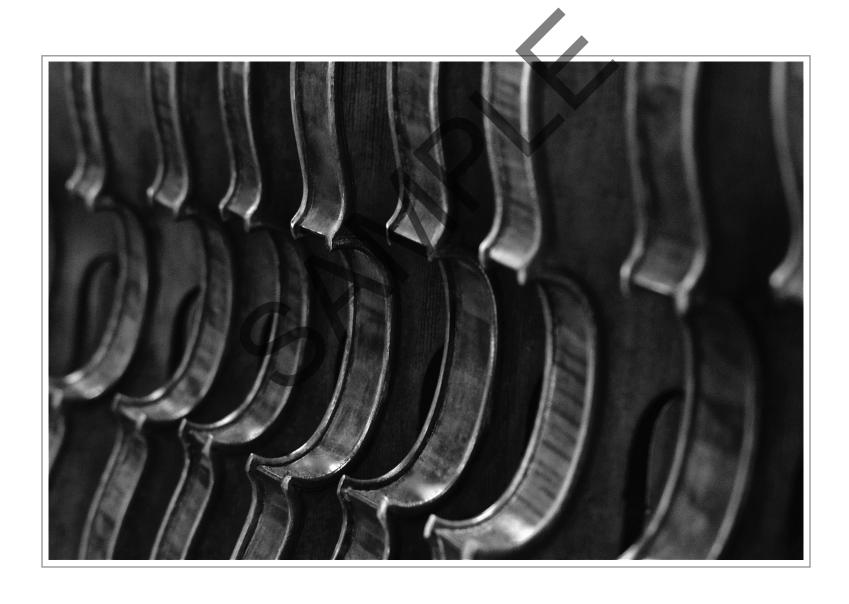
# Kathryn Griesinger

## Ring of Fire





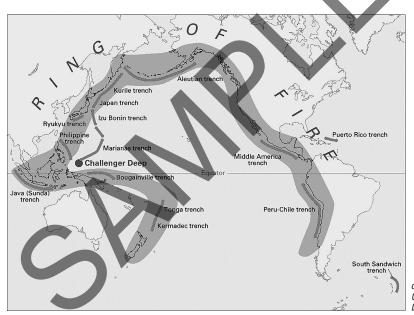
#### The Composer

Kathryn Griesinger received her Bachelor of Fine Arts (cello) and Master of Music Education degrees from the University of Akron, where she later taught string pedagogy courses as adjunct faculty. She taught orchestra in Lake Local private and public schools for 13 years, while freelancing as an arranger and cellist for various orchestras and ensembles. Her symphonic composition, *Legends of Glory*, won a performance commission from the Women's Philharmonic Advocacy and was premiered in Oakland, California in 2015. A string orchestra adaptation has since been published by Wingert-Jones. Kathryn has composed sight-reading music for district music festivals, and her pieces have been performed by many student honors orchestras. She enjoys writing fun and exciting music for students that supports developing playing technique. Kathryn is currently the Orchestra Editor for J.W. Pepper and String Editor for Wingert-Jones Publications in Pennsylvania.

#### The Composition

**Ring of Fire** is the name of the geological line of the earth's most active volcanoes and earthquakes, forming a 'ring' around the Pacific Ocean basin. According to the National Geographic Society, the ring is dotted with approximately 75% of all active volcanoes on Earth. Deep ocean trenches and high mountain ranges are also part of the **ring of fire**.

In this work, simple rhythms in  $\frac{3}{4}$  time rise and fall with explosive fury, using notes of the G and D major scales (no low-2 in upper strings), with a theme that reinforces string crossings. A wide range of dynamics along with accents and staccatos further enhance the fiery nature of *Ring of Fire*. Definitely fun for performers and audiences, tool



credit: U.S. Geological Survey, Dept. of the Interior/USGS

#### Instrumentation List (Set C)

- 8 Ist Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 5 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass
- I Rehearsal Piano
- I Full Conductor Score

Additional scores and parts are available.

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Full Conductor Score Approx. performance time—1:50

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<sup>\*</sup> A part for 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.) is included in this set.

