Young String Ensemble Series

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1-Full Score
- 8-Violin 1
- 8—Violin 2
- 4—Violin 3
- 4-Viola
- 5—Cello
- 2—Double Bass
- 1—Piano

Tarantella

Loreta Fin

Duration: 2:50

Level: 3

Programme and Rehearsal Notes

This energetic original work is written in the Southern Italian dance-style. It is in compound duple time, and uses A minor tonality. Inner parts need to pitch the G# leading notes carefully, as do the celli, with extended 4th fingers. String crossings should be smooth, keeping the pulse steady on the dotted quarter notes. Take care with bow lengths and placement in bar 21 and similar (Vln 1 and 2). The B-section is in C Major, making the piece ideal to teach relative majors and minors, as well as Ternary Form. The accelerando in the final A section makes for an exciting ending. The piano part is essential for the off-beat accompaniment and would even sound better if played on a Piano Accordion or Keyboard with Accordion voice.

Loreta Fin is Director of Strings and Instrumental Music at Somerville House School for Girls in Brisbane, Australia. She conducts the six String Orchestras at the school at both primary and secondary levels and all of these ensembles have been very successful in competitions over the years. The Senior String Orchestra received the 2004 "Best School Orchestra" award from the Orchestras of Australia Network. Loreta has presented workshops on string teaching and ensemble techniques and has lutored and conducted string orchestras for numerous youth music organizations. From 2000 to 2004, Loreta was Queensland State President of AUSTA (Australian Strings Association) and served as the National President from 2005 to 2007. She is also a String Examiner with the Australian Music Examinations Board.

Loreta studied at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and has performed regularly as a freelance musician in chamber music and orchestral concerts, as well as in musical theatre. She is Principal Violist with the Queensland Pops Orchestra. Well known as an experienced educator and adjudicator, Loreta has also written numerous publications for young string orchestras, which are frequently selected as set works for competitions and festivals.

Loreta's aim is to bring an appreciation and enjoyment of music to as many young string players as possible, while teaching valuable rhythmic and technical skills in a fun way.



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