

SPRING FORWARD

For String Orchestra
By: Mark Lortz

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Spring Forward Program Notes

Written during the record breaking cold winter of 2015, the piece is reflective of upcoming warm days, and conveys the feelings of hope and prosperity. As I wrote the piece it reminded me of walking barefoot in the grass soaking in the sun and smelling the fresh spring air.

Spring Forward was written as a gift to my former student, and good friend, James Kranz, and the Atholton Elementary School Orchestra of Columbia, Maryland.

Instrumentation

Violin 1
Violin 2
Viola
Cello
Bass
Piano
Optional Snare Drum and Triangle

Mark Lortz is Director of Bands at Stevenson University (Stevenson, MD). Prior to his appointment Mr. Lortz was the Fine Arts Department Chair and Band and Orchestra director at Westminster high school (Westminster, Maryland). Under his leadership, the school's music department has received awards from the Music Educators National Conference and the Maryland Music Educators Association for exemplary music programs. The marching band has also won titles at numerous regional band competitions and the Westminster high school music department was selected as a national semi finalist Grammy Signature School.

Mr. Lortz earned degrees from The Peabody Conservatory of Music of the Johns Hopkins University, majoring in percussion performance, music education and composition. He has performed with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, the Baltimore Chamber Symphony, the Baltimore Choral Arts Society, the Baltimore Opera Orchestra, the Gettysburg Symphony, The Dallas Brass, the New York Pops Orchestra, and in orchestras with various concert and theatrical productions.

Mr. Lortz's original music, arrangements and transcriptions have been premiered at the prestigious Mid West Band and Orchestra Clinic, Bands of America National Percussion Festival, universities, music schools, conservatories and high schools throughout the nation. In 2013, the World Champion Baltimore Ravens commissioned him to compose a new composition for the Baltimore Ravens Marching Band which will be performed at every Ravens home football game. He is the brass arranger for the world champion Drum Corps Associates (DCA) Drum & Bugle Corps The Reading Buccaneers and has arranged marching band music for high schools and colleges throughout the country. He is constantly in demand as an adjudicator, clinician and guest conductor and is a Marching Percussion Specialist and Scholastic Educator for the Vic Firth Percussion Education Program. Mr. Lortz has been recognized as one of the "50 Directors Who Make a Difference" by School Band & Orchestra magazine



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Mark Lortz (ASCAP)

Allegro ($\text{♩} = \text{c. } 144$)

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

Piano

Optional Snare Drum

Optional Triangle

Div.

5

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Div.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

Pno.

Opt. S. Dr.

Opt. Trgl.

17

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

Div. [25] pizz.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla. pizz.

Vc. *mf* pizz.

D.B.

Pno. *mf*

Opt. S. Dr. *mf*

Opt. Trgl.

18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 ***f*** 26

Vln. 1 arco

Vln. 2 *mf* > *p* arco

Vla. *mf* > *p*

Vc. *mf* > *p*

D.B. *mf* > *p*

Pno. *mf* > *p*

Opt. S. Dr. *mf* > *p*

Opt. Trgl. ***p***

27 28 29 30 31 ***p*** 32 33 34

35

Vln. 1
f

Vln. 2
f

Vla.
f

Vc.
f

D.B.
f

Pno.
f

Opt. S. Dr.
f

Opt. Trgl.

43
Div.
Div.
Div.

35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

Pno.

Opt. S. Dr.

Opt. Trgl.

Div.
Div.
Div.
Div.
Div.

44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52