THE HIGHLAND/ETLING FIRST PHILHARMONIC SERIES

Nocturne

(From A Midsummer Night's Dream)

Felix Mendelssohn
Arranged by Richard Meyer (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor Score
- 1 Flute
- 1 Oboe
- 1 B♭ Clarinet I
- 1 B Clarinet II
- 1 El Alto Saxophone
- 1 Bassoon
- 1 B♭ Bass Clarinet
- 1 F Horn
- 1 B Trumpet I
- 1 B Trumpet II

- 1 Trombone
- 1 Tuba
- 1 Timpani (F-C)
- 2 Percussion (Bells, Suspended Cymbal)
- 8 Violin I
- 8 Violin II
- 5 Viola
- 3 Violin III (Viola &)
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass
- 1 Piano Accompaniment

PROGRAM NOTES

Mendelssohn was commissioned by the King of Prussia in 1843 to write incidental music to Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He completed the music early in that year. The Overture had been composed seventeen years before, at the age of seventeen. Though rarely used today in conjunction with the play, much of this music has become a staple of the concert hall (and countless brides and grooms have recessed to the strains of the "Wedding March").

Notes to the Conductor

This famous "Nocturne," which evokes the magic slumbers of Shakespeare's main characters in the forest, will provide a chance to develop a beautiful, legato playing style. Winds are featured in several spots, and the strings use legato hooked bowings throughout. A great "change of pace" piece that will showcase your orchestra's sensitivity and musicality!



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CONDUCTOR SCORE Duration - 4:10

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Str. Bass

















