**Concert String Orchestra** 

Grade 3



# Escape the Lost City

## Alan Lee Silva

### CAS60 INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score		.1
Violin I		.8
Violin II	<b></b>	8.
Violin III (Viola T.C.)	,	.2
Viola		.5
Cello		.5
Bass		.5
Piano		.1

#### **Program Notes**

It's time to run — erupting from the outset, *Escape The Lost City* drives forward with wild intensity. The theme of the piece is based on the first four notes of the E minor scale. The first statement of the theme in the opening bar is in three voices: the top voice moving up, the middle voice staying on the root, and the bottom voice moving down to then form a three-part chord in fourths.

A slow, steady tempo in rehearsal to get all the sections of the orchestra syncronizing together will be key as there are many spots in the piece where each section is playing their own figure, i.e. mm. 10-36 and related sections.

Cellos carry the tune at m.10 while the other sections have integral parts in creating the feeling of action and excitement. The basses are the solid, percussive foundation and the upper strings play accented staccatos and rapid repeated notes. The violins take over with the soaring melody at m. 18 over pulsing lower strings. The tone changes at m. 48 and the driving staccatos give way to impassioned legato playing as each section is essential in the shift at this point. The first violin carries the broad, flowing melody with the violas and cellos playing important counterlines underneath.

The vigorous flight begins again at m. 68 and dovetails into a question and answer section at m. 80, featuring the separate sections of the orchestra. A return once more to the main melody at m. 94 culminates with rich, cascading harmonies at m. 100. A final majestic *legato* section at m. 104 with soaring violins and a moving viola countermelody sets up the animated sixteenth-note figures at m. 116. Quick ensemble figures, played with precision and passion, highlight the dynamic ending and concludes this whirlwind journey.

#### About the Composer

Alan Lee Silva is a composer, arranger, and orchestrator whose credits include the feature films Cinderella 3 and Enough, and television's 7th Heaven, Brothers and Sisters, and Soul Collector. He scored the independent films Animated American, Full Moon Fables and Eli's Coming and has written songs, arrangements, and background music for theme parks all over the world, including Sea World's Aquatica, Tokyo Disney Sea, Universal Studios Japan and Sesame Street Place.

Alan has enjoyed working with an eclectic mix of clients, including Disney Cruise Lines, Sesame Street, Susan Egan, The Nuclear Whales Saxophone Orchestra, and KISS. His catalogue for Concert Band and String Orchestra is published by Carl Fischer, and his contemporary jazz piece *The Flight* was a favorite on San Francisco radio stations.

Alan lives in Culver City, CA with his wife and two daughters.























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