Emperor Waltz

(Op. 437)

GRADE 2 • DURATION 3:50

by Johann Strauss II

arranged by **Deborah Baker Monday**

Kendor Cadet String Ordinestra Series

INSTRUMENTATION 1 - Full Score

8 - 1st Violin

8 - 2nd Violin

3 - 3rd Violin (Vla. TC)

5 - Viola

5 - Cello

Bass

1 - opt. Plano

EXTRA SCORES & PARTS AVAILABLE

To The Director

The "Kaiser-Emperor" Waltz, as this piece was officially named, was written as a tribute to the meeting of the Austrian Emperor Franz Josef with the German Kaiser Wilhelm II in 1889, their "toast of friendship". It was the most popular of Strauss' later works and sets a tone of pomp and majesty.

This arrangement for string orchestra uses most of the thematic materials contained in the original. A very short introduction leads to the first waltz theme sounding beautiful and warm in the viola and cello sections. The second, brighter theme is stated by the first violins. These two sections return in different voicings which keep the piece unfolding constantly. The third theme provides a perfect chance for cello and bass sections to play melodically. The first two themes are brought back and lead to the coda, keeping the tunes joyfully whirling to a dramatic conclusion.

Students will gain great insight into the glorious age of the Viennese waltz which culminates with the works of Johann Strauss II. The waltz was a smash hit from its emergence as a country dance until it was absorbed into the social circles in Vienna.

There are many occasions when certain instruments are the "accompaniment". Depending on the size of your group, you may choose a different bowing style. The offbeats of the "Oom, pah, pah" pattern could be played with a light, brushing bow stroke or even more off the string. Try both styles to get the best balance for your particular group. The downbeats will require a good "setting" of the bow into the string with a "swoop" stroke or "martele". For the most part, keep the separate notes short and any slurred notes smooth.

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