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Concert 3, February 2, 2017– Inspired by Youth

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***Joust* – Richard Meyer (MS, WMHS, and MP strings combined)**

Instrumentation – Strings

This simple, yet mature-sounding, piece is sure to spark your students' imagination, taking them back to the exciting jousting tournaments of medieval times. Driving eighth notes, minor and modal harmonies, and unexpected accents contribute to the excitement and energy. This piece is a great opportunity to improve students' reading on the lower strings.

Born in 1957, **Richard Meyer** is a full-time public school teacher and has taught string students at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels for over 30 years. Currently, he directs the orchestras at Oak Avenue Intermediate School in Temple City, California, and is in charge of the city's elementary string program.

Mr. Meyer was the music director of the Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra for 16 years, conducting them in performances in New York, Washington D.C., Vienna, Australia, and Canada. He is a much sought-after clinician throughout the United States, and has been a featured clinician at the A.S.T.A. National Conference, and String Teachers' Workshops at Ohio State University and Birch Bay, Washington. He has also guest-conducted All-State Orchestras in several states.

Mr. Meyer is a nationally recognized, best-selling composer with over 130 compositions and arrangements in print, and is the string editor for Alfred Music. He is the co-author of several string method books, including the popular String Explorer series, and, most recently, "Sight-Read It for Strings." He and his wife, Rose, live in Arcadia, California, and have three daughters.

YouTube Videos –

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