## **Mohanam Hop**

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Mohanam Hop is a light and fun Indian piece for young orchestras. It is written in the Carnatic (South Indian Classical) tradition, which means it will be based on the notes of a particular scale (raaga), as well as an established meter or metric cycle (tala). This one is based on Raaga Mohanam, which uses the pitches of a G pentatonic scale, as well as Eka Tala. When a certain level is reached, characteristic ornamentations (gamakas) are also included. This delightful piece is a wonderful gateway to the world of Carnatic music.

## **NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR**

In the Carnatic tradition, students focus on becoming comfortable with the notes of a raaga before learning a piece. This approach is recommended. For the percussion, while a djembe is recommended, a variety of hand drums could be used to imitate an authentic sound. Additionally, the part could be played by any number of individuals. The audience can also be encouraged to clap along with the beat during the performance.



## 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

■ or \ \ \ hooked bowings





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