Grade ½

Music for String Orchestra

December Winds

Brock Snow

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INSTRUMENTATION

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

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Notes

Winter brings a peaceful hush to the world. Snow drapes the earth in white, and many animals rest until spring. In the quiet, however, the wind carries looming stories from winter's past. This piece for beginning string ensemble presents a chilling melody, introducing unison and simple harmonies for the first concert.

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About the Composer

Born and raised in Northeast Ohio, Brock studied piano and cello during his formative years, benefitting greatly from a 5–12 strings program at Lake Local Schools. In 2014, he began his collegiate journey at Liberty University, earning a bachelor's degree in Film Scoring in 2018 and a master's degree in Music Education in 2020. From 2020 to 2022, Brock served as adjunct faculty at Union University, teaching in the areas of composition and arranging. His compositions have been performed across the United States, the Philippines, and Costa Rica. Currently based in Arlington, Texas, Brock serves at a local church, serving choirs of all ages and a symphonic volunteer orchestra.



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