Fantasia on a Spanish Carol

Fum, Fum, Fum

Traditional

Arranged by Michael Story (ASCAP)

- INSTRUMENTATION -

- 1 Full Score
- 8 Violin I
- 8 Violin II
- 5 Violin III (Viola &)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass
- 1 Piano Accompaniment (Optional)
- 3 Percussion (Triangle/Tambourine, Castanets

PROGRAM NOTES

"Fum, Fum, Fum" is a popular traditional 16th- or 17th-century Christmas carol from Catalonia, which is located in northeastern Spain. The name originates not from the Spanish language but is derived from the sound of a stringed instrument being strummed, most likely a guitar.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Fantasia on a Spanish Carol has been arranged for string orchestra alone, but includes parts for piano and percussion, both of which are completely optional. If the percussion part is utilized and no castanets are available, you may substitute a high woodblock played with snare drum sticks.

The melody is passed around all instruments. You may need to adjust volume levels so the melody can be adequately heard, especially in the sections beginning in measures 18 and 38.

I hope you and your ensemble enjoy Fantasia on a Spanish Carol!

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

In orchestral music, there are many editorial markings that are open for interpretation. In an effort to maintain consistency and clarity you may find some of these markings in this piece. In general, markings for fingerings, bowing patterns, and other items will only be marked with their initial appearance. For a more detailed explanation of our editorial markings, please download the free PDF at www.alfred.com/stringeditorial.



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