Three and Three Quarters A Trivial Trifle

Kevin Kaisershot

The title of this piece, *Three and Three-Quarters*, is not meant as some hidden cryptic message, but simply that of three performers getting together for some musical fun in three-quarter time. It is a lighthearted work, hence the subtitle "A Trivial Trifle."

In any ensemble the idea of balance is always a concern. While every member of this ensemble gets a share of the melodic line at some point, it is important for the other parts to allow that line to speak while being "supportive" both harmonically and rhythmically. The metronome indication is somewhat of a springboard as I would encourage those who can (and please do this sensibly) to work the tempo up to MM = 80.

This work is part of a growing series of original pieces by this talented composer. Many of these titles are already found on contest lists throughout the country.

These like-instrument ensemble works are designed to be performed by junior high and high school level musicians. They are ideal for use in festivals and competitions as well as in concerts, church services and other special events. All pieces are melodically and rhythmically creative with all parts being interesting and suitable in difficulty. (Easy Medium, Medium)

Other titles in this serves

Elegy, Scherzo Diabolique, Novelette, Danse a la Gigue, Modern Day Madrigal, Rondeau Gracieuse, Moments Majestique and Musical Tag.

Kevin Kaisershot was born in Dickinson, North Dakota and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska and Bloomington-Normal, Illinois. His formal training was received at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (BME) and Illinois State University (MM). He has done additional post-graduate work at both Northern Illinois University and Vandercook College of Music. He has studied trumpet with Dennis Schneider and Richard Lehman. He has also studied conducting with Jack R. Snider, Robert B. Allan, Alan McMurray, Mallory Thompson and Richard Floyd. He lives in Aurora, Illinois where he is a freelance composer/arranger and trumpet soloist as well as a music teacher in one of the local area school districts.

Kevin Kaisershot has taught at all levels of instrumental music, both at the public school level (24 years) and the college level (five years). He is a member of several professional organizations, including the International Trumpet Guild, Illinois Music Educators Association, MENC and ASCAP. Among some of his most recent honors, Mr. Kaisershot has been honored with inclusion in several yearly editions of Who's Who Among America's Teachers. He also received in1997 the Award of Recognition from the Illinois State Board of Education as part of their "Those Who Excel" Program.

As a conductor, clinician, and composer, Mr. Kaisershot has become well traveled throughout the Mid-West, and has achieved somewhat of a following worldwide, where his music has received critical acclaim. His band and orchestra compositions are presently on several state contest lists. He has won several awards for his band compositions including the distinction that his march entitled Spectre of Fortune was adopted by the State of Massachusetts Lion's Club Organizations as their official march. He is also a ten-time recipient of the annual ASCAP standard awards for his contributions to the advancement of American/Educational music.

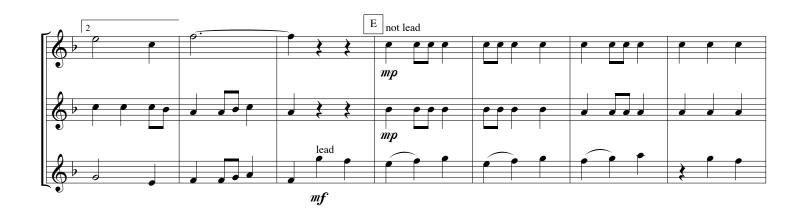
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