INSTRUMENTATION

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

Program Notes

A contemporary, as well as friend, of Clementi and Haydn, James Hook (1746–1827) was born in Norwich, England. Among his notable works are oratorios (*The Ascension*, being the most well known), a series of serious and comic operas, chamber and keyboard music. Originally one of Hook's piano pieces, *Sonatina* is transcribed here for strings.

Sonatina should be played as marked on the original keyboard version: "Giocoso" (lightly, humorously). The minor section at m. 25 may be played a bit "darker" but should return to "Giocoso" at m. 41. An optional violin 1 solo is offered at m. 34.

About the Arranger

As a major composer of instrumental and vocal music, Carl Strommen is recognized as one of the most often-performed composers of educational music in the United States.

A graduate of the City College of New York, Mr. Strommen was the Director of Bands at the Mamaroneck Public Schools, Mamaroneck, New York for many years. He is a member of the faculty at the CW Post campus of Long Island University, where he teaches orchestration and arranging. Recognized by ASCAP as a consistent writer in the Standard Awards category, Mr. Strommen is also active as a clinician, lecturer and guest conductor.



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