Concert String Orchestra

Grade 3



Windjammer

Carl Strommen

CAS48 INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score	
Violin I	3
Violin II	3
Violin III (Viola T.C.)2	2
Viola	
Cello5	5
Bass	
Piano	
Timpani	
Percussion	
Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymba	II

Program Notes

The windjammers were among the grandest of all sailing vessels. In use in the late 1800s, windjammers typically had three to five masts, were square-rigged and were able to travel transatlantic routes up to sixteen knots, a considerable speed at the time.

The power of these magnificent ships is reflected in the energetic pulse that drives *Windjammer*. Even at m. 78, where a "mini-fugue" is introduced, the underlying pulse and sense of urgency must not be lost in the transparency of this section. At all times the rhythmic drive must be maintained.

About the Composer

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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