

# 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

## **Huron Carol**

Traditional

Arranged by Michael Story (ASCAP)

#### **INSTRUMENTATION**

- 1 Conductor
- 10 Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 10 B♭ Clarinet
- 2 B<sub>b</sub> Bass Clarinet
- 6 E♭ Alto Saxophone
- 4 Bb Tenor Saxophone
- 2 Eb Baritone Saxophone
- 8 Bb Trumpet
- 4 F Horn
- 6 Trombone/Baritone/Bassoon

- 2 Baritone Treble Clef (World Part Trombone in B) Treble Clef)
- 4 Tuba
- 1 Mallet Percussion (Bells)
- 3 Percussion 1 (Optional Tom-Tom/Snare Drum/ Bass Drum)
- 2 Percussion 2

(Wind Chimes, Suspended Cymbal)

2 Percussion 3 (Triangle/Shaker)

#### **WORLD PARTS**

Available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts

Horn in E♭

Trombone/Baritone in Bb Bass Clef

Tuba in E Bass Clef

Tuba in E Treble Clef

Tuba in B Bass Clef

Tuba in Bb Treble Clef

# PROGRAM NOTES

'TWAS IN THE MOON OF WINTERTIME, also known as the "Huron Carol," was written in 1643 by Father Jean de Brebeuf. Father de Brebeuf was a missionary at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, a settlement in the Huron Indian Nation in what is now Ontario, Canada. The song tells the tale of the Nativity, but uses images familiar to the Huron culture, such as hunters instead of shepherds, and fox and beaver pelts instead of the traditional gifts of gold, franincense, and myrrh.

## **NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR**

This arrangement of TWAS IN THE MOON OF WINTERTIME is appropriate for a second-year ensemble's holiday performance. The wind chime part at the beginning of the piece should be somewhat subdued, yet pervasive. Allow the part to naturally fade away at the end.

In certain passages, staggered breathing is recommended. Encourage each player to have a "partner" with which to alternate breaths (if needed).

The Percussion I part calls for tom-tom and/or snare drum (with snares off). If you have extra players, using multiple drums on this part would be very effective.

I hope you and your ensemble find 'TWAS IN THE MOON OF WINTERTIME to be a meaningful and worthwhile musical experience.

Michael Story



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