

Grade

1½

Music for String Orchestra

Angelic Star

Yukiko Nishimura

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INSTRUMENTATION

Violin I	8
Violin II	8
Violin III (Viola T.C.)	2
Viola	5
Cello	5
Bass	5
Piano (Opt.)	1

Performance Notes

This Grade 1½ piece mainly uses staccato articulations to depict the celestial twinkling of stars in the night sky. The piece is set in a bright D major, and players get to explore the dance-like feeling of $\frac{3}{4}$ time with a few new notes on the violin's E string. A contrasting lyrical section presents a legato theme with easy slurs and beautiful harmonies between the sections. The sparkling piece ends with a return to the light opening motif, ending softly like the fading stars at dawn.

About the Composer

Yukiko Nishimura is a Los Angeles-based Composer and Pianist. Yukiko graduated from Tokyo University of the Arts as a composition major. She also studied at the University of Miami and Manhattan School of Music.

Among her honors are the special mention at the 15th and 26th International Competition for Original Composition for band in Corciano, Italy, the 6th Aoyama Award in Kyoto, Japan, the nominations in the category of Contemporary Classical for the 8th, 9th, 10th & 12th Hollywood Music in Media Award.

She has composed music for various instrumentations for commissioning, publications and theater works. The commissioning works include Music for the silent film "Edison's 1910 Frankenstein", "The Water Magician" directed by Kenji Mizoguchi in 1933, theatrical work "Fantasy of Kenji", "Chiko", and the collaboration project with Japanese Noh play "Kazuraki".

Yukiko has studied composition with Atsutada Otaka, Alfred Reed, Richard Danielpour, and Giampaolo Bracali, studied piano with Ivan Davis and Sara Davis Buechner. Yukiko is a member of the Society of Composers and Lyricists, the American Society of Music Arrangers and Composers, the Alliance of Women Film Composers, the Academy of Scoring Arts, and ASCAP.

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Vln. I *mf legato*

Vln. II *mf legato*

Vla. *mf legato*

Cello *mf legato arco*

Bass *mf legato* I pos.

Pno. *mf legato*

14 15 16 17 18 19 20

25

Vln. I *mp*

Vln. II *mp*

Vla. *mp*

Cello pizz. *mp* arco *mp*

Bass pizz. *mp* III pos.

Pno. *mp*

21 22 23 24 25 26

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

27 28 29 30 31 32

p *f* *p* *f* *p* *f*

pizz. I pos.

33

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

33 34 35 36 37 38 39

mf *espressivo* *mf* *espressivo* *mf* *espressivo* *mf* *espressivo* *mf* *espressivo*

arco

Expedition

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Moderato $\text{♩} = 108$

Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Cello
Bass
Piano (Optional)

1 2 3 4 5 6

Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Cello
Bass
Pno.

7 8 9 10 11 12

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Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Cello
Bass
Pno.

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19 20 21 22 23 24

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