Adagio

From "The Farewell" Symphony

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- INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 8 1st Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass

PROGRAM NOTES

In 1772, Prince Nikolaus took his entire court to his summer castle at Eszterháza, which was built near a swamp in what is now Hungary. After ten months, the court musicians and Franz Joseph Haydn, the Kapellmeister, were growing weary of the vacation. The finale of Haydn's 45th symphony ends with an adagio. In the performance, the musicians extinguished their candles one by one and left the stage, leaving only Haydn and the concertmaster. Prince Nikolaus got the subtle message and the court returned to Vienna the next day.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Use the phrasing and dynamic markings as guidelines. In general, taper all phrases into rests (e.g., m. 2, m. 6). Take time at the conclusion of each larger section (e.g., m. 30, m. 41). Adjust the number of students leaving the stage at the 'exits' to musically fit the size of your group. Each section of the orchestra should conclude with a solo performance (bass solo, m. 55; cello solo, m. 68; violin and viola solos, m. 86).

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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