Adventure on the Water

Austin Isaac

Instrumentation

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Double Bass



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About the music

Adventure on the Water is a fast paced and energetic piece that describes an exciting day on the water that students will enjoy performing. It starts with an optimistic and quick melody which is then answered by a counter melody. Then, seemingly out of nowhere, the weather starts to shift and a storm takes place as the B section takes over. There is a brief respite in the music as a break in the weather is starting to take place, and then the countermelody is reintroduced followed by the main melody, which triumphantly concludes this exciting adventure.

I encourage students to imagine their own characters and location to this story to make it unique. I hope you enjoy!

For the director

This piece will incorporate all sections of the orchestra in melody and harmonic accompaniment sections. Fingerings are given for the few shifts in cello and bass sections along with reminder fingerings throughout the piece and orchestra. The B section, starting at measure 35, can be felt and conducted in two as well. Bowings and lifts are clearly marked to help students learn this piece the first time they play it.

About the composer

Austin Isaac is the high school orchestra director at Lake Braddock Secondary School and is also the lead of the orchestra collaborative team. He has taught orchestra at the elementary and secondary levels in both public and private schools in Virginia and received his B.M. from James Madison University with a concentration in instrumental education and his master's degree in education from George Mason University.

He has been commissioned for original works and has composed works for string orchestra, festival orchesta, full orchestra, concert band, and choir. Austin is also a conductor on the artistic staff for the Capitol Symphonic Youth Orchestras.

His original works and arrangements have been selected as J.W. Pepper's Editor's Choice selections and have been published with Cane River Music Publishing, Carl Fischer Publishing, Wingert-Jones Publishing, and Zicato Music. Austin has served as a guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator for honor orchestras and district assessment performances in various regions of Virginia.

Under his direction, the Lake Braddock Middle School Chamber Orchestra was invited to perform at the 2016 annual VMEA In-Service Conference and the Lake Braddock Symphony Orchestra was invited to perform at the 2020 Music For All National Orchestra Festival and the 2024 VMEA In-Service Conference. Austin lives in Alexandria, Virginia with his wife Nicole and their two cats, Lychee and BK.



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