50250168 Grade 3

PIDDLIN'

SHIRL JAE ATWELL

FOR STRING ORCHESTRA

Full Score

Instrumentation

- 1 Full Score
- 8 Violin 1
- 8 Violin
- 5 Viola
- Violoncello
- 5 Double Bass

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Dedicated to the Meridian Jr. High Band Clinic Ed Beisley, Phil Rundquist and Phil Hartman, Directors

About the Composer

Shirl Jae Atwell earned degrees from Kansas State Teachers College and the University of Louisville and completed four years of post-graduate work in composition at the University of South Carolina. A winner of the Clifford Shaw Memorial Award for Kentucky Composers, Ms. Atwell is also the winner of the National School Orchestra Association and Texas Orchestra Directors Association Composition Contests. Her ballet, Lucy, with choreography by Alun-Jones, won numerous awards and has been recorded by the Greensboro (NC) Symphony Orchestra on Albany Records.

Teaching Suggestions

Although Piddlin' is in a quick cut-time tempo, it is most important to keep the subdivision of the beat going at all times, so that the musical lines can still be lively, but controlled. Keeping a steady tempo is a must in this work, since there are so many rhythmic values present.

Performance Notes

Piddlin' is a loose double Rondo in a slightly modal D minor, with contrasting episodes in between the two main themes. The basses start off theme 1 with an ostinato. Violin 1, celli and basses will shift, with carefully marked fingerings to aid less-experienced students. This would make a wonderful review for high school students, because of all the varying rhythmic values. Counting is a must, along with maintaining a steady beat!















