## Introduction and Royal March of the Lions

## from Carnival of the Animals

CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS Arranged by MICHAEL STORY (ASCAP)

- 1 Conductor
- 1 1st Flute
- 1 2nd Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 1 1st B<sup>,</sup> Clarinet
- 1 2nd B<sup>,</sup> Clarinet
- 2 Bassoon
- 1 B<sub>b</sub> Bass Clarinet
- 4 F Horn

PROGRAM NOTES

French composer, keyboardist, and conductor Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921) composed *The Carnival of the Animals* in 1886. This 14-movement suite contains some of Saint-Saëns' most popular melodies. In 2003, Christopher Wheeldon wrote a ballet to the music, with actor and author John Lithgow writing the narration.

The suite opens with "Introduction and Royal March of the Lion," which contains music that is both majestic and descriptive. After a brief introduction, the opening fanfare announces the entrance of the "King of the Jungle," and the middle section depicts the lion's roar.

## NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This charming transcription of the opening piece from Saint-Saën's "Carnival of the Animals" has captured the grandeur of the king of the jungle. The work is both majestic and descriptive, and is a great teaching tool for marcato style and chromaticism in the cellos and basses. Sure to be a favorite of both your students and your audience!

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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