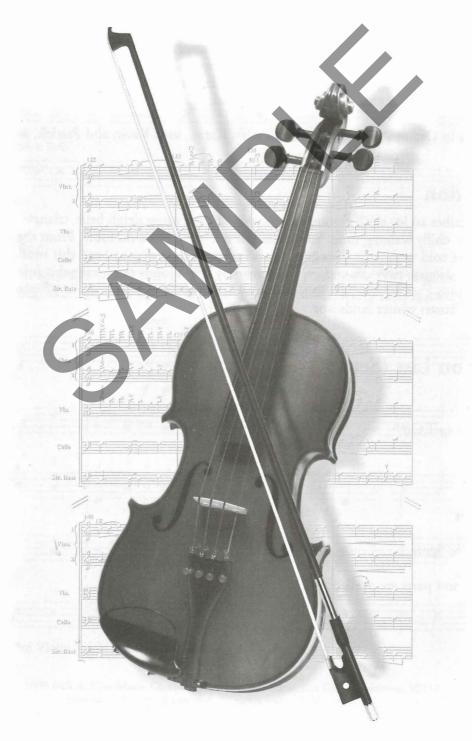
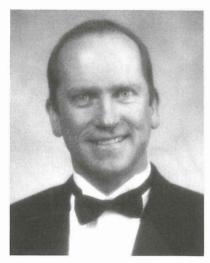
Kjos String Orchestra Grade 2¹/₂ Full Conductor Score SO224F \$5.00

Brendan McBrien

Winter Walk



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The Composer

Brendan McBrien grew up in Sunnyvale, California where he began his musical training on the horn at age 10. He received his Bachelor and Masters degrees in music from California State University, Long Beach where he studied horn with Calvin Smith, composition with Justus Matthews, and conducting with John Carnahan.

An active adjudicator, clinician, and honor group conductor, Mr. McBrien has presented workshops at both California Band Directors Association and California Music Educators Association state conventions. He is also a freelance musician, composer, arranger, and contributing writer to *The Instrumentalist* journal. For the past 25 years, his professional playing experiences have included symphony orchestra, theater, movie, and television work. His compositions for both orchestra and band are published with Alfred Publishing Company, Neil A. Kjos Music

Company, and Warner Brothers. His string orchestra publications with Neil A. Kjos Music Company include *The Game* and *Three Outdoor Sketches*.

Since 1988, Brendan McBrien has been director of instrumental music at Venado Middle School, and director of orchestra at Irvine High School, both in Irvine, California. He currently serves as Vice President of Membership for the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association.

Mr. McBrien lives in Orange, California with his wife, Karen, sons Kevin and Patrick, and daughter Megan.

The Composition

Winter Walk describes an icy stroll through a snowy landscape using sleigh bells, triangle, and pizzicato strings to accompany this happy, chilly walking tune. You could call it a "sleigh ride on foot." From the outset, the 2nd Violins complain loudly of the cold with forte dissonances, and seem to be trying to head this musical journey towards the warm indoors! But persistence pays off, and even the grumpy 2nd Violins can't resist this infectious tune. In the end, the music walks off into the distance, leaving a solo violinist to play one final, icy fragment of the tune before disappearing into the frozen winter landscape.

Instrumentation List (Set C

- 8 1st Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 5 3rd Violin (Viola T.C.)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass
- 2 Percussion:
 - Sleigh Bells Triangle
- 1 Full Conductor Score

Additional scores and parts are available.

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Full Conductor Score Approx. time – 3:00

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* A part for 3rd Violin (Viola T. C.) is included.

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