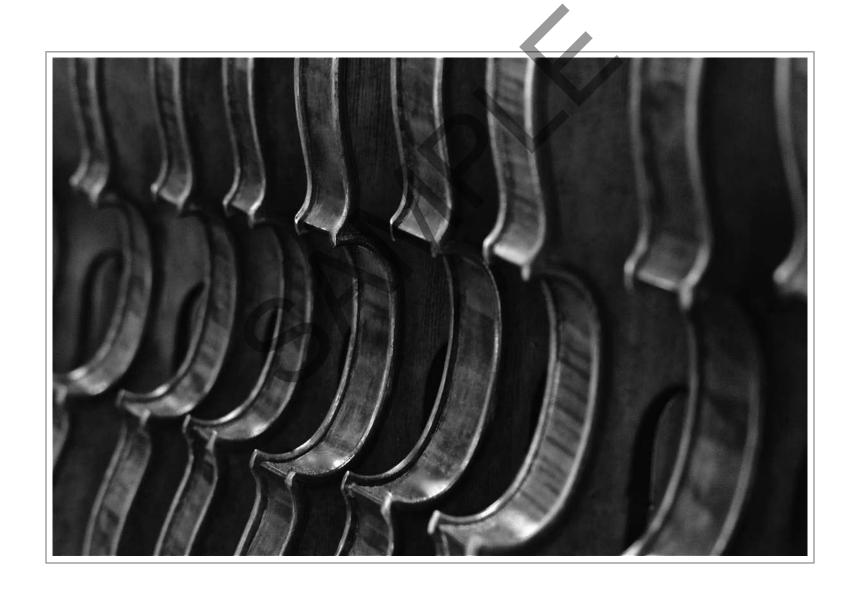
R. Christopher Teichler Bringing to Light



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.

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, the Kansas Bandmasters Association, and the Christian Fellowship of Art Music Composers. He is also the Composer in Residence for the MidCities Chamber Singers, a choral group that performs in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. 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

Light is a powerful symbol in music. Light is often connected with optimism and hope. Music can draw us to light in many ways such as with major key centers, sweeping crescendos, certain rhythmic motives, the ascent of a melodic phrase, different instrumental textures, and much more.

The title, **Bringing to Light**, means to bring into view or make clear. It was composed to use light through music to inspire beginning level string players starting to playing music together as an orchestra. For many students, this experience is just the beginning of many years of music making. And to share that with fellow players and audiences when they perform can be transformative. To quote Bobby McFerrin (American jazz singer, songwriter. b. 1950), "The true musician is to bring light into people's hearts."

Instrumentation List (Set C)

- 8 Ist Violin
- $8 2^{nd}$ Violin
- 5 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass
- I Full Conductor Score

Additional scores and parts are available.

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Full Conductor Score R. Christopher Teichler Approx. performance time—2:50 (ASCAP) Andante (= 84) Violins Viola* Cello String Bass Vlns. Vla. Cello mp Str. Bass mp13 Vlns. Vla. Cello Str. Bass

*A part for 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.) is included.

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