

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

The Pizza Song

by Loreta Fin AM

Program and Rehearsal Notes

Duration: 2 minutes

Level: 2

This piece was suggested by a student in a workshop, who had just played Viva Italia, an arrangement by Loreta Fin, based on the famous Neapolitan Tarantella. It is a good opportunity to work on hooked bow strokes, as well as slurs, rests, pauses and compound time. Students often call orchestral works “songs”, which is not quite correct, if there are no lyrics. Here, there is spoken text, which occurs throughout the piece, and concludes with the contentious issue of whether or not pineapple should be on a pizza. Lots of fun for all ages.

Loreta Fin AM was Director of Strings at Somerville House School in Brisbane, Australia for 35 years. All of the ensembles received Platinum Awards in competitions over the years. Loreta has presented at National and International conferences. She has conducted the String Orchestras at the Queensland and Australian Honours Ensemble Programs over several years. Loreta served as both State and National President of AUSTA (Australian Strings Association). She is a Federal Examiner with the Australian Music Examinations Board and an advisor on several music education boards.

Loreta studied at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and has performed regularly as a freelance musician. She has been Principal Violist with the Queensland Pops Orchestra for over 30 years. Well known as an experienced educator and adjudicator, Loreta has also written over 100 publications for young string orchestras, which are frequently selected as set works for competitions and festivals. Loreta’s aim is to bring an appreciation of music to as many young string players as possible, while teaching valuable rhythmic and technical skills in an enjoyable way. She has received State and National Awards in recognition of her service to AUSTA and the String and Music Communities of Australia. In 2024, Loreta was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours, for significant service to music, to education and to professional associations.

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for all the State Honours Primary School Ensembles in Queensland

Loreta Fin

$\text{♩} = 95$ Moderato

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Bass

Piano

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(shout) PIZZA!!!

pizz.

mp

f

f

f

f

(shout) PIZZA!!!

(shout) PIZZA!!!

(shout) PIZZA!!!

(shout) PIZZA!!!

(shout) PIZZA!!!

pizz.

mp

mp

66

"PIZZA!!"
(Bows Up)

ff "PIZZA!!"
(Bows Up)

ff "PIZZA!!"
(Bows Up)

ff "PIZZA!!"
(Bows Up)

ff "PIZZA!!"
(Bows Up)

ff PIZZA!!!

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