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Grade: 1.5

Conductor Score: RWS-2677-01

Lullaby for a Starry Night

Alexandre Carlin

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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score.....	1
Violin 1.....	8
Violin 2 (Viola T.C.).....	8
Viola.....	6
Cello.....	5
Double Bass.....	5
Piano (Optional).....	1

PROGRAM NOTE

Lullaby for a Starry Night is a gentle and lyrical piece that evokes the peaceful beauty of a star-filled sky. Infused with a touch of Irish charm, its flowing melodies and warm harmonies create a sense of serenity and wonder. The piece opens with a delicate, expressive theme reminiscent of a Celtic lullaby, gently swaying like a cradle under a night sky. As the music unfolds, subtle dynamic contrasts enhance its dreamlike atmosphere. With accessible yet expressive writing, this work allows young musicians to develop phrasing and musical sensitivity.

NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

At measure 21, the lower instruments have the melody but should refrain from playing too loudly to respect the character of the piece.

Measure 37 is the only moment in the piece where the musicians should play at a louder dynamic. Even if the level is forte, players should be aware of the gentle character of the piece and avoid playing exaggerated dynamic levels.

The last measure should be approached delicately, as some musicians were resting for a few measures, and the dynamic level should be as soft as possible.

I hope you and your ensemble enjoy working on this piece. Please visit my composer page at rwsmusic.com to connect!

Alexandre Carlin

ABOUT THE COMPOSER



Alexandre Carlin is a music teacher, composer and band conductor from France. He began playing the clarinet and after classical studies, he decided to enroll at the University of Paris Sorbonne. He discovered orchestral conducting and writing for band with Désiré Dondeyne, former conductor of the french police symphonic band of Paris.

In 2012 he followed composer Stéphane Bortoli's composition classes at the Mantes en Yvelines conservatory. The same year, he also took lessons in film music composition at the Levallois-Perret conservatory. He became associate professor of music in 2020.

Since 1996 he has been director of the « Société Musicale de Bû », conducting the beginning band and the concert band, and managing the music school. Since 2014 he is also a music teacher at Charles de Gaulle middle school in Bû and since 2020 at Rotrou high school in Dreux.

A member of SACEM since 1995, his catalog consists of original works for concert band, brass band, young band, instrumental pieces for competitions and exams, and arrangements.

He currently lives in France, 60 kms south-west of Paris, with his wife Ingrid, and their three children Fiona, Sean and Eileen.

LULLABY FOR A STARRY NIGHT

Conductor Score
RWS-2677-00

Alexandre Carlin
(SACEM)

Dolce ♩ = 76

5

Violin 1

Violin 2
(Viola T.C.)

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

Piano
(Optional)

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

Vln. 1

Vln. 2
(Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Pno.

13

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Pno.

15 16 17 18 19 20 21

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Pno.

22 23 24 25 26 27 28

29

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Pno.

29 30 31 32 33 34 35

37

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Pno.

36 37 38 39 40 41 42

45

Vln. 1
Vln. 2 (Vla. T.C.)
Vla.
Vcl.
D.B.
Pno.

43 44 45 46 47 48 49

53

Vln. 1
Vln. 2 (Vla. T.C.)
Vla.
Vcl.
D.B.
Pno.

50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57