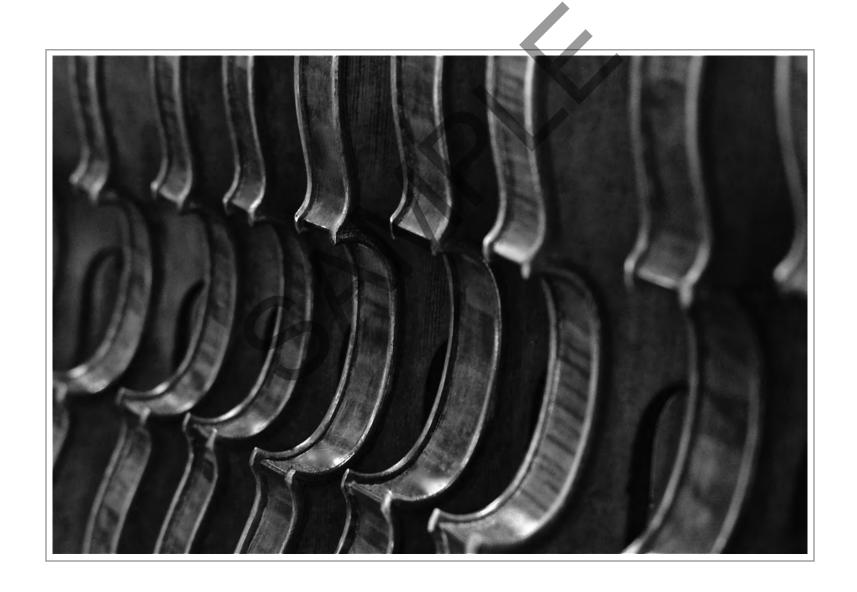
R. Christopher Teichler

Welcome Home



The Composer



Dr. R. Christopher Teichler has been an active musician for over 30 years as composer, conductor, performer, and teacher. He earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Composition from the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music, and a Master of Music and Doctor of Music degrees in Composition from Northwestern University. Chris has received awards for his music from Wheaton College, the Elmhurst Jazz Festival, WFMT 98.7 FM Chicago, and the National Band Association. His music has been performed by ensembles ranging from middle school band through professional symphony orchestra. His works are published by Neil A. Kjos Music Company, R.T. Legacy, Alfred Music, Lorenz Music, Pelican Music Publishing, TRN Music and BRS Music.

An accomplished conductor, Chris has directed numerous ensembles including orchestra, wind ensemble, jazz band, choir, musical theatre, and opera for Wheaton College, Trinity International University, the Round Lake Area Community Band, and West Suburban Community Church (Elmhurst, IL).

Dr. Teichler has taught composition, conducting, aural skills, trumpet, and piano, and his experience includes teaching at Wheaton, Trinity, Northwestern University and DePaul University, as well as privately. He is a member of the American Composers

Forum, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), the College Band Directors National Association (CBNDA), the National Association for Music Education, the Kansas Music Educators Association, and the Kansas Bandmasters Association. Chris is currently serving as Associate Professor of Music and Director of Instrumental Music at Tabor College (Hillsboro, KS), where he directs the Symphonic Band, Jazz Band and Bluejay Band. He and his wife Sarah have four beautiful children.

The Composition

Welcome Home is about returning to a place of joy and belonging. The opening melody and all that continues throughout this work easily awakens a sense of nostalgia and a longing for what being home really means. Home can be about people, comfort, security, optimism, a place for self expression, and more. The concept of home can also be tied to cultural and historical significances. It can extend beyond the walls of a physical home to include community. Whatever this music suggests to players and audience members, the composer most wants this piece to say, "Welcome Home."

Instrumentation List (Set C)

- 8 Ist Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass
- I Full Conductor Score

Additional scores and parts are available.

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