

Backyard Polka & Segue Jig
Celtic Style Medley for Full Orchestra
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Backyard Polka: 2/4, Key of D, Tempo 92-ish, (original)
Segue Jig: 6/8, Key of D, Tempo 92-ish, (original) (pronounced seg-way)
Lead sheets are available for both tunes

Difficulty Level: Community orchestras, with First Coast Pops Orchestra in mind as premiere.
This is an investment in local community music.

Delivery: Expected Dec 2023 – ready for performance Spring 2023.
MP3 & Demo video will be shared.
(I will make it commercially available at my discretion, likely after FCPO premieres)

Instrumentation: (Negotiable as of May 2023)

Picc (opt)
Flute 1-2
Oboe 1-2
Clarinet 1-2
Bassoon 1-2 (also transposed for Tenor Sax & Bass Clarinet)
Horn 1-4 (is 4 parts ok?)
Trumpet 1-2 (maybe 1-3)
Trombone 1-2
Tuba
Strings (elec bass can double contrabass)
Percussion: TBD (Likely instruments found on a trap set: snare, bass, tambourine, cymbals)
Timpani undecided
NO bells, xylophone, marimba because I don't think FCPO has them?
Keyboard: Not planned, but could create a part that doubles something above?
Accordion: Will not be in the score, but I can create a part since FCPO has a player.

NO solos or exposed duos
NO funky rhythms/hemiolas (This is the problem with We Wish You a Merry Christmas)
Parts 1-2 will be on the same page for personnel fluctuations (except violins)
Cues and/or section markers will be on parts (beginning is strings only)
Every section gets a chance at melody

My goals are simple: focus on local music, create something that will allow FCPO/community orchestras to shine, delight audiences, and give new life to my own music. The original tunes are Celtic in nature, though polkas did not begin with the Celtic people. (When I play Backyard Polka on the tin whistle, it's Celtic.) I am open to discussing the piece with FCPO conductor, board, and players as I work on it. If future rehearsals expose issues I need to address, I am willing to make changes. I want this to work well for both of us.

Backyard Polka

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G D G Em A7

5 D Bm Em A Em A D A7 D

9 D G A Em Em7 A A7

13 D G A7 D Em A D A7 D

Segue Jig

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D A Em A

5 D A Em Bm A7 D

9 D A D G

13 D A D Em A7 D