KENDOR PLAYGROUND STRING ORCHESTRA SERIES

Bells And Buccaneers

GRADE 1 • DURATION 1:40

arranged by Deborah Baker Monday

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Full Score
- 8 1st Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 3 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 Bass
- Piano (opt.)

EXTRA SCORES & PARTS AVAILABLE

To The Director

The popular holiday song, Carol Of The Bells, contains some challenging measures for young students. This arrangement presents the perfect solution by adding pirate style rhythms in place of the melodic runs which keep the momentum going. The result is an exciting adventure style piece with the iconic sounds of Carol Of The Bells.

The basic rhythm patterns include combinations of quarter and eighths in 3/4 time. Notes include finger pattern #1 on the G and D strings and pattern #2 (C natural) on the A string. This can be taught as a scale starting on E (natural minor), many pieces for beginning strings are written in this key.

Teaching finger patterns will help improve intonation in your groups. Drill rhythm patterns on each, i.e., play pattern #1 on the D strings (D-E-F#-G-A-G-F#-E-D) with 1 whole note, then 2 half notes, then 4 quarter notes, then 8 eighth notes. This also reinforces the note values and their relationships in time. Then repeat the drill with pattern #2 (D-E-F-G-A-G-F-E-D). Do not accept anything less than a proper half step!

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

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