

Preface

Centre Stage is a series of elementary chamber music arrangements for flexible ensemble which feature a soloist. The pieces are scored in four parts with an optional supporting piano accompaniment.

The study of chamber music is essential for the musical development of any serious student as it encourages careful listening, builds confidence and most importantly, is great fun to play.

These arrangements make ideal concert items and are also suitable for music festivals.



Vorwort

Centre Stage ist eine Reihe von einfachen Kammermusikarrangements für flexible Ensemblekombinationen mit einem Solisten. Die Stücke wurden für vier Stimmen und einer je nach Bedarf einsetzbaren, unterstützenden Klavierbegleitung geschrieben.

Das Studium von Kammermusik ist für jeden ernsthaften Musikschüler unentbehrlich, da es zum aufmerksamen Zuhören anhält, das Selbstvertrauen stärkt und, was am wichtigsten ist, Spaß beim Spielen macht.

Die Stücke eignen sich ideal zum Konzertvortrag und passen auch gut in Musikfestivals.



Préface

Centre Stage est une série d'arrangements de musique de chambre de niveau élémentaire destinés à une formation de composition flexible comprenant un soliste.

Ils sont instrumentés à quatre parties soutenues par un accompagnement de piano facultatif.

La pratique de la musique de chambre est essentielle au développement musical de tout étudiant sérieux. Elle favorise l'écoute attentive, renforce l'assurance et, surtout, procure beaucoup de plaisir.

Ces morceaux constituent des pièces de concert idéales et conviennent à toutes les festivités musicales.

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Orchestration • Besetzung

PART 1	Solo in C	Flute, Oboe or Violin
PART 1	Solo in B♭	Clarinet
PART 1	Solo in E♭	Alto Saxophone
PART 2	in C	Flute, Oboe or Violin
PART 2	in B♭	Clarinet
PART 2	in E♭	Alto Saxophone
PART 3	in C	Violin
PART 3	in B♭	Clarinet
PART 3	in B♭	Tenor Saxophone
PART 3		Viola
PART 3	in F	French Horn
PART 4	in C	Cello, Double Bass or Bassoon
PART 4	in B♭	Bass Clarinet
PIANO (optional) for rehearsal or to support the performance		



Joy to the World

Music attributed to **Lowell Mason**
(1792 – 1872)
arr. James Rae

Allegro

Part 1 (solo)

Part 2

Part 3

Part 4

Piano

Allegro

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Silent Night

Franz Xaver Gruber
(1787–1863)
arr. James Rae

Andante con moto

A

Musical score for four parts (Part 1 solo, Part 2, Part 3, Part 4) and piano. The score is in 3/4 time, key signature of B-flat major. The vocal parts enter at measure 10, marked **p dolce**. The piano part begins earlier, also marked **p dolce**. The vocal entries feature eighth-note patterns with grace notes.

Andante con moto

B

Continuation of the musical score. The vocal parts continue their eighth-note patterns with grace notes. The piano part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords. Measure numbers 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 are indicated above the staves. The dynamic marking **cresc.** appears three times, indicating a渐强 (crescendo) in the piano part.