

FULL SCORE

Concert String Orchestra

Grade 4



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SERIES

Forest Incantations

Alan Lee Silva

CAS72

INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score	1
Violin I	8
Violin II	8
Viola	5
Cello	5
Bass	5
Piano	1

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About the Composition

From the opening ensemble marcato accents and the driving sixteenth-note unisons in the low strings, *Forest Incantations* creates a compelling musical statement from the outset. This active "edge-of-your-seat" composition provides all sections of the string orchestra with unique and satisfying musical challenges. Written in a modified "Fast/Slow/Fast" structure, the piece begins with the lively main theme in E minor, departs to new motifs in mm. 56-96, and ends with variations on the main theme.

The ensemble plays with urgency and energy from the first measure, charging through the introduction to set the stage for the main theme played by the first violins. This theme in mm. 11-26 (and each time it recurs) is played vigorously but not too heavy, as it needs to be executed precisely and effortlessly. The supporting marcato pulses in the rest of the group are strong and provide a solid rhythmic beat.

The momentum slows briefly starting in m. 26 as the rhythms shift from sixteenths to eighths and from eighths to quarters to half notes. The piece disappears to nothing in m. 31, and then is jolted back by the aggressive low strings' pickups into m. 32. The piece lightens a bit at m. 40 with the first violins playing the main tune, and the cellos playing counterlines. In mm. 44-47, the violas and cellos become the stars, accompanied by counterlines in the violins. In mm. 48-55, the melodic rhythm slows to quarters and eighths as the ensemble plays full out on the syncopated accents; this variation of the main theme is showcased in parallel harmony in the high strings and contrary motion in the low strings.

Measure 56 gets quieter, and the tone shifts as the ensemble plays warm, sustained chords. A lyrical, violin solo is featured in m. 59 and continues over light, steady staccatos in the rest of the group at m. 64. Accenting beats 1 and 2 is integral to solidify the feel of the accompaniment. The violin solo and staccato accompaniment ends in m. 72, and the ensemble builds to the next section with an expressive legato swell.

The "Grand" section at m. 73-76 is a short introduction to a new theme. The new theme (m. 77-92), played *molto espressivo* by 1st violins, soars above the rest of the group who plays tight harmonies and syncopated rhythms underneath. The mid and low strings can dig in to the double stops in m. 83-84. The tempo slows slightly at m. 93 and the group plays staggered, sustained tremolos to bridge back to the main theme at m. 97.

M. 97 to the end is played with the same spirit and fire as the beginning of the piece. The sustained chords in m. 118-120 briefly vary the momentum as the ensemble starts softly and builds to a strong climax as the voicings ascend. The silent bar in m. 121 is a short pause before the exciting final exclamation in m. 122-125.

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*, orchestrated the Ford's Theatre musical *Liberty Smith* and has written songs, arrangements, and background music for theme parks all over the world, including Sea World's Aquatica, Tokyo Disney Sea, Universal Studios Japan and Sesame Place.

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, CA with his wife and two daughters.

Forest Incantations

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ALAN LEE SILVA

Violin I marc. *p* *f*

Violin II marc. *p* *f*

Viola marc. *p* *f* *mf* *f*

Cello marc. *p* *mf* *f*

Bass marc. *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

Piano *p* *cresc.* *f* *mf* *f*

Violin I *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *p* *div.* *1/2 trem.*

Violin II *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *p* *div.* *1/2 trem.*

Viola *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *p* *1/2 trem.*

Cello *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *p*

Bass *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *p*

Piano *mf* *cresc.* *f* *mf* *f*

5 6 7 8 9 10

11

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

11 12 13 14 15

19

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

16 17 18 19 20

First system of musical notation (measures 21-24). Instruments: Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, Bass, Pno. Dynamics: *f*, *mp*, *f*, *mf*, *p*, *f*, *mf*. Measure numbers 21, 22, 23, 24 are indicated below the piano part.

Second system of musical notation (measures 25-29). Instruments: Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cello, Bass, Pno. Measure numbers 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 are indicated below the piano part.

1/2 trem. 32 marc.

Vln. I *mf* *pp* *f* *mf*

Vln. II *mf* *pp* *f* *mf*

Vla. *mf* *pp* *f* *mf*

Cello *f*

Bass *f*

Pno. *mp*

30 31 32 33 34

36

Vln. I *f*

Vln. II *f*

Vla. *f*

Cello

Bass

Pno.

35 36 37 38 39

40 Lighter

First system of musical notation (measures 40-43). The system includes staves for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Bass, and Piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo/mood is marked "Lighter". The dynamics range from *mf* (mezzo-forte) to *f* (forte). The Piano part includes a *cresc.* (crescendo) marking. The measures are numbered 40, 41, 42, and 43.

Second system of musical notation (measures 44-47). The system includes staves for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Bass, and Piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The dynamics range from *mf* (mezzo-forte) to *f* (forte). The Piano part includes a *cresc.* (crescendo) marking. The measures are numbered 44, 45, 46, and 47. The system is marked with double bar lines at the beginning and end.

48 Vigorously

First system of musical notation (measures 48-51) for a string quartet and piano. The instruments are Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Bass, and Piano (Pno.). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo/mood is marked "Vigorously". The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and sixteenth notes, along with dynamic markings like *mf* and *f*. Measure numbers 48, 49, 50, and 51 are indicated at the bottom of the staves.

Second system of musical notation (measures 52-55) for the same instruments and key signature. The notation continues with similar rhythmic patterns and dynamic markings. Measure numbers 52, 53, 54, and 55 are indicated at the bottom of the staves.

61 62 63 64

Solo Violin

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

norm. lightly

lightly

4

mp *mf* *f* *mf* *mf* *mf*

pizz.

mp *mf*

65 66 67 68

End Solo

Solo Violin

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

mp

p

pizz.

mf

p

arco

div.

69 70 71 72

73 **Grand**

Vln. I *f*
 Vln. II *f* *div.*
 Vla. *f*
 Cello *f*
 Bass *f*
 Pno. *f*

73 74 75 76

fp *fp* *fp* *fp*

77 *molto espressivo*

Vln. I *f*
 Vln. II *f*
 Vla. *f*
 Cello *f*
 Bass *f*
 Pno. *f*

77 78 79 80 81

fp *f* *fp* *f* *fp* *f*

85

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

82

83

84

85

86

87

88

89

90

91

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56 Delicately

Solo Violin *Cantabile*

Solo Violin

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

mf *p* *mp*

sul tasto

mf *p* *mp*

mf *pp*

mf *p* *mp*

(Vln I. Solo)

56 57 58 59 60

This musical score page contains measures 61 through 64. The instruments are Solo Violin, Violins I and II, Viola, Cello, Bass, and Piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The Solo Violin part begins in measure 61 with a half note F#4, followed by eighth notes G#4, A4, B4, and C5. In measure 62, it continues with eighth notes D5, E5, F#5, and G5. In measure 63, it plays eighth notes A5, B5, C6, and D6. In measure 64, it plays eighth notes E6, F#6, G6, and A6. The Violins I and II parts enter in measure 64 with a half note F#4, followed by eighth notes G#4, A4, B4, and C5. The Viola part enters in measure 64 with a half note F#4, followed by eighth notes G#4, A4, B4, and C5. The Cello and Bass parts are silent throughout. The Piano part begins in measure 61 with a half note F#4, followed by eighth notes G#4, A4, B4, and C5. In measure 62, it continues with eighth notes D5, E5, F#5, and G5. In measure 63, it plays eighth notes A5, B5, C6, and D6. In measure 64, it plays eighth notes E6, F#6, G6, and A6. The score includes dynamic markings: *norm.* and *lightly* for the Violins I and II, and *lightly* for the Piano. A large red watermark "EENLUSE.COM" is visible across the page.

I
 Vln. II
 Vla.
 Cello
 Bass
 Pno.

101 *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f*
 102 *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f*
 103 *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f*
 104 *mf*

I
 Vln. II
 Vla.
 Cello
 Bass
 Pno.

105 *f* 106 *f* 107 108

106 bring out

I
 Vln. I
 Vln. II
 Vla.
 Cello
 Bass
 Pno.

109 110 111 112

114 115 116

mf *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f*

bring out

mf *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f*

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Build

I
 Vln. *mf* *f* *mp* *mf* *f*
 II *mf* *f* *mp* *mf* *f*
 Vla. *mf* *f* *mp* *mf* *f*
 Cello *mf* *f* *mp* *mf* *f*
 Bass *mf* *f* *mp* *mf* *f*
 Pno. *mf* *f* *mp* *mf* *f*

117 118 119 120

I (Silent Bar) 122 *mf* *fp* *f*
 II (Silent Bar) *mf* *fp* *f*
 Vla. (Silent Bar) *mf* *fp* *f*
 Cello (Silent Bar) *f*
 Bass (Silent Bar) *f*
 Pno. (Silent Bar) *mf* *cresc.* *f*

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