

KENDOR ACCENT STRING ORCHESTRA SERIES

Digital Dash!

GRADE 0.5 • DURATION 1:40

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INSTRUMENTATION

1 - Full Score
 8 - 1st Violin
 8 - 2nd Violin (Viola T.C.)
 5 - Viola
 5 - Cello
 5 - Bass
 1 - Piano (opt.)

EXTRA SCORES & PARTS AVAILABLE

To The Director

Digital Dash! is a fast, fun, finger excursion. Using only the notes of the one octave D major scale, it is based on the 12-bar blues harmony with mostly stepwise melodic opportunities for each section.

In my teaching experience, I have noticed that students wanted to play arco with fingered notes because they couldn't get a decent tone with pizzicato. Usually this is because they didn't master a good left hand finger placement and hold a pitch through after the note is plucked. Learning to hold fingers down until the note resonates (glue it down) requires independence of the left and right hand. Students should be working on open string bowing patterns simultaneously as they develop left hand dexterity.

Early introduction of F natural will help students not get so "frozen" in the F# hand frame. Some method books don't introduce it in the first months of playing and it can seem foreign to them, especially with the upper strings. I am a firm believer in introducing L2 for upper strings and 2nd finger for low strings in the first few months.

It could be really fun to do some bowing variations with this piece (but only after the pizzicato version is being played with success, i.e., firm fingers with a good tone):

Variation 1 - play all notes "arco"

Variation 2 - play all notes arco with doubles (2 eighth notes, down/up) on every note.

Variation 3 - play any combination of pizzicato, arco, or arco doubles.

A recording of this piece can be downloaded at www.kendormusic.com

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Deborah Baker Monday has 34 years of string teaching and conducting experience which is reflected in her well-crafted compositions and arrangements. She has presented at many national ASTA conferences, the Midwest Clinic and the Ohio State University String Teacher Workshop as one of the leading contributors to the pedagogical string orchestra repertoire.



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KENDOR PRESENTS
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FULL SCORE

Allegro ♩ = 152 or as fast as possible!

Musical score for the first system, measures 1-6. The score includes parts for 1st Violin, 2nd Violin (Viola T.C.), Viola, Cello, Bass, and Piano (opt.). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Allegro' with a metronome marking of ♩ = 152 or as fast as possible. The dynamics alternate between *f* (forte) and *p* (piano) every two measures. The strings play a rhythmic pattern of quarter notes. The piano part provides harmonic support with chords and bass lines. A large purple watermark 'FOR PREVIEW ONLY' is overlaid on the score.

Musical score for the second system, measures 7-13. The score includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II (Viola T.C.), Vla., Cello, Bass, and Pno. (opt.). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Allegro' with a metronome marking of ♩ = 152 or as fast as possible. The dynamics alternate between *f* (forte) and *p* (piano) every two measures. The strings play a rhythmic pattern of quarter notes. The piano part provides harmonic support with chords and bass lines. A large purple watermark 'REPRODUCTION PROHIBITED' is overlaid on the score. A box with the number '9' is placed above measure 9. A 'L2' marking is present at the end of the system.

Vln. I

Vln. II
(Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Cello

Bass.

Pno.
(opt.)

14 15 16 17 18 19

21

Vln. I

Vln. II
(Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Cello

Bass.

Pno.
(opt.)

20 21 22 23 24 25

Vln. I

Vln. II (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Cello

Bass.

Pno. (opt.)

26 27 28 29 30 31 32

33

Stomp/Tap

Vln. I

Vln. II (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Cello

Bass.

Pno. (opt.)

33 34 35 36 37 38

Vln. I

Vln. II
(Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Cello

Bass.

Pno.
(opt.)

39 40 41 42 43 44

45

Vln. I

Vln. II
(Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Cello

Bass.

Pno.
(opt.)

45 46 47 48 49 50

Vln. I

Vln. II
(Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Cello

Bass.

Pno.
(opt.)

f

f

51 52 53 54 55 56

57

Vln. I

Vln. II
(Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Cello

Bass.

Pno.
(opt.)

57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64