Young String Orchestra

Grade 2



Prairie Waltz

Matt Turner

 Full Score
 1

 Violin I
 8

 Violin III
 8

 Violin III (Viola T.C.)
 2

 Viola
 5

 Cello
 5

 Bass
 5

 Piano
 1

Program Notes

Prairie Waltz is a relaxed, medium tempo piece with an Americana flavor. A solo section offers students the opportunity to improvise using a C Major pentatonic scale (C, D, E, G, A). A sample solo is provided. Piano accompaniment is optional but is highly encouraged in measures 61-96. Moving lines within all parts keep this piece light and carefree. Enjoy!

About the Composer

Matt Turner is widely regarded as one of the world's leading improvising cellists. Equally skilled as a pianist, Turner performs in a myriad of styles and has shared the stage with Cape Breton fiddle sensation Natalie MacMaster, avant-garde musicians Marilyn Crispell, Peter Kowald, and John Butcher, country musician Wanda Vick, singer-songwriter LJ Booth, and jazz musician Bobby McFerrin and has performed in Canada, Europe and Asia. He appears on over 100 recordings on Sketch/Harmonia Mundi, Illusions, Ayler, Music and Arts, Accurate, Polyvinyl, Cadence Jazz and others and has recorded with Fantastic Merlins, goth vocalist/pianist Jo Gabriel, singer-songwriters Mark Croft and Tret Fure, punk artist Kyle Fischer, Kitty Brazelton's chamber rockestra Dadadah, alt-country band Heller Mason and with the Pointless Orchestra. Turner teaches improvisation at Lawrence University and at the Renaissance School for the Arts. Turner is a Yamaha Performing Artist and currently performs and records with Bill Carrothers, Janet Planet, John Harmon and Randy Sabien.



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