

ARDOR

for String Orchestra

Aaron Kline
(ASCAP)

INSTRUMENTATION

8 – Violin I
8 – Violin II
5 – Viola
5 – Cello
5 – Contrabass

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PROGRAM NOTES

Ardor is a word for enthusiasm and passion. True to its name, this composition will have your students excited about performing, and it will draw audiences in through the dynamic contrasts. The piece is constructed like a palindrome (Introduction A B A Outro). Listen for this symmetry when you hear it performed.

PERFORMANCE NOTES

The key elements to practice for a successful performance of this piece are the double down bows, sensitivity to dynamics, and balance between sections – especially when the melody is not in the first violin.

ABOUT THE COMPOSER

Aaron Kline is a composer based in Atascadero, California. His compositions have been performed at College Music Society conferences throughout the United States. Kline is a lecturer of music at California Polytechnic State University, where he teaches composition, theory, and aural skills. He holds a DMA in Composition with Cognates in Theory and History from Texas Christian University. Prior to earning his doctorate, he taught band and elementary music in Texas. He draws from his experience as an educator and his academic training to produce music that is artistic, engaging, and practical. His research interests include wind ensemble literature, counterpoint, and composition pedagogy. His past composition teachers include Blaise Ferrandino, Neil Anderson-Himmelspace, David Gillingham, José-Luis Maúrtua, Till M. Meyn, and Robert Garwell.

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With energy! ♩ = 144

The musical score is for a string orchestra piece titled "ARDOR" by Aaron Kline. It is a Grade 3 piece with a duration of approximately 2:40. The tempo is marked "With energy! ♩ = 144". The score is written for five parts: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Contrabass. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into three systems, with measures 7, 9, 13, and 17 marked. Dynamic markings include *f* (forte), *mf* (mezzo-forte), *p* (piano), and *sub.p* (sub-piano). Performance instructions include "With energy! ♩ = 144". A large diagonal watermark "SAMPLE" is overlaid on the score.

System 1 (Measures 1-6):

- Violin I:** Starts with *f*, then *mf* and *f* dynamics. Includes a *mf* dynamic at measure 6.
- Violin II:** Starts with *f*, then *mf* and *f* dynamics. Includes a *mf* dynamic at measure 6.
- Viola:** Starts with *f*, then *mp* and *f* dynamics. Includes a *mf* dynamic at measure 6.
- Cello:** Starts with *f*, then *p* and *f* dynamics. Includes a *mf* dynamic at measure 6.
- Contrabass:** Starts with *f*, then *p* and *f* dynamics. Includes a *mf* dynamic at measure 6.

System 2 (Measures 7-12):

- Violin I:** Starts with *f*, then *sub.p* and *f* dynamics. Includes a *mf* dynamic at measure 12.
- Violin II:** Starts with *f*, then *sub.p* and *f* dynamics. Includes a *mf* dynamic at measure 12.
- Viola:** Starts with *f*, then *sub.p* and *f* dynamics. Includes a *mf* dynamic at measure 12.
- Cello:** Starts with *f*, then *sub.p* and *f* dynamics. Includes a *mf* dynamic at measure 12.
- Contrabass:** Starts with *f*, then *sub.p* and *f* dynamics. Includes a *mf* dynamic at measure 12.

System 3 (Measures 13-18):

- Violin I:** Starts with *f*, then *mf* and *f* dynamics. Includes a *mf* dynamic at measure 17.
- Violin II:** Starts with *f*, then *mf* and *f* dynamics. Includes a *mf* dynamic at measure 17.
- Viola:** Starts with *f*, then *mf* and *f* dynamics. Includes a *mf* dynamic at measure 17.
- Cello:** Starts with *f*, then *mf* and *f* dynamics. Includes a *mf* dynamic at measure 17.
- Contrabass:** Starts with *f*, then *mf* and *f* dynamics. Includes a *mf* dynamic at measure 17.

20

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vcl.

Bass

26

30

Violin II cue

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vcl.

Bass

mf

p

mp

32

34

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vcl.

Bass

mf

p

38

Viola cue

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Vcl.

Bass

mf *espress.*

mf *espress.*

46

Play

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Vcl.

Bass

mf

mf

54

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Vcl.

Bass

f

ff

mp

f

ff

p

f

ff

p

f

ff

56 58

Vln. I *mf* *f* *mf*

Vln. II *mf* *f*

Vla. *mf* *f*

Vcl. *mf* *f* *mf*

Bass *mf* *f* *mf*

62 66

Vln. I *f* *mf* *f*

Vln. II *f* (V)

Vla. *f* (V)

Vcl. *f* *mf* *f*

Bass *f* *mf* *f*

69

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vcl.

Bass

The musical score is written for five string parts: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Bass. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The score is divided into three systems. The first system covers measures 56 to 58, with a rehearsal mark at measure 58. The second system covers measures 62 to 66, with a rehearsal mark at measure 66. The third system starts at measure 69. Dynamics include mezzo-forte (mf) and forte (f). Articulation marks (V) are present above various notes. A large, semi-transparent 'SAMPLE' watermark is oriented diagonally across the entire page.

75

Vln. I *ff*

Vln. II *ff*

Vla. *ff*

Vcl. *ff*

Bass *ff*

79

81

Vln. I *f*

Vln. II *f*

Vla. *f*

Vcl. *f*

Bass *f*

86

91

Vln. I *f*

Vln. II *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vcl. *mf*

Bass *mf*

pizz.

p

arco V

f

ff

f

ff

