Young String Orchestra

Grade 2



Blue Ridge Run

Alan Lee Silva

YAS85 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

From the opening tremolos in the high strings and the punctuated bass notes in the low strings, *Blue Ridge Run* builds slowly, then sets off on a spirited ride through the American countryside. The form is AABCAAD-(Ending).

Cellos and basses play with strength and power from the opening bar as the violin and viola tremolos crescendo. The Violin I ostinato at m. 9, keeps up the energy with its steady rhythmic pulse, setting up Violin II and Viola, as they play the first statement of the legato (A) melody at m.13. The Violin I ostinato starts in the foreground, and then fades to the background slightly as Violin II and Viola enter with the main tune.

The full ensemble plays *legato* and expressively at m. 21 where Violin I carries the main melody and Violin II and Viola carry the counter-melody. The high strings are featured in m. 29-36 with *staccato* playing, followed by a low string feature at m. 37. The tempo slows at the *maestoso* section in m. 49, and the group plays smoothly and eloquently, with plenty of expression. Back to Tempo I at m. 57, the ensemble returns to the lively, *marcato* style established earlier in the piece. The exciting ending section at m. 57 is highlighted by quick-moving melodies in Violin I, double-stops on open strings in Violin 2, Viola and Cello, and extended scale passages in the low strings.

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 Tokyo Disney Sea, Universal Studios Japan, and Sea World's Aquatica.

Alan has enjoyed working with an eclectic mix of clients, including Disney Cruise Lines, Disney Latin America, 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, CA with his wife and two daughters.





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