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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

Newly discovered in 2024, Mozart's *Serenade in C* was a previously unknown work by the classical master. Quickly nicknamed **A Very Little Night Music**, the *Serenade* consists of seven short movements composed as light entertainment by Mozart in the late 1760s when he was approximately 10-12 years old.

Originally composed for string trio, this arrangement for string orchestra includes the final two movements of the serenade (the *Minuet* and *Finale*) and is the first for young string orchestra of this newly discovered Mozart composition.

## NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

Consider playing a recording of the *Minuet* and *Finale* from Mozart's original *Serenade* for students to get an idea of the classical style. Be sure to contrast volume in repeated passages, as marked in measures 1, 9, 17, and 25 of the *Minuet*. Maintain a light, brisk style for the *Finale* to keep the tempo from dragging. In several places during the *Finale*, the 1st Violin has the option of playing an upper C down an octave to avoid shifting. If possible, however, the upper pitch should be played.

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## ABOUT THE COMPOSER



**Mekel Rogers** has been involved in music education as a middle school band director and orchestra conductor since 1995. He is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Appalachian State University, a charter member of the Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps, and the founding conductor of the Union Symphony Youth Orchestra. Mekel is also active as a frequent guest clinician and adjudicator for both concert band and orchestral events.

Mekel's music for concert band and orchestra has been performed internationally and is published by the FJH Music Company, Alfred Music Publishing, Grand Mesa Strings, RWS Music, and TUX People's Music. Mekel's concert band and string orchestra compositions have received several Editors Choice Awards from the J. W. Pepper Music Company. Mekel's works have been performed at various district and state honor band events, music educator association conferences, adjudicated festivals, and the Midwest Clinic in Chicago. International performances include concert festivals in Canada, Japan, Australia, and the United Kingdom as well as world premieres

in both London, England and Paris, France.

Mekel was inducted into the American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA) in 2008 and is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP).

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## MINUET

Allegro  $\text{♩} = 132$

Violin 1  
*f-p*

Violin 2  
(Viola T.C.)  
*f-p*

Viola  
*f-p*

Cello  
*f-p*

Double Bass  
*f-p*

Piano  
(Optional)  
*f-p*

1 2 3 4 5

Vln. 1  
*p-f*

Vln. 2  
(Vla. T.C.)  
*p-f*

Vla.  
*p-f*

Vc.  
*p-f*

D. B.  
*p-f*

Pno.  
*p-f*

6 7 8 9 10

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

Pno.

11 12 13 14 15 16

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

Pno.

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

*p-f*

25

Vln. 1 *f-p*

Vln. 2 (Vla. T.C.) *f-p*

Vla. *f-p*

Vc. *f-p*

D. B. *f-p*

Pno. *f-p*

25

26

27

28

29

33

Vln. 1 *f*

Vln. 2 (Vla. T.C.) *f*

Vla. *f*

Vc. *f*

D. B. *f*

Pno. *f*

30

31

32

33

34

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

Pno.

35 36 37 38 39 40

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

Pno.

41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

*rall.*

# FINALE

Allegro Moderato  $\text{♩} = 100$

Violin 1  
Violin 2 (Viola T.C.)  
Viola  
Cello  
Double Bass  
Piano (Optional)

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

9

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

Pno.

11 12 13 14 15

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

Pno.

16 17 18 19 20

23

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

Pno.

21 22 23 24 25 26

31

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

Pno.

27 28 29 30 31 32

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Vln. 1

Vln. 2 (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

Pno.

33 34 35 36 37 38

rall.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 (Vla. T.C.)

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

Pno.

39 40 41 42 43 44