

Meridian Passage

Doug Spata

1 Full Score

8 Violin I

8 Violin II

5 Viola

5 Cello

5 Bass

1 Piano (rehearsal)

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Program Notes

An energetic introduction builds into triumphant and soaring melodies in *Meridian Passage*, an exciting piece for beginner to intermediate players. Melodies course through each section of the orchestra as they ebb and flow from placid moments to exciting heights. This selection features approachable rhythms and bowing, a wide dynamic range, G string notes and passages that reach up to the violin E string. While teachers will appreciate the skills that it reinforces, students and audiences will enjoy the sweeping and adventurous melodies that appear in every section.

About the Composer

Doug Spata is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. Though he is a clarinetist by training, his experience as an orchestra teacher has led him to compose primarily for strings. His unique style and focus on reinforcing musical technique have made his works the favorites of students, teachers and audiences and his award-winning music has been performed by ensembles around the US and around the world. Besides music for student musicians, Mr. Spata has composed an opera, ballet scores, symphonies and many other symphonic, chamber and solo works.

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Maestoso ♩ = 112

5

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Bass

Rehearsal Piano

p *mp* *f* *mf* *p* *mf*

2 3 4 5 6

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

1. 4

7 8 9 10 11 12

Meridian Passage

16

2.

4

p

p

f

f

f

p

13 14 15 16 17 18

24

mp

f

f

mp

f

mp

f

19 20 21 22 23 24

4

25

2

31

Meridian Passage

40

Vln. I
 Vln. II
 Vla.
 Cello
 Bass
 Pno.

37 38 39 40 41 42 43

p
mf
p
mf

48

Vln. I
 Vln. II
 Vla.
 Cello
 Bass
 Pno.

44 45 46 47 48

f
f
f
f
f

Meridian Passage

1.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

49 50 51 52 53

2. rit.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

54 55 56 57 58 59

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp