Highlights from

A Christmas Festival

TRADITIONAL
Arranged by LEROY ANDERSON
Adapted by MICHAEL STORY

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 1 1st Flute
- 1 2nd Flute
- 2 Oboe
- 1 1st B♭ Clarinet
- 1 2nd B Clarinet
- 2 Bassoon
- 1 B♭ Bass Clarinet
- 4 F Horn

- 1 1st B_b Trumpet
- 1 2nd B_b Trumpet
- 3 Trombone
- 1 Tuba
- 2 Mallet Percussion (Bells, Chimes)
- 1 Timpani (G-C-D)

- 2 Percussion
 - (Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Triangle, Sleigh Bells,
 - Crash Cymbals)
 1st Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 5 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass

PROGRAM NOTES

Leroy Anderson was born June 29, 1908 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. As a young boy, his mother taught him to play the organ. He studied at the New England Conservatory of Music. At the age of 17, Anderson enrolled in Harvard University to study German and Scandinavian languages, as well as music. He eventually became fluent in eleven languages. During college, he earned money by playing piano, string bass, and conducting in the Boston area. In his later college years, he directed the Harvard University Band. In 1935, Arthur Fiedler hired Anderson to arrange music for the Boston Pops Orchestra, and encouraged him to compose original music as well. Some of his most well-known titles are "The Syncopated Clock," "Sleigh Ride," "The Typewriter," "Bugler's Holiday," "Fiddle-Faddle," "Plink, Plank, Plunk," and his wonderful medley of holiday carols, "A Christmas Festival."

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This arrangement is scored for intermediate-level full orchestra; however, it is also completely playable by string orchestra alone, or with any number of added winds or percussion. Shortened from the original version by approximately 50%, it contains the popular carols "Joy to the World," "Good King Wenceslas," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Silent Night," "Jingle Bells," and "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

1 hope you and your ensemble find this arrangement of A Christmas Festival to be an exciting and worthwhile musical experience!

Michael Story

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

All Belwin string parts have been carefully bowed and fingered appropriately by level. The Yellow Very Beginning series includes many bowings as well as reminder fingerings for first-time readers. The Red Beginning series includes frequent bowings to assist younger players. Fingerings for altered pitches are often marked. The Green Intermediate series includes appropriately placed bowings for middle-level students. Fingerings and positions are marked for notes beyond first position. The Blue Concert series includes bowings appropriate for the experienced high school player. Fingerings and position markings are indicated for difficult passages.

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