Sonatina in C

Movement 1

MUZIO CLEMENTI Arranged by KEITH CHRISTOPHER

INSTRUMENTATION

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

PROGRAM NOTES

Muzio Clementi lived from 1752 to 1832. He was born in Rome but spent most of his time in England. Clementi was a pianist, composer, teacher, music publisher, and had his own brand of pianos. He was a contemporary of, and had an influence on, Ludwig van Beethoven. One of the first composers to write works specifically for the pianoforte, Clementi has been called "The Father of the Pianoforte." The first movement of his *Sonatina in C* makes for a delightful string orchestra piece.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Students will learn cut time, rhythmic accuracy, how to achieve clean staccato technique, musical form, and an idea of classical style in this engaging piece. It is important that the motive is articulated consistently by each player. Work bars 1–4 until all the 1st violins know exactly how you want it done, so that this continues throughout the piece. Insist that the lengths of the down-bows in the tutti sections are identical. Staccato sections, such as bars 7–8, could be an opportunity to teach "off the string" technique. This piece follows the common form from this era: A (bar 1), B (bar 31), and A1 (bar 62). Encourage students to play aggressively and accurately for a compelling performance.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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