Grade 1

Music for String Orchestra

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Seth Bedford

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INSTRUMENTATION

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

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Performance Notes

Shhh! Sneaky *sempre pizzicato* is the name of the game in this B minor spy thriller. The stealth melody tip-toes from section to section, scaling arpeggios walls, and facing off with dynamic changes for extra suspense. With optional harp (playable by piano), this fun break from the bows gives every player a chance to sharpen skills in counting, pizzicato, and playing with a steady beat.

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About the Composer

A multidisciplinary composer, conductor, performer and educator, Seth Bedford creates musical experiences for orchestras, bands, chamber musicians and children. His work often explores themes of mutual understanding, internationality, and community. He holds a degree in music composition from the University of Texas where he studied with Kevin Puts. While there, he also studied piano, harp, cello and voice. He's active as a harpist as well as violist.

He's a former member of the viola section of and composer for the Chelsea Symphony (NYC) and former board member and violist for the Queer Urban Orchestra (NYC). Currently, he's based in Houston, TX where he teaches middle and high school orchestra. Seth is also active as a visual artist and fiction writer, and he's a long-time member of ASCAP.

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