

Echoes of Two Souls

Dance For String Orchestra, Grade 4
by Joshua Reznicow (BMI)

Instrumentation

1 - Full Score
8 - Violin 1
8 - Violin 2
3 - Violin 3 (Viola T.C.)
5 - Viola
5 - Cello
5 - Bass*

Note from the Editor:

This grade 4 piece is in ABA form beginning with a 6/8 scherzo contrasting with a lyrical B section.
Students will explore a variety of key centers, bow styles, and all parts shift.

* A Cello 2 part (alternate to bass) is available as a free download at randallstandridge.com
- Katie O'Hara LaBrie

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Program Notes:

The piece is dedicated to all of us who have passionate souls and enjoy showing different sides of our personality. Within this piece two distinct personalities "the jokester" and "the soft hearted" are the hallmark and inspiration for this composition. Many of us have different sides of our personalities that manifest in different ways as we move throughout our daily lives. My goal when writing this piece was to depict some of these personalities and to explore them in such a way that compliments and allows each to be expressed in a productive manner.

The construction of the piece uses a straightforward A-B-A form that has two primary themes that are written in contrasting styles with each depicting a musical character or personality. The opening section entitled "the jokester" features a scherzo-like theme in a minor mode that gets passed between the upper and lower sections of the ensemble. With the help of articulate string writing, pizzicatos, trills, and natural harmonics, the intensity and "wild" nature of this opening theme take the audience on a tour-de-force of orchestrational color reminiscent of mid 20th century musical styles. Soon after the piece moves to a second theme entitled "the soft hearted" which utilizes a song-like melody that is orchestrated in a sweeping "Hollywood" type of style that is in direct contrast to the opening "jokester" theme. The song-like nature of this section offers a calming and gentle mood for the composition by utilizing beautiful, soft, and dramatic colors of the string ensemble. The direct juxtaposition of this section showcases a different character and personality that complements and balances the piece from the opening theme. The final section, "homecoming" is a depiction of each theme coming together but now in a major mode that pushes the composition to a positive and uplifting conclusion.

– Joshua Reznicow



About the Composer

Joshua Reznicow (1975) is an active composer, music educator, and guest conductor for youth and honor orchestras. For over 20 years he has taught middle school and high school students in the Linn-Mar Community School District. Under his direction, the Linn-Mar orchestras have won several awards and superior ratings at area and regional contests, as well as twice being named a Grammy Signature music program. Additionally, Reznicow directs the Mount Mercy University String Orchestra and has recently been appointed as Music Director of the Cedar Rapids Community Orchestra located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Mr. Reznicow won the 2005 Texas Orchestra Directors Association (TODA) annual composition contest and was named the 2011 Classroom Teacher of the Year for the State of Iowa, as well as earning a Distinguished Alumnus Award from The University of Northern Iowa.

Mr. Reznicow has been commissioned and performed throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe with works for professional and young groups alike, including string orchestra, full orchestra, concert bands, film, and chamber ensembles. He has had multiple performances at the International Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic and has been featured on J.W. Pepper's "Editor Choice List" for string publications on several occasions.

Mr. Reznicow is a member of several professional organizations including the American String Teacher Association (ASTA), the Iowa String Teacher Association (ISTA) where he served as Member at Large-East on their board of directors, the Iowa Composers Forum (ICF) where he was a past secretary on their board of directors, the Iowa String Orchestra Affairs Committee (SOAC), as well as holding the assistant coordinator position for the Iowa All-State Orchestra. Mr. Reznicow currently resides in Marion, Iowa with his wife Karen, and their two children Andrea and Aiden.

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Score
Grade 4
Duration 4:45

Joshua Reznicow
(BMI)

Scherzo (The Jokester) ♩ = c. 126

5

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola
(Violin 3)

Cello

Double Bass
(Cello 2)

1 2 3 4 5

p *pizz.* *p* *pizz.* *f* *mf* *mf* *mf*

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

6 7 8 9 10 11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

26

Vln. 1 *ff* *f*

Vln. 2 *sfz* *f* arco

Vla. *ff* *f* *ff*

Vc. *ff* *f* *ff*

D.B. *ff* *f* *ff*

24 25 26 27 28 29

32

Vln. 1 *ff* *f*

Vln. 2 *ff* *mp* *mf*

Vla. *mp* *mf*

Vc. *mp* *mf*

D.B. pizz. + *sfz* *mf* arco

30 31 32 33 34 35

Violin 1 (Vln. 1), Violin 2 (Vln. 2), Viola (Vla.), Violoncello (Vc.), and Double Bass (D.B.) staves, measures 36 to 41. The score includes dynamic markings *fp* and articulation marks (accents, slurs, and breath marks).

Measures 36-41: Vln. 1 and Vln. 2 play a melodic line with slurs and accents. Vla. and Vc. provide harmonic support with slurs and breath marks. D.B. plays a bass line with slurs and accents. Dynamic markings *fp* are present at the end of measures 39, 40, and 41.

Violin 1 (Vln. 1), Violin 2 (Vln. 2), Viola (Vla.), Violoncello (Vc.), and Double Bass (D.B.) staves, measures 42 to 46. The score includes dynamic markings *f* and articulation marks (accents, slurs, and breath marks).

Measures 42-46: Vln. 1 and Vln. 2 continue the melodic line. Vla. and Vc. play a rhythmic pattern with slurs and breath marks. D.B. plays a bass line with slurs and accents. Dynamic markings *f* are present at the end of measures 42, 43, 44, 45, and 46.

Vln. 1
 Vln. 2
 Vla.
 Vc.
 D.B.

ff
ff
ff
ff
ff

47 48 49 50 51 52

Vln. 1
 Vln. 2
 Vla.
 Vc.
 D.B.

poco rit.
sfz
pizz.
sfz
sfz sfz
sfz sfz
sfz sfz

53 54 55 56 57

58 *a tempo*

Vln. 1 *fp*

Vln. 2 *arco* *fp*

Vla. *p*

Vc. *mf*

D.B. *mf*

pp

pizz. *p*

f

58 59 60 61 62 63

69

Vln. 1 *mp*

Vln. 2 *mp*

Vla. *mp*

Vc.

D.B. -4 -1 -2

64 65 66 67 68 69

75

81

84

82 83 84 85 86 87

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

88 89 90 91 92

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

Vln. 1
 Vln. 2
 Vla.
 Vc.
 D.B.

93 94 95 96 97

ff

sfz sfz

sfz sfz

sfz sfz

Vln. 1
 Vln. 2
 Vla.
 Vc.
 D.B.

98 99 100 101 102 103

ff

f

ff

f

ff

f

ff

f

molto rit.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 *ff*

Vla. *ff*

Vc. *ff*

D.B. *ff*

104 105 106 107 108 109

pp *sfz* *pp*

110 **Dolce (The Soft Hearted)** ♩ = c. 88

Vln. 1 *pp flautando*

Vln. 2 *pp*

Vla. *pp*

Vc. *niente*

D.B. *niente*

110 111 112 113

rit.

114 *a tempo*

Vln. 1 *pp* *p*

Vln. 2 *mp*

Vla. *mp*

Vc. *p*

D.B. *pizz.* *p*

poco rit.
norm. *div.*

114 115 116 117

118 *a tempo*

Vln. 1 *mp* *mf*

Vln. 2 *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mp* *mf*

D.B. *mp* *mf* *f*

poco rit.

118 119 120 121 122

123 *a tempo*

Vln. 1 *f* niente

Vln. 2 *f* *mf*

Vla. *f* *mf*

Vc. *f* *mf*

D.B. arco *mf*

123 124 125 126 127

Vln. 1 *poco accel.* 131 *poco piu mosso*

Vln. 2 *p* *f*

Vla. *p* *f*

Vc. *p* *f*

D.B. *p* *f*

128 129 130 131 132

133 134 135 136 137

Vln. 1 *ff*

Vln. 2 *ff*

Vla. *ff*

Vc. *ff* div.

D.B. *ff*

2/4

2/4

2/4

2/4

2/4

138 139 140 141 142

Vln. 1 *mf* rit. meno mosso

Vln. 2 *mf*

Vla. *mf* H4 L1 1

Vc. *mf* V

D.B. *mf* V pizz.

2/4

2/4

2/4

2/4

2/4

poco rit.

Vln. 1 *mp*

Vln. 2 *mp*

Vla. *mp*

Vc. *mp* niente

D.B. *mp*

143 144 145 146 147

148 **Finale (The Homecoming)** $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 126$ 152

Vln. 1 *p*

Vln. 2 *n.*

Vla. *n.*

Vc. *mf*

D.B. *mf*

148 149 150 151 152 153

Vln. 1 *mp*
div. top arco,
bottom pizz.

Vln. 2 *p* *mp* *mf*

Vla. *mp* *f* *mp* *f* *mp*

Vc. *arco*

D.B.

154 155 156 157 158

Vln. 1 *f* *mf* *ff*

Vln. 2 *all arco* *ff*

Vla. *mf* *f*

Vc. *1/2 arco, 1/2 pizz*

D.B. *f*

159 160 161 162 163

Violin 1 (Vln. 1) and Violin 2 (Vln. 2) parts are shown in treble clef. Viola (Vla.) and Violoncello (Vc.) parts are shown in bass clef. Double Bass (D.B.) part is shown in bass clef.

Measures 164 to 169 are indicated below the staves. Dynamics include *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *f* (forte). Performance markings include *all arco* (all arco) and *all arco* (all arco).

Measure 164: Vln. 1 and Vln. 2 play eighth notes. Vla. and Vc. play a half note. D.B. plays a half note.

Measure 165: Vln. 1 and Vln. 2 play eighth notes. Vla. and Vc. play a half note. D.B. plays a half note.

Measure 166: Vln. 1 and Vln. 2 play eighth notes. Vla. and Vc. play a half note. D.B. plays a half note.

Measure 167: Vln. 1 and Vln. 2 play eighth notes. Vla. and Vc. play a half note. D.B. plays a half note.

Measure 168: Vln. 1 and Vln. 2 play eighth notes. Vla. and Vc. play a half note. D.B. plays a half note.

Measure 169: Vln. 1 and Vln. 2 play eighth notes. Vla. and Vc. play a half note. D.B. plays a half note.

Violin 1 (Vln. 1) and Violin 2 (Vln. 2) parts are shown in treble clef. Viola (Vla.) and Violoncello (Vc.) parts are shown in bass clef. Double Bass (D.B.) part is shown in bass clef.

Measures 170 to 175 are indicated below the staves. Dynamics include *ff* (fortissimo). Performance markings include *all arco* (all arco) and *all arco* (all arco).

Measure 170: Vln. 1 and Vln. 2 play eighth notes. Vla. and Vc. play a half note. D.B. plays a half note.

Measure 171: Vln. 1 and Vln. 2 play eighth notes. Vla. and Vc. play a half note. D.B. plays a half note.

Measure 172: Vln. 1 and Vln. 2 play eighth notes. Vla. and Vc. play a half note. D.B. plays a half note.

Measure 173: Vln. 1 and Vln. 2 play eighth notes. Vla. and Vc. play a half note. D.B. plays a half note.

Measure 174: Vln. 1 and Vln. 2 play eighth notes. Vla. and Vc. play a half note. D.B. plays a half note.

Measure 175: Vln. 1 and Vln. 2 play eighth notes. Vla. and Vc. play a half note. D.B. plays a half note.

178

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

176 177 178 179 180 181

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

182 183 184 185 186

187

div.

mf

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

ff

Vla.

ff

Vc.

mf

div.

D.B.

f

187 188 189 190 191

195

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

div.

Vc.

D.B.

192 193 194 195 196

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
D.B.

ff
ff
ff

197 198 199 200 201

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
D.B.

202 203 204 205 206

Score for measures 207 to 211, featuring Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vc., and D.B. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#).

Measures 207-211 show a complex orchestral texture with various rhythmic patterns and dynamics. The Vln. 1 part features a melodic line with eighth notes. The Vln. 2 part has a sustained note in measure 208. The Vla. part has a sustained note in measure 208. The Vc. and D.B. parts have a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

Measures 207 208 209 210 211

Score for measures 212 to 216, featuring Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vc., and D.B. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#).

Measures 212-216 show a complex orchestral texture with various rhythmic patterns and dynamics. The Vln. 1 part features a melodic line with eighth notes. The Vln. 2 part has a sustained note in measure 212. The Vla. part has a sustained note in measure 212. The Vc. and D.B. parts have a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

Measures 212 213 214 215 216

Dynamic markings: *fff*, *sfz*, *rit.*, *non div.*, *div.*