Sinfonia No. 2 in D Major

Movement 1

FELIX MENDELSSOHN
Arranged by KIRK MOSS

— INSTRUMENTATION –

- 1 Conductor
- 8 1st Violin
- 8 2nd Violin
- 5 Viola
- 5 Cello
- 5 String Bass

An exciting opener for any concert or festival, the educationally appropriate bowings and fingerings in this original literature will save precious rehearsal time and lead to a professional sound.

PROGRAM NOTES

Felix Mendelssohn was born in Hamburg in 1809. In 1812, the family moved to Berlin, and Mendelssohn subsequently received his music education as a pupil of Carl Zelter, from whom the boy studied counterpoint, composition, theory, and the music of the Classical period. The young Mendelssohn wrote his twelve string symphonies between 1821 and 1823, completing the first six of these works at the age of eleven. *Sinfonia No. 2* displays the brilliance and charm of this prodigy composer.

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

The first movement of *Sinfonia No.* 2 exemplifies Mendelssohn's debt to earlier musical models. As an option, employ sonata form by observing the first repeat while omitting the second repeat. Perform eighth notes with a light *spiccato* brush stroke. Note that when the up-bow staccato eighth note occurs on the strong beat, release the sound in the manner of a *collé* stroke by using active bow-hand fingers. For *spiccato* and *collé* exercises to refine the sound, see *Sound Innovations: Sound Development* (Alfred Music Publishing, Inc.).

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

All Belwin string parts have been carefully bowed and fingered appropriately by level. The Yellow Very Beginning series includes many bovings as well as reminder fingerings for first-time readers. The Red Beginning series includes frequent bowings to assist younger players. Fingerings for altered pitches are often marked. The Green Intermediate series includes appropriately placed bowings for middle-level students. Fingerings and positions are marked for notes beyond first position. The Blue Concert series includes bowings appropriate for the experienced high school player. Fingerings and position markings are indicated for difficult passages.

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