KENDOR CONCERT STRING ORCHESTRA SERIES

Danse Macabre

ORCHESTRA GRADE 3, SOLO VIOLIN GRADE 4 • DURATION 5:15

by Camille Saint-Saëns

arranged by James 'Red' McLeod

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Full Score
- 1 Solo Violin
- 8 1st Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 Bass
- 1 opt. Piano

EXTRA SCORES & PARTS AVAILABLE

To The Director

Although he was one of the leading figures in the restoration of French symphonic music, master teacher, performer (piano and organ) and composer Camille Saint-Saëns (1835 - 1921) is best remembered for just a few of the hundreds of compositions he wrote. Composed in 1874, Danse Macabre (Dance Of Death) is among them; others include the opera Samson And Dalila and Carnival Of The Animals for two pianos and orchestra.

Saint-Saëns was an especially gifted orchestrator, and his use of instruments often reveals a delightful, refreshing sense of humor. This work is a perfect example -- it is incredibly clever and witty. The mistuned solo violin (Eb, A, D, G) plays an eerie, melancholy motive in this largely repetitive piece consisting primarily of two contrasting themes and variations thereof. In this adaptation for student string orchestras, the arranger has preserved as much of the original as possible.

JAMES 'RED' MCLEOD

Minnesota born and educated, his career includes a rich diversity of activities. Red's 19-year tenure as musical director and arranger for The Golden Strings serves as an invaluable reference in his preparation of editions for student performers. In addition, he has written hundreds of arrangements for radio programs, touring acts, ice shows and more, and was entertainment director for the Minnesota Vikings football for 25 years.



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