# **Classic Movie Ballads**

Featuring The Summer Knows and The Windmills of Your Mind

Music by MICHEL LEGRAND

Arranged by ANDREW H. DABCZYNSKI

——INSTRUMENTATION——

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

### **PROGRAM NOTES**

"The Summer Knows," the theme song to the 1970s hit movie *The Summer of '42*, has become a pop music standard. It was written by French-born composer and pianist Michael Legrand, and is the first ballad heard in this medley. The bittersweet song was recorded by numerous artists, including Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, and Sarah Vaughan. We next hear another of Legrand's famous tunes, "The Windmills of Your Mind," from *The Thomas Crown Affair*, a romantic adventure film from 1968. This classic has been orchestrated and recorded in countless versions and in various languages, even including an Arabic setting.

## NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The ballads in this concert set reflect the popular music sound of the 1960s and '70s that remains current even today. The optional piano part will lend depth and additional rhythm; however, the strings are orchestrated to stand alone. The optional divided parts are provided for musical interest and to challenge players, and will enhance the sound of the piece. After a two-measure introduction, "The Summer Knows" melody is heard in the first violins; care should be taken that the other accompanying voices mesh their parts to create one continuous arpeggiated effect (mm. 3–10). The theme is joined and harmonized (mm. 11–22) by the second violins and violas, until it is taken by the violas and celli (m. 23). At this point, the first violins provide an accompanying obbligato until the tune fades and ends (m. 30). A faster poprock figure is then provided by the basses (mm. 31–72) to accompany "The Windmills of Your Mind," with the melody heard in the violas/celli (35–48). During this statement, the first violins rest until the section is repeated, at which time they provide an important countermelody. The violins then take the tune (mm. 49–64) in octaves and then in harmony (note the optional divisi in m. 54–57), until the melody returns to the violas/celli (mm. 65–72) to close out the ballad.

### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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