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### **David Simkins 'Victory'**

David, a sixth form student at a local secondary school, approached Dorset Music Service in the Autumn Term 2018 to ask if we would be interested in performing his composition 'Victory', which he had written to commemorate the Armistice of 1918.

Looking at the score we found that the music was exactly the right standard for one of our orchestras (grade 3-6) and had the energy and excitement that appeals to young players.

As we had a large-scale concert approaching the piece was perfect for starting the programme and we realised that it would work well as a piece that all our groups could join forces for. So, David was asked to write extra parts for saxophones from the jazz group, easier parts for some of our beginners and more challenging parts for the more advanced.

Despite being in his final year of A levels, David was immediately onto writing the extra parts which were completed with exacting standards. David also joined us on the marimba.

The performance in the Bournemouth Pavilion conducted by William Goodchild was a huge success received with great enthusiasm from both the audience and young musicians.

David was thoroughly professional in his communication and quality of work and I would heartily recommend 'Victory' as an exciting addition to the youth orchestra repertoire.

### **Dianne Ely**

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