# Song Of Orpheus

featuring Kendor Konvertible instrumentation style: even eighth fusion duration 4:05

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#### INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score C Solo Sheet Eb Solo Sheet **Bb Solo Sheet** F Solo Sheet C Bass Clef Solo Sheet Flute (opt.) Bb Clarinet (opt.) \*1st Eb Alto Sax

\*2nd Eb Alto Sax \*1st Bb Tenor Sax 2nd Bb Tenor Sax Eb Baritone Sax

\*1st Bb Trumpet \*2nd Bb Trumpet 3rd Bb Trumpet

4th Bb Trumpet Horn In F (opt.)

\*1st Trombone 2nd Trombone 3rd Trombone

4th Trombone

Tuba (opt.) Vibes (opt.)

Guitar

Guitar Chord Chart \*Piano

\*Bass \*Drums

**EXTRA SCORES & PARTS AVAILABL** 

This chart playable by fewer than the standard number of instruments: ' above indicates essential parts.



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### TO THE DIRECTOR

This even eighth fusion piece is built on the Phrygian mode. According to myth, Orpheus himself taught music to King Midas. I hope your group has "the golden touch" with this chart as well.

Horns should make sure to balance the melody and countermelody. The trombones and lower saxophones have the melody going into measure 25, then the trumpets have the melody at measure 26 (same in measures 48-52.) Be careful of the accents in the saxophones in measures 49-54, and keep it legato in measures 55-56. There's a big point of arrival in measure 60, leading into the solo section.

The solo section at measure 65 is open for any soloist, with solo sheets provided in all keys which includes a sample written solo and scales that can be used to encourage young players to create their own solo. lencourage soloists to explore improvising on the D Phrygian (concert) mode: D Eb F G A Bb C D (the notes of the Bb scale, but rooted on the 3rd note, D.) This mode works for every chord in the solos, so no wrong notes are possible. Listen carefully to the rhythm section and the background lines for the good "target" notes. The underlying sixteenths turn up the heat for the solo section, which should build into the shout chorus at measure 73. A strong solo statement from the drums sets up a return to the opening theme. Harmonic tension in the coda builds up to a bombastic finish.

For the rhythm section, there are several "plateaus" in this piece to be aware of: the opening subdued groove (measures 1-32), a stronger version (measures 33-65, peaking at measure 60), the sixteenth-note drive of the solo section (drums may opt to switch from cross-stick to snare for the second soloist) and the fireworks of measures 73-84.

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