

# A FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Traditional  
Arranged by Bud Caputo

## INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score	1
Violin I	8
Violin II	8
Viola	5
Cello	5
String Bass	5

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### Program Notes

Chanukah is an annual Jewish festival that is celebrated for eight successive days. It begins on the 25th day of Kislev, the third month of the Jewish calendar year (a month that roughly corresponds to December in the Gregorian calendar). It is also known as the Festival of Lights, Feast of Dedication, and Feast of the Maccabees. Chanukah commemorates the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem by Judas Maccabee in 165 BC, after the Temple had been profaned by Antiochus IV Epiphanes, king of Syria and overlord of Palestine. It also commemorates the miracle of the oil that burned for 8 days.

Bud Caputo's arrangement of six traditional Chanukah folk songs: "Maoz Tsur," "Oseh Shalom," "S'vivon," "Mi Yamaiel," "Chanukah," and "My Dreydl," helps teachers meet the Music Educators National Standard No. 9 by exposing students to multicultural music in its historical context. From a technical standpoint, this work challenges students to make rapid tempo and key-change adjustments, which are a reflection of the somber and joyous qualities of these Hebrew folk songs.

### Notes To The Conductor

Be sure to observe all tempo markings. While no tempo change is indicated for the final song, "My Dreydl," students will enjoy the challenge of playing this as fast as possible. The viola part is somewhat independent throughout, and should be kept in balance at all times.