

Jingle Old St. Nick!

(Jingle Bells, Jolly Old St. Nicholas)
Arranged by PETER BLAIR

Instrumentation

Full Score
Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Cello
Bass
Piano (Rehearsal Only)



About the Composer

Blair Bielawski has an extensive and varied background in music education, composition, and performance. He holds a BA from Carroll University (Waukesha, WI) and an MA from the University of Wisconsin.

Currently, Blair is the Jazz Editor at Excelcia Music Publishing. An accomplished composer and arranger, he has over 70 compositions and arrangements in print, as well as many commissions for college, high school, and middle school groups throughout the United States. His music for jazz ensemble has been published by Hal Leonard, Lorenz/Heritage JazzWorks, Alfred and Kendor.

Blair has been recognized by ASCAP for his compositions for jazz ensemble and vocal jazz choir. His music has appeared in many network and cable TV shows including Blind Spot, CSI, Agents of SHIELD and Las Vegas. His movie credits include "The Imitation Game" and "The Box".

As a performer, Blair has worked with artists including Natalie Cole Tony Bennett, Aretha Franklin, the Temptations and the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. He has worked with the Broadway touring companies of 42nd Street, Thoroughly Modern Millie, Annie, Chicago, A Chorus Line, and Guys and Dolls. As a clinician, he has presented workshops for Ohio, Colorado, Minnesota, Illinois, California, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Florida Music Educator Conferences as well as being the featured speaker for sessions in London, Toronto, and Vancouver.

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It is always fun and challenging to create a new arrangement of traditional carols. It is a balancing act between adding too much new material and losing track of the original song and not having enough new music to make it interesting and fresh. I hope that I found a good middle ground with this easy medley of *Jingle Bells* and *Jolly Old St. Nicholas*. Everyone gets a turn at the melody during the arrangement, and it uses just the first six notes of the D major scale.

After the introduction, the Violins and Violas have the melody first. The introduction comes back again to set up the Cellos and Basses with their turn at the melody. At measure 41 Violin 1 has the *Jingle Bells* melody *pizzicato* with Violin 2 and Viola playing *Jolly Old St. Nicholas*. Measure 53 brings everyone back to *Jingle Bells* to wrap up the arrangement with a flourish.







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