RWS Festival Ensemble Series

Grade: 6

Conductor Score: RWS-2454-01

Finale

(from "Enigma Variations")

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INSTRUMENTATION

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B♭ Trumpet 1
B♭ Trumpet 2
B♭ Trumpet 3
B♭ Trumpet 4
F Horn 1
F Horn 2
F Horn 3
F Horn 4
Trombone 1
Trombone 2
Trombone 3
Bass Trombone
Euphonium 1
Euphonium 2
Tuba 1
Tuba 2
Timpani
Percussion 1: Snare Drum, Triangle
Percussion 2: Crash Cymbals, Bass Drum

PROGRAM NOTE

On a late October evening in 1898, Elgar, weary from teaching, began to play the piano, improvising a melody that caught his wife's attention. This seemingly insignificant tune led to a playful conversation and ultimately created the Variations. Each variation was a musical portrayal of his friends, capturing their unique quirks and characteristics. Elgar described this work as beginning "in a spirit of humor & continued in deep seriousness." The Variations, introduced by the esteemed conductor Hans Richter, marked a turning point in Elgar's career and a milestone in English music.

The Enigma Variations presented two mysteries: the identities of the friends portrayed within each variation and a cryptic 'larger theme' that Elgar claimed existed but was never played.

The piece culminates in a resounding finale, with Alice and Nimrod making their return, ending the musical journey in a blaze of glory. This variation, ***Finale***, represents Elgar himself, showcasing his bold and assertive nature.

ABOUT THE ARRANGER

Evan VanDoren is a freelance arranger, composer, and educational consultant. As the owner of VanDoren Music, Evan is commissioned each year to create works for concert and marching ensembles. He has arranged and orchestrated award-winning marching shows for numerous high school bands across the country.

Evan is an active clinician, presenting for Drum Corps International, the Music Educators National Convention, the Texas Bandmasters Association, the Texas Music Educators Association, and Music for All. He regularly consults with band programs around the country. Additionally, Evan is an active adjudicator with Bands of America, the University Interscholastic League, and the Texas Music Adjudicators Association.

Evan is the brass arranger for the Santa Clara Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps, from Santa Clara, California, as well as the leadership faculty of SASI Leadership, based in central Texas.

Before devoting his life to creating music, Evan was a band director at Cedar Park High School, in Cedar Park, Texas, during which time the band was awarded multiple marching state championships and national recognition. He received a Bachelor in Music Education with Honors from Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. Currently, he lives in Cedar Park, Texas, with his wife, Katie, and their dog, Cooper.

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