SALUT D'AMOUR

(Love's Greeting)

EDWARD ELGAR

Arranged by SOON HEE NEWBOLD

INSTRUMENTATION

- 1 Conductor Score
- 8 Violin
- 8 Violin 2
- 5 Viola
- 5 Violoncello
- 5 Double Bass
- I Plano (opt.)





THE COMPOSER

Soon Hee Newbold is an internationally acclaimed composer and conductor known for incorporating differing cultural and ethnic styles in her writing inspired by her experiences and travel. She started her musical journey at the age of 5 on piano and violin at age 7 and performed as a concert artist in professional ensembles around the world.

As a composer, Ms. Newbold's works are performed by groups ranging in all levels from professional symphonies to beginning elementary ensembles in venues such as Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, Wolf Trap, Disney Hall, Lincoln Center, the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, and many more worldwide stages.

Ms. Newbold is frequently sought after as a keynote speaker and guest clinician. She has conducted and worked with orchestras and bands throughout the U.S. and overseas such as The Netherlands, Belgium, Australia, Indonesia, Singapore, and China. As a filmmaker and composer in Hollywood, her music can also be heard in film and other recording projects.

ABOUT THE MUSIC

Salut d'Amour, originally titled Liebesgruss (Love's Greeting), was a love letter from Elgar to his fiancé as an engagement gift and has become one of his most loved and known works. The piece was originally written for violin and piano, but different versions including piano solo, cello, and orchestra were also published in 1888.

I wanted to adapt this work for string orchestra in honor of Robert D. McCashin, former director of orchestras at James Madison University, and his late wife Charlie who sadly passed away in 2022. Bob McCashin and Charlie, both violinists, shared a passion for music performance and education. In addition to an excellent career in conducting, violin performance, and teaching, Bob is also a prolific published arranger and composer. I thought it so fitting to take one of my favorite works and present this "love greeting" to Bob and Charlie who I got to know quite well during my time at JMU.

Thank you for the generous contributions from so many who came together to create this very special tribute and memorable premiere and performance for the JMU Spring String Thing 2023. Notable names include:

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PERFORMANCE NOTES

Take time on phrases and keep the tempo fluid. Musical phrases should be long and the bowing quite legato. Even staccato markings should have a slight lift feel and not abruptly short. The tenuto markings over the notes are played as a slight accent or with emphasis and not as a shorter separated note.

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