Waltzer

From Serenade for Strings

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— INSTRUMENTATION —

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

This arrangement endeavors to allow string ensembles to grow by shortening it and replacing an emphasis on the demanding instrumental technique with a focus on the composition's musical sophistication, with the goal of developing musicality.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Although we are always working to improve and advance our students' technique, musicality is the higher-order goal in working with ensembles. Playing diverse and quickly changing dynamics while maintaining a good balance between the layers of parts makes these objectives challenging.

Tchaikovsky was among the most emotive of the western European composers, and although his *Serenade for Strings* is a standard of the string ensemble's repertoire, it is too difficult, long, and complex to be included on most student performances.

Although this version of a Viennese waltz is still slow enough to be conducted in 3, the long phrases, smooth flow, and back-ups should remain true to the style. The '4 ~~~~ 0' fingering seen in the 2nd violin and viola parts indicates that all of the players should begin with the more covered sound and then individually move over until they all end on the brighter open string.

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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poco a poco cresc.

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Str. Bass

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