

RONDEAU

from Abdelazer Suite

HENRY PURCELL

Arranged by

Deborah Baker Monday

Instrumentation

- 1 Full Score
- 8 Violin 1
- 8 Violin 2
- 5 Violin 3 (Viola T.C.)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Violoncello
- 5 Double Bass

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The Arranger

Deborah Baker Monday continues to teach in the award winning Logan City orchestra program. She received her B.M.E., magna cum laude, from Florida State University with an emphasis in string education. She was awarded an academic fellowship to attend the University of Alabama where she received her M.M. in composition. She continued her studies at Louisiana State University where she received the Chancellor's Award to participate with the L.S.U. symphony orchestra under the direction of James Yestadt. She has studied theory and composition with Harold Schiffman, John Boda, Frederic Goossen, Paul Hedwall and Dinos Constantinides.

When she moved to Utah, Ms. Monday continued to be an active bass performer. After completing all of the course work and passing the written and oral portions of the doctoral exams, she was hired to teach in the Logan City School District as a low string specialist. During her tenure with Logan she has pursued her interest in composition and arranging for educational strings. This has been a rewarding part of her career while she and her husband, Bill, have raised four amazing children. She has received awards for outstanding elementary teaching and for Superior Accomplishment with the UtahASTA and UtahMEA, respectively.

Ms. Monday has presented at numerous state music conferences throughout the U.S. as well as several national ASTA conventions, the Midwest Clinic, and the prestigious Ohio State String Teachers' Workshop. She is very active as a guest conductor and adjudicator and has received awards and commissions for her work. Her studies in composition and experience in string teaching have combined to make her one of the leading contributors to the repertoire for young string players.

About the Music

Henry Purcell (1659-1695) was considered one of the greatest composers from England. His fame was not surpassed until the 20th century with the emergence of the music of Edward Elgar, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Gustav Holst, William Walton and Benjamin Britten. We certainly know their music! Purcell's life was short but his immense body of work actually earned him the status to be buried in Westminster Abbey.

In 1695 Henry Purcell composed incidental music for the tragic play Abdelazer (the play was written by an English woman, Aphra Behn, one of the first known English women to earn her living by writing). Rondeau is the second of ten movements for the play. Several of the movements are similar to those of the Baroque suite but Rondeau is in the classical rondo form, a clear cut ABACA.

Purcell has also had a strong influence on the composers of the English musical renaissance of the early 20th century, most notably Benjamin Britten who arranged many of Purcell's works. His Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra is a theme and variations based on this Rondeau.

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