



## **About the Composer**

Kevin Sluder is an orchestra director in Frisco, TX. Since 2007, he has taught at both the middle and high school levels.

In addition to writing for string orchestra, Mr. Sluder enjoys songwriting, recording his own music, getting lost in video games, camping, and co-hosting the string education podcast Rite of String.

## **Program Notes**

We all have our favorite superheroes. There are those who fight crime, have special mutant powers, and sometimes even save the plane from certain, en!

However, there are many types of heroes in our world. Some solve mysteries, some save lives, and some simply help you with you homework. On occasion, the average person can find themselves in a position where they have to become a hero, whether they intended to or not. We love stories of Good Samaritans, strangers who come to the aid of others, simply because they saw the need for assistance. They could save someone from a burning building, or simply shange a flat tipe. In the blink of an eye, any person could become a hero, they is a have to cheese to help those in need.

Sudden Hero honors the many heroes in our lives, the people who put others before themselves to make the world a better place. Make sure to thank your parents, siblings, doctors, mikary members, firefighters, police officers.....even orchestra directors ;-)

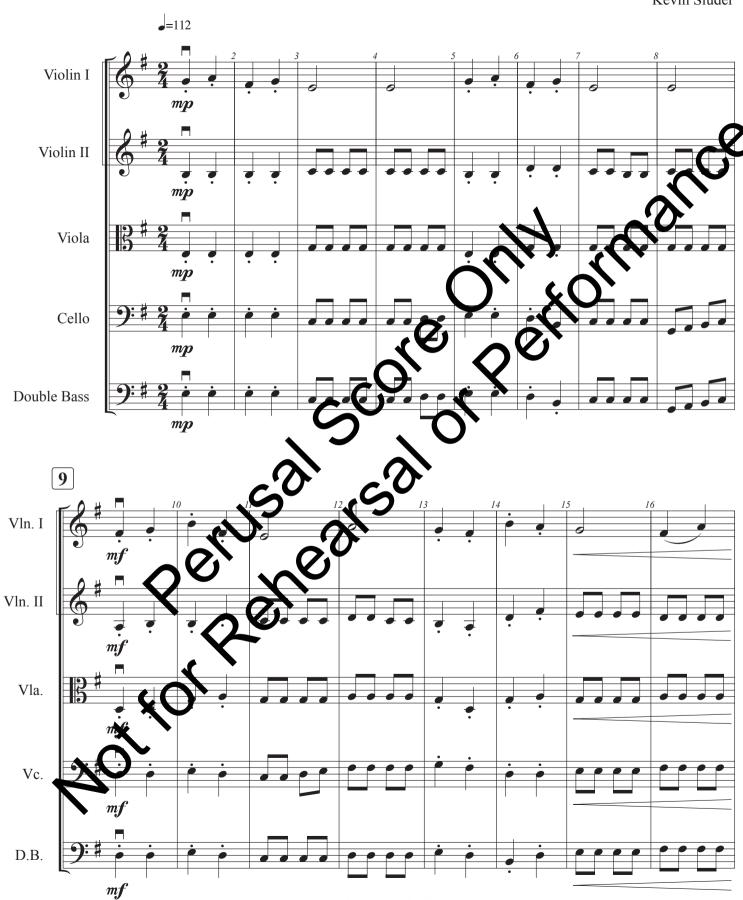
## Conductor's Note

Sudden Hero is a Major piece written in a lively 2/4, with straight-forward rhythms throughout. It recures the frequent passing around of melodic material, allowing for each section become the "hero" of the piece. Help your students listen for "the hero" and encourage them to bring out the melody whenever they have it.

The 1st violins are encouraged to use III position from m.80-89, as well as II position for cellos from m.71-75. The staccato markings are intended to be fairly short, but with some weight to them. Watch out for the interweaving ties in the ending. The counting will take some work, but the payoff resolutions are worth it!

I hope you and your students enjoy Sudden Hero!

Kevin Sluder



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