# **Grand Pursuit**

By Michael Kamuf (ASCAP)

### INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Full Score
- 8 Violin I
- 8 Violin II
- 5 Violin III (Viola &)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass

#### **FLEX PARTS**

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#### **PROGRAM NOTES**

Grand Pursuit is a contemporary work for young string orchestra by composer and educator Michael Kamuf. Written with the composer's students in mind, the dotted-quarter/eighth-note pattern is reinforced throughout the piece combined with contrasting melodies, bold harmonies, and a fun development section.

### NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The introduction should be played slowly and with attention to the accents. The tempo picks up at measure 5, where the entire ensemble except violin 1 switch to pizzicato. All members of the ensemble should subdivide the pulse so the tempo locks in. The A theme is presented by violin 1 in measure 7 and stated again at measure 15, with harmony in violin 2 and bowed accompaniment. The B theme is stated first by the cellos and basses at measure 23 with violin 2 and viola taking over at measure 31. Measure 39 begins a short but aggressive development section that should focus on uniform articulation throughout the ensemble. The B theme returns at measure 47, then there's a final statement of the A theme at measure 55. Throughout the piece, proper balance and dynamics within the ensemble will allow the melodic material to be heard.

hope you and your students enjoy studying and performing Grand Pursuit.

#### **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

In orchestral music, there are many editorial markings that are open for interpretation. In an effort to maintain consistency and clarity you may find some of these markings in this piece. In general, markings for fingerings, bowing patterns, and other items will only be marked with their initial appearance. For a more detailed explanation of our editorial markings, please download the free PDF at www.alfred.com/stringeditorial.

X extended position

shift 9 bow lift/reset (b), (t), (t) high or low fingerings

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