

Premiere Strings Orchestra Series

ROCK STAR STRINGS

by Mekel Rogers

Grade 1

Complete String Orchestra Instrumentation

1 – Full Conductor Score
8 – Violin 1
8 – Violin 2 (Viola TC)
5 – Viola
5 – Cello
5 – Bass
1 - Drum Set
1 – Optional Piano

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About the Composition:

Rock Star Strings is a fun work for young students based on the standard 12-bar blues progression that is the basis for early rock and roll music. Be sure to balance both the upper and lower strings during the many call and response sections of the piece to guarantee equal volume. Put strong emphasis on downbeats and separate 8th notes throughout the work for clarity.

This composition is lovingly dedicated to Susan Griffin Corcoran, a longtime friend and amazing international traveling nurse who tirelessly works to improve the lives of some of the most poverty-stricken individuals in the world. Susan is truly a rock star.

I hope you and your students have fun performing Rock Star Strings!

About the Composer:



Mekel Rogers has been involved in music education as a middle school band director and orchestra conductor since 1995. He is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Appalachian State University, a charter member of the Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps, and the founding conductor of the Union Symphony Youth Orchestra. Mekel is also active as a frequent guest clinician and adjudicator for both concert band and orchestral events.

Mekel's music for concert band and orchestra has been performed internationally and received several Editor's Choice Awards from the J. W. Pepper Music Company. Mekel's works have been performed at various district and state honor band and state orchestra events, music educator association conferences, adjudicated festivals, and the Midwest Clinic in Chicago. International performances include concert festivals in Canada, Japan, Australia, and the United Kingdom as well as world premieres in both London, England and Paris, France.

Mekel was inducted into the American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA) in 2008 and is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP).

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Score
Grade 1
Duration: 1:40

for Susan Griffin Corcoran

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Allegro ♩ = 124

Musical score for measures 1-4. The score includes parts for Violin 1, Violin 2 (Viola TC), Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Drum Set, and Piano (opt.). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked Allegro with a quarter note equal to 124 beats per minute. The dynamic marking for the strings is *f* (forte). The drum set part features a consistent rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. The piano part provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

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Musical score for measures 5-8. The score includes parts for Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Drum Set, and Piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The dynamic marking for the strings is *mf* (mezzo-forte). The drum set part continues with the same rhythmic pattern. The piano part continues with harmonic support. A large watermark for 'GRAND MESA STRINGS' is visible over the score.

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ROCK STAR STRINGS

Musical score for Rock Star Strings, measures 9-16. The score is arranged for a string ensemble (Violins 1 & 2, Viola, Violoncello, Double Bass), Drum Set, and Piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes various musical notations such as dynamics (L2, f), articulation (accents, slurs), and performance instructions. A large watermark for 'GRAND STRINGS' is overlaid on the score, featuring a stylized string instrument.

Measures 9-12:

- Vln. 1: L2
- Vln. 2: L2
- Vla.: L2
- Vc.: L2
- D. B.: L2
- Drum Set: Standard rock drum pattern
- Pno.: Accompanying piano part

Measures 13-16:

- Vln. 1: f
- Vln. 2: f
- Vla.: f
- Vc.: f
- D. B.: f
- Drum Set: Standard rock drum pattern
- Pno.: Accompanying piano part

Measure numbers: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.

ROCK STAR STRINGS

18

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

Drum Set

Pno.

17 18 19 20

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

Drum Set

Pno.

21 22 23 24

L2 H2

ROCK STAR STRINGS

25

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

Drum Set

Pno.

25 26 27 28

29

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

Drum Set

Pno.

29 30 31 32

ROCK STAR STRINGS

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

Drum Set

Pno.

33 34 35 36

37

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

Drum Set

Pno.

37 38 39 40

ROCK STAR STRINGS

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

Drum Set

Pno.

41 42 43 44

45

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

Drum Set

Pno.

45 46 47 48

mp

ROCK STAR STRINGS

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
D. B.
Drum Set
Pno.

f

49 50 51 52

The musical score is arranged in a standard orchestral format. The top five staves are for the string section: Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass. The sixth staff is for the Drum Set, and the bottom two staves are for the Piano. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score begins at measure 49 and ends at measure 52. The dynamic marking *f* (forte) is present at the start of each staff. The string parts feature a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, often with accents. The piano part provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The drum set part features a consistent rhythmic pattern. A large, semi-transparent watermark reading 'GRAND MESA STRINGS' is oriented diagonally across the center of the page. In the bottom left corner, there is a circular logo with a blue background and a yellow border, containing stylized yellow silhouettes of a violin, a viola, and a cello.

