

NORWEGIAN ARTISTS' CARNIVAL (Opus 16) ROMANCE (Opus 26)

BY

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(born in Christiania, September 30, 1840; died in Copenhagen, June 14, 1911)

Arranged for Military Band
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Johan Severin Svendsen was the son of a military bandmaster and an artist of unusual gifts and abilities. When only eleven years of age, he composed violin pieces and at fifteen enlisted in the army where he was soon after appointed bandmaster. When twenty-three years old, he entered the Leipsic Conservatory and studied with such celebrated masters as David, Hauptmann, Richter and Reinecke.

In 1871, he married an American lady in New York, and subsequently became conductor of the Christiania Musical Association, and the Royal Theatre at Copenhagen. He composed symphonies, overtures, Norwegian Rhapsodies and numerous works of a miscellaneous character, the best known of which are the two compositons included in this double number, the *Norwegian Artists' Carnival* and the *Romance*, originally written as a violin solo and firmly established as one of the most original and successful violin solos of modern times.

The Norwegian Artists' Carnival is chiefly based upon a Norwegian Dance Melody and also introduces an Italian song, accounted for by the popularization of Italian music by bandmasters of that nation imported into Norway during Svendsen's time.

Details as to any particulars regarding the above-named *Carnival* or the *Romance* are entirely lacking. From the very start the *Romance* has maintained itself as a violin solo of exceptional artistic value and its present re-arrangement should prove of very unusual interest to every Military Band in search of standard works of merit.

The Carnival should prove of excellent service for the opening of better grade concerts, for which a composition of vigorous and spirited nature is desired.

The present re-arrangement of the *Norwegian Artists' Carnival* based upon the original orchestra version has been prepared with exacting care by V. F. Safranek. In this number, as well as in the *Romance*, every possible attention has been given to reproduction of original effects wherever possible and the thorough system of cues and lettered measures, profusely scattered throughout, renders the individual parts more serviceable and of greater practical benefit for rehearsing than those of any existing edition.

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