# Young String Ensemble Series

#### **INSTRUMENTATION**

1-Full Score

8—Violin A, B & C

4—Viola A, B & C

5—Cello A, B & C

2—Double Bass A & B

1—Piano

## Lavender's Blue

Traditional Arranged by Loreta Fin

**Level: 1.5** 

#### **Programme and Rehearsal Notes**

Based on the traditional folk tune used in the 2015 Disney film, *Cinderella*, this simple arrangement is divided into 3 violin, 3 viola, 3 cello, and 2 double bass parts. It would be ideal for an ensemble of mixed abilities: every instrument can either play the melody, or one of the harmony or bass line parts. Alternatively, students can take turns picking one of the parts and changing lines during rehearsals—or even through the performance, as the 3 parts appear on the page as either A, B or C. Written in D Major it is in Rondo form, and explores the use of pizzicato, accidentals and minor tonalities between the well-known melodic sections.

#### **General Notes**

The piano parts are optional, as the pieces can be played by string ensemble alone. They can also be played as violin and cello. Bass parts can also be played by the cello.

Loreta Fin is Director of Strings and Instrumental Music at Somerville House School for Girls in Brisbane, Australia. She conducts the 6 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 tutored 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.



### Notice Conductors and Performers

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