

Grade

1

Music for String Orchestra

Expedition

Kathryn Griesinger

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INSTRUMENTATION

Violin I	8
Violin II	8
Viola	5
Cello	5
Bass	5
Piano (Opt.)	1

Performance Notes

Written within the range of the D-major scale, this adventurous piece uses only quarter, half, and whole notes. Frequent unison rhythms will help young players build confidence as they venture into independent harmonic lines and expanding dynamic range. With Violin 2 doubling Viola and Cello doubling Bass, the simple scoring and scale-based passages will give even a small ensemble a big, full sound. Melodic material is passed to all sections and players can practice maintaining a steady tempo during a brief pizzicato section. Have fun exploring!

About the Composer

Kathryn (Griesinger) Parrish received her B.A. (cello) and M.M. (music education) degrees from the University of Akron, where she later taught string pedagogy courses as adjunct faculty. She taught orchestra in Ohio and Florida private and public schools for 15 years, while freelancing as an arranger and cellist for various ensembles. She writes commissioned works and sight-reading music for regional music festivals. Kathryn currently works in educational music publication as an orchestra editor.

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Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

mf

mf

Pno.

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Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

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Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

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Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

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Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

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Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

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