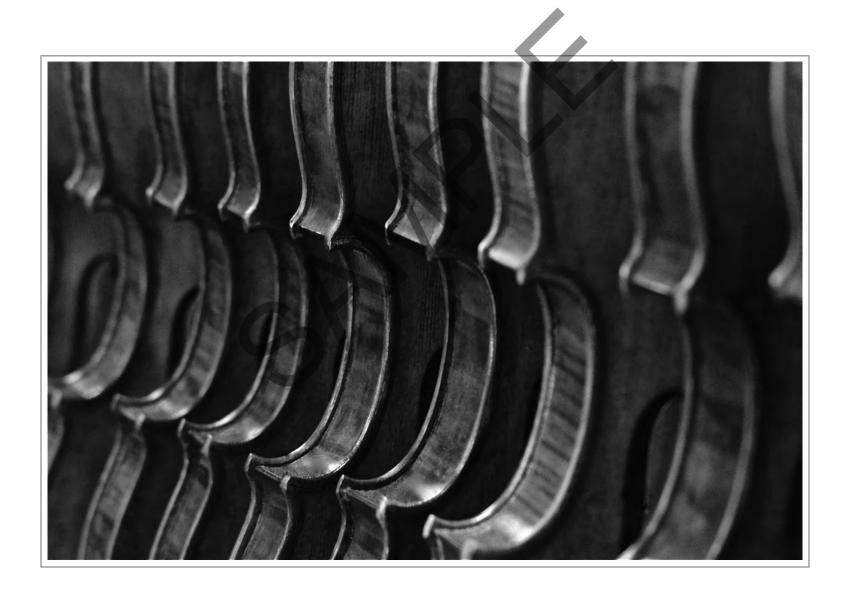
R. Scott Whittington

Highland Air





The Composer

A graduate of the Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto, Scott majored in clarinet, studying with the virtuoso Joaquim Valdepenas. He also completed studies in arranging, orchestra technique, and music pedagogy. Scott has been actively engaged in adult and youth music education for over 30 years, teaching both instrumental and vocal music. A frequently-commissioned composer, he has written over 70 compositions, including works in the symphony, choral, jazz orchestra and popular song genres. Scott has a particular interest in composing pieces for developing string players. Equally at home in the fields of classical music and jazz, he is also an avid piano/vocal interpreter of jazz standards and French and Italian popular vocal music. Scott is a member of the Canadian League of Composers.

The Composition

Feelings of yearning and introspection set the tone for this expressive piece, written in the spirit of the timeless Scottish and Irish folk song tradition. *Highland Air* begins with a lonely violin solo. Soon after, a simple melody unfolds, stated by the first violin section. Open string 5ths are found throughout, lending an old-country air to the piece. *Highland Air* also features contrapuntal writing where all sections of the orchestra enter independently and play off each other. Soaring countermelodies bring new and ever gorgeous timbres, lending a colorful richness, akin to the beauty found in the highland regions of Scotland. The piece concludes in a new key, with the celli restating the major theme and finally with the upper strings closing out the work as softly as it began.

Instrumentation List (Set C)

- 8 Ist Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass
- I Rehearsal Piano (Optional)
- I Full Conductor Score

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Approx. performance time—4:30

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