Danza Estate

Summer Dance

MICHAEL KAMUF (ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor
- 8 1st Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 5 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass

Here is an energetic original composition that will remind us all of the joys of summer, even when in the grip of a hard winter. The Italian name, meaning "summer dance," brings to mind Mediterranean beaches. The piece was composed in the winter of 2014 and thoughts of a warm summer helped me make it through what was a challenging winter season.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

There are three themes within the work, and the A theme employs the G Lydian mode. The B theme is presented at measure 25 in the 2nd violins. In this passage, the melody should remain quite strong, and there should be a call-and-response type dialogue between the 1st and 2nd violins beginning at measure 32. Throughout the piece, the melody should always be heard over the accompaniment figures, and the ensemble must maintain a steady subdivision of the beat. After the group is comfortable with the piece, I recommend having the ensemble feel the piece in "two," which will add a floating, airy quality to all of the themes. I hope you and your students enjoy studying and performing this piece as much as my students and I have had.

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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CONDUCTOR SCORE Duration - 2:30

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