GRADE 1.5— Duration: 3:20 STRING ORCHESTRA

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## **ODYSSEY**

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## INSTRUMENTATION

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Full Some	1
Violin	8
Volin II	8
Violin III (Viola T.C.)	5
Viola	5
Cello/Bass	10
Percussion (optional)	2

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The *Odyssey* is an ancient Greek epic poem written by the poet Homer. The poem is dated around 600 BC The poem tells of the events that befall the Greek hero Odysseus in his long journeys after the fall of Troy and when he, at last, returns home. This feeling of adventure and mystery has been captured in this original work set in three movements.

Poseidon - God of the Sea

Taking his trident in both hands, Poseidon stirs the sea into a fury and lashes up rain and squall. Mast and sail are torn away, Odysseus is thrown overboard and buried under a wall of water.

Song of the Sirens

At sea once more we had to pass the Sirens, whose sweet singing lures sailors to their doon.

Cyclopes

When the Cyclopes came home that afternoon, he blotted out the light in the doorway. He was as tall and rugged as an alp. One huge eye glared out of the center of his forehead.

David Marlatt has composed pieces for concert band, string orchestra, brass quintet, trumpet ensemble, piano, tuba and trumpet. His writing style is diverse and he has written for a wide range of difficulty levels from very young concert band to professional brass quintet. His jazz based trumpet ensemble pieces Groovy Vamp and A Coconut Named Alex have been well received by audiences everywhere and his concert band compositions are found on many festival lists. He has also arranged over 800 pieces of repertoire from the Baroque to the Romantic eras such as Monteverdi madrigals, a large suite of music from Handel's Messiah, Largo from New World Symphony and even Mahler's First Symphony.

Mr. Marlatt is a trumpet player who obtained a music education degree from the University of Western Ontario, Canada. He was Principal Cornet in the Whitby Brass Band for 6 years and founder of the trumpet ensemble Trumpets in Style. As a performer, he has played in jazz bands, brass quintets, orchestras, concert bands, brass bands and period instrument ensembles.

Please contact the composer if you require any further information about this piece or his availability for commissioning new works and appearances.

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