# **LARGO**

from SYMPHONY NO. 9, "FROM THE NEW WORLD"

## ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK

Arranged by

Robert D. McCashin

#### Instrumentation

- 1 Conductor's Full Score
- 8 Violin 1
- 8 Violin 2
- 5 Viola
- 5 Violoncello
- 5 Double Bass

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#### The Arranger

Dr. Robert McCashin is currently Director of Orchestras and professor of conducting at James Madison University, where he serves as music director and conductor for the Symphony, Chamber Orchestra, and Opera/Theater Orchestras. In addition, he teaches orchestral conducting at the graduate and undergraduate levels, string literature and pedagogy, and applied violin.

Dr. McCashin earned Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in violin performance from Louisiana State University, and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in conducting from the University of Arizona. He regularly presents seminars and lectures in the areas of conducting pedagogy and violin performance physiology. Dr. McCashin's conducting schedule includes appearances with professional orchestras as well as district, regional, and state honor orchestras.

Dr. McCashin maintains a busy schedule adjudicating at state and national levels. He is the national chair for The American String Teachers Association Merele Issac Composition Competition.

### **About the Music**

Dvořák's Symphony No. 9, "From the New World" is one of the composer's most beloved, successful, and frequently performed compositions. The symphony, written during his first stay in the United States (1892–1895), was completed in Spillville, Iowa, in 1893. Dvořák, who had been invited to New York by Mrs. Thurber, wife of a wealthy New York merchant, was engaged as the first director of the National Conservatory of Music. Some believe the symphony to be a message back to his native Bohemia expressing his love of and nostalgia for his homeland. During his stay in the United States, Dvořák had immersed himself in the music of African American and Native American cultures, and there is little doubt that the Largo movement was written in the style of some of the early plantation melodies with which he was familiar. Yet it also contains clear reminiscences of the harmonic and melodic warmth found in music of his birth country.

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