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# FJH STRING ORCHESTRA

Grade 4.5

## DANCE OF THE TROLLS

Mike Forbes

### Instrumentation

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

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## The Composer

An artist of widely diverse musical talents, Mike Forbes (b. 1973) is "...an outstanding tubist with a solid, colorful tone, terrific technical skills, and dramatic flair" (*American Record Guide*). He began his career as a tubist with the *U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own"* and subsequently served on the music faculties at a number of Midwestern universities. He is an active orchestral tubist and in high demand as a clinician and soloist, frequently performing throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. As a co-founder of the *Sotto Voce Quartet*, Forbes enjoys performing and recording exhilarating chamber music with his colleagues in America's premiere tuba/euphonium quartet. He can be heard on his solo album, *Forbes Plays Koetsier* (Summit Records) where he features all seven works for solo tuba by Dutch composer, Jan Koetsier. Dr. Forbes has received numerous awards and accolades for his compositions and is regularly commissioned by notable brass artists and band directors. He has won the Dallas Wind Symphony Fanfare Composition contest numerous times, and his compositions have been given awards of merit by the U.S. Army Band, Humboldt Brass Festival, and the International Tuba-Euphonium Association. He has recently been commissioned by the National Band Association of Wisconsin to compose a new work for their 25<sup>th</sup> State Band Festival.

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## About the Music

*Dance of the Trolls* is the resulting work from a 5-week composition residency that I was invited to give at Mount Horeb Middle and High schools. The sessions included discussions on the art and technique of composition as well as an opportunity for the students to try their hand at creating motives. We then manipulated these motives in all kinds of interesting and creative ways (upside-down, backwards, slower, faster, higher, lower, etc.). In the end, I took a few of these motives developed by the students and created a piece around them.

Mount Horeb is an interesting little suburb outside of Madison, Wisconsin, where I currently reside with my family. Due to early immigration trends in this area of the country, the town is highly steeped in Norwegian traditions. In fact, the main street is referred to as "The Trollway" as many of the unique shops there boast wood-carved trolls in their front yards or storefronts. This composition is intended to portray what might happen late at night after all the tourists and shopkeepers have headed off to bed. I musically imagined the mystery of all those troll statuettes (some very small and others quite large and clumsy) getting a drink at the local brewery, The Grumpy Troll, then dancing in the streets until sunrise.

# DANCE OF THE TROLLS

MIKE FORBES  
(ASCAP)

Allegro vivace (♩ = 160)

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.



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Vln. 1 *ff*

Vln. 2 *ff* *p* *f* *p*

Vla. *ff* *p* *f* *p*

Vcl. *ff* *p* *f* *p*

D.B. *ff* *p* *f* *p*

17 18 20

Vln. 1 *mf* *sol*

Vln. 2 *f* *p*

Vla. *f* *p*

Vcl. *f* *p*

D.B. *f* *p*

21 22 24

Vln. 1 *mf*

Vln. 2 *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vcl. *mf*

D.B. *mf*

26 28 30

Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vcl.  
D.B.

31 32 34

This system contains measures 31 through 34. It features five staves: Vln. 1 (Violin 1), Vln. 2 (Violin 2), Vla. (Viola), Vcl. (Violoncello), and D.B. (Double Bass). The music is in 3/4 time. Measures 31-34 show a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the strings, with some melodic lines in the violins and viola. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid on the score.

Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vcl.  
D.B.

36 *p* *f* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pizz.*

40

This system contains measures 36 through 40. It features five staves: Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., and D.B. The music continues with dynamic markings: *p* (piano), *f* (forte), and *pp* (pianissimo). Measure 40 includes a *pizz.* (pizzicato) marking for the cello. A *port.* (portamento) marking is present above the first violin staff in measure 37. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid on the score.

Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vcl.  
D.B.

41 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

45

This system contains measures 41 through 45. It features five staves: Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vcl., and D.B. The music continues with dynamic markings: *f* (forte) and *p* (piano). A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid on the score.

Vln. 1 Vln. 2 Vla. Vcl. D.B.

*f* *p* *mf* *pizz.*

46 48 49 50

Vln. 1 Vln. 2 Vla. Vcl. D.B.

*f* *arco* *p* *mf* *mp* *f* *p* *mf*

51 54

Vln. 1 Vln. 2 Vla. Vcl. D.B.

56 58 60

Vln. 1 *gl.*

Vln. 2 *p*

Vla. *p*

Vcl.

D.B.

61 62 64 *p* 65

Vln. 1 (V) *ff*

Vln. 2 *ff*

Vla. *ff*

Vcl. *ff*

D.B. *ff*

68 **accel.**

*soli arco*

66 69 70

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

71 72 73 74 75



Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

92 93 94 95 96 97

*mp*

*soli V*

*soli arco*

98 *sotto voce*

Vln. 1 *pp*

Vln. 2 *pp*

Vla. *pp*

Vcl. *mf*

D.B. *mf*

101 102

*sotto voce*

*sotto voce*

*mf*

1 x2 1 x2

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

D.B.

104 105 107 109

*mf*

1 x2



132 L'Istesso tempo e Misterioso

Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vcl.  
D.B.

129 130 131 133 134

*pp* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp*

*soli pizz.* *soli pizz.*

accel. poco a poco

Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vcl.  
D.B.

135 136 137 138 139

*mf* *col legno* *ff* *mf* *pizz.*

*col legno* *mf* *ff* *mf* *pizz.*

*col legno* *mf* *ff* *mf* *pizz.*

*p* *mf*

*p* *mf*

Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vcl.  
D.B.

141 142 143 144 145

Vln. 1 *o* (snap pizz.) *pizz. (norm.)* *soli arco*

Vln. 2 *o* (snap pizz.) *pizz. (norm.)*

Vla. *o* (snap pizz.) *pizz. (norm.)*

Vcl. *soli arco*

D.B.

*sfz* *mf* *f*

146 147 148 149 150 151

152 Allegro vivace (♩ = 160)

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 *arco* *p* *mf*

Vla. *arco* *p* *mf*

Vcl. *mp* *f*

D.B. *p* *mf*

156

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 *o* (snap pizz.)

Vla. *o* (snap pizz.)

Vcl.

D.B.

157 158 160

Vln. 1 *port.*

Vln. 2 *p*

Vla. *p*

Vcl.

D.B. *p*

162 164 165 166

168 **accel.**

Vln. 1 (V)

Vln. 2

Vla. *f*

Vcl. *f*

D.B. *arco* *f*

167 169 170 171

**Presto** (♩. = c. 69)

Vln. 1 *p*

Vln. 2 *p*

Vla. *p*

Vcl. *p*

D.B. *p*

172 173 174 175

accel.

Vln. 1  
*cresc. poco a poco*  
*mp*

Vln. 2  
*cresc. poco a poco*  
*mp*

Vla.  
*cresc. poco a poco*  
*mp*

Vcl.  
*cresc. poco a poco*  
*pizz.*  
*mp*

D.B.  
*cresc. poco a poco*  
*mp*

177 178 179 181

184

Vln. 1  
*mf*

Vln. 2  
*mf*

Vla.  
*mf*

Vcl.  
*mf*  
*cresc.*

D.B.  
*arco*  
*mf*  
*cresc.*

182 183 185 186

Vln. 1  
*f*

Vln. 2  
*f*

Vla.  
*f*

Vcl.  
*f*

D.B.  
*f*

187 189 190

192 Prestissimo (♩. = c. 80)

Vln. 1 *ff*

Vln. 2 *ff*

Vla. *ff*

Vcl. *ff*

D.B. *ff* *pizz.*

193 194 195 196

Vln. 1 *fp* *long port.*

Vln. 2 *fp* *long port.*

Vla. *fp* *long port.*

Vcl. *fp* *long port.*

D.B. *fp*

197 198 199 200 201 202

Vln. 1 *ffz* *G.P.* *pizz.* *A tempo* *p*

Vln. 2 *ffz* *pizz.* *p*

Vla. *ffz* *pizz.* *p*

Vcl. *ffz* *pizz.* *p*

D.B. *ffz* *arco* *pizz.* *p*

203 204 205 207