Anchored

Todd Parrish

1 Full Score

8 Violin 1

8 Violin 2

3 Violin 3 (Viola T.C.)

5 Viola

3 Viola (Violin 2 A.C.)

5 Cello

5 Bass

Extra Part - P3036071





Program Notes

The main teaching concept of *Anchored* is reinforcing the practice of leaving fingers down. Throughout the piece, students are given the opportunity to play various intervals while anchoring the first finger to the fingerboard. This promotes better hand position and intonation. In addition, staccato and legato articulation are explored along with crescendo to forte and decrescendo to piano. Low second fingers are found only in the first violin part, and fourth fingers are encouraged in both the violin and viola parts. Two-note stepwise slurs are also explored. The powerful melodic material is given to all sections to motivate them in their pursuit of learning to anchor the first finger.

About the Composer

Todd Parrish (b. 1971) has taught public school orchestras at all levels for 20 years in Illinois, Virginia and Florida. Under his direction, the Hickory High School Chamber Orchestra (Chesapeake, Virginia) was chosen to perform at the VMEA State Conference in Hot Springs, Virginia. In addition, the orchestra performed at many outstanding venues, including Atlanta Symphony Hall, the Kennedy Center in Washington DC, and Carnegie Hall in New York City.

He received a Bachelor of Music Education from ORU in Tulsa, Oklahoma where he studied violin and piano. He received a Master of Music in orchestral conducting from the University of Arizona in Tucson, where he studied conducting with Jindong Cai, string quartet with cellist Nancy Green, and violin with Bonnie Terry. He has also studied conducting at workshops with many leading teachers in Colorado, South Carolina, Maine, and Aix-en-Provence, France.

In August 2013, Mr. Parrish became the orchestra editor for J.W. Pepper sheet music and the string editor for Wingert-Jones Publications based in Exton, PA. He arranges classical music for school orchestras and writes original compositions for all levels. In the Fall of 2018, Mr. Parrish became the orchestra editor for Carl Fischer Music in New York City.

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