

*Debut Strings Orchestra Series*

# Valiant Violas

By Sarah Siegler

Grade 0.5

Complete String Orchestra Instrumentation

1 – Full Conductor Score  
8 – Violin 1  
8 – Violin 2  
3 – Violin 3 (Viola TC)  
5 – Viola  
5 – Cello  
5 – Double Bass  
1 – Optional Piano

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## About the Composition:

**Valiant Violas** gives your beginning viola section a chance to shine! This uplifting work is a follow-up to the composer's "Cellos in Charge". It was inspired by a virtual visit with Linnea Bronson's orchestra students at Pomperaug Elementary School in Southbury, Connecticut. While discussing ideas for a possible sequel to Cellos in Charge with the students, the violas were happy to offer "Valiant Violas"! Ms. Siegler was thrilled to accept the challenge. The violas take the lead early with an initial statement of the joyful melody and also end the piece again in the spotlight. All sections take turns with the melody, so all players have interest during the piece. There is a short minor section in the middle to give beginners a chance to explore different tonalities and then the triumphant melody returns for a Valiant finish!

## About the Composer:



**Sarah Siegler** is an active composer, conductor, and educator. She holds a Master of Music Education degree from VanderCook College of Music, Chicago and Bachelor of Music Education from St. Olaf College. She spent the first twenty years of her career as a string orchestra director in both central Connecticut and southeastern Wisconsin. She currently channels her passion for music into the field of educational music publishing as the owner of Grand Mesa Strings.

As a composer, Ms. Siegler has been called, "*A fresh compositional voice that exudes a joy of music in every phrase.*" She draws on her vast array of her musical experiences, from when she played trumpet in marching and pep band, to violin in orchestra, or to singing and directing choir. She loves to create music that will teach students important skills as well as be engaging and meaningful to perform.

Ms. Siegler's published compositions for choir and orchestra have been performed widely throughout the states and internationally. Her music for string orchestra has been selected as "Editor's Choice" by J.W. Pepper and performed at the prestigious Midwest Clinic. She is published with Northwestern Publishing, C. Alan Publications, Wingert-Jones, Alfred, Keiser, Carl Fischer and Grand Mesa Strings. She is a member of ASTA, ACF and ASCAP.

## String Editor: J. Cameron Law

### **Editor's Note:**

Orchestral bowings and fingerings can be highly subjective and personal. The choices a string editor makes are designed to be pedagogically appropriate for specific grade levels while facilitating student musicality and honoring composer intent. The editorial additions in the following composition will provide guidance "right out of the box" for the non-string player and suggest some options for the advanced string specialist. Enjoy!

Score  
Grade 0.5  
Duration: 1:50

# Valiant Violas

Sarah Siegler (ASCAP)

Allegretto ♩ = 112

5

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

Piano  
(Optional)

1

2

3

4

5

6

9

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

Pno.

7

8

9

10

11

12

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2  
Valiant Violas

15

pizz.

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

pizz.

*mf*

*mf*

13

14

15

16

17

18

23

arco

*mf*

*mf*

*f*

*f*

*mf*

*f*

19

20

21

22

23

24

*mf*

pizz.

*mp*

pizz.

*mp*

*mf*

3  
Valiant Violas

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

Pno.

25 26 27 28 29 30

Grain of Music Strings

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

Pno.

31 32 33 34 35 36

Grain of Music Strings

4  
Valiant Violas

37

Vln. 1  
*ff*

Vln. 2  
*ff*

Vla.  
*ff*

Vc.  
*ff*

D.B.  
*ff*

Pno.  
*ff*

37 38 39 40

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

Pno.  
*f*

41 42 43 44

5  
Valiant Violas

45

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

Pno.

45 46 47 48 49 50

*f* *ff* *f* *ff* *mf* *f* *ff*

