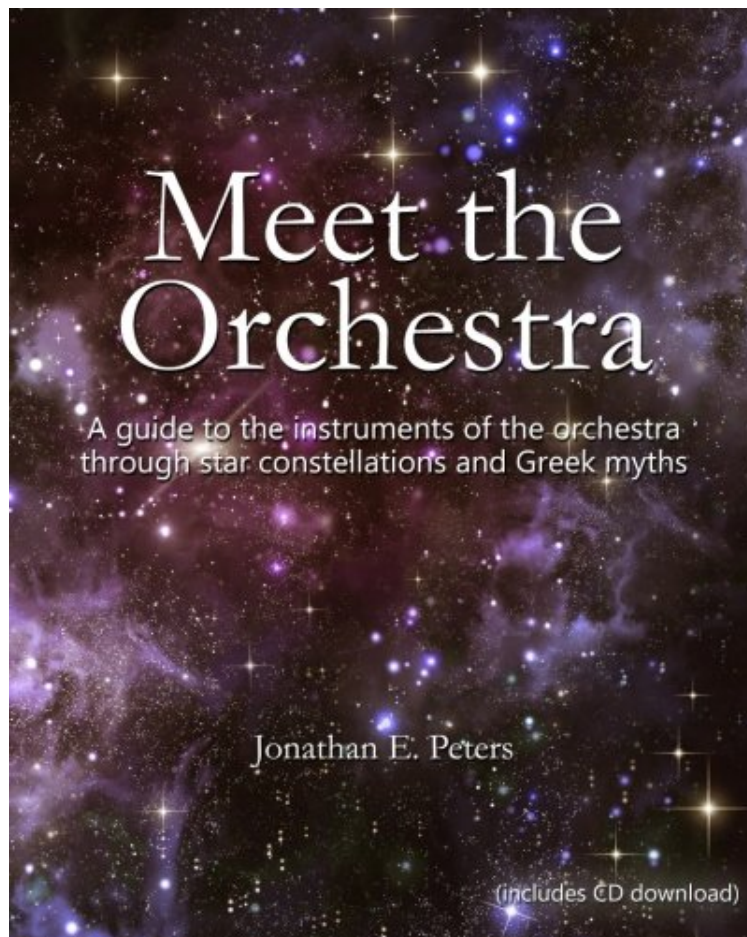


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introduced as it depicts the character from the myth. The musical pieces are stirring and thrilling, from triumphant Perseus (trumpet) to the hauntingly beautiful Andromeda (flute) and the sinister Cetus (double bass), to name just a few. Encore, encore, Maestro Peters!

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By Lucy LiuThis is book is one of a kind. I read it to my four year old and she was interested through to the end. My ten year old has also read it and has especially enjoyed reading along with the music. But the first person to read it was me! I find the concept of the book fascinating, a marriage between the orchestra, mythology and astronomy. The music is wonderful, and it brings the book to life. It is an easy read, too, but is full of substance. I recommend it.

Includes a FREE music CD download (a \$14.99 value). Discover the instruments of the orchestra, star constellations, and Greek myths in this unique book by award-winning composer Jonathan Peters. Included is a downloadable music CD which received a starred review from School Library Journal, and a downloadable teachers guide for optional classroom use. Children will enjoy hearing each instrument of the orchestra musically portray the Greek myths from many different star constellations, culminating in the finale the night sky performed by the entire orchestra. Read along or listen to the Greek myths as they are narrated on the downloadable CD. Following each myth are pages containing information on the instruments used to tell the story, and interesting facts about the constellations. Delight in over 70 full color images including: photographs of each instrument, illustrations of mythological characters, diagrams of star constellation with star names, and gorgeous pictures of outer space. Truly a beautiful book, appropriate for all ages!

About the AuthorJonathan Peters is an award-winning composer currently residing in the beautiful state of Colorado. Since 1990 he has worked as composer, director, arranger, recording artist, educator and author. Mr. Peters holds a B.A. in liberal arts from Thomas Aquinas College and continued his graduate work at California State University Northridge where he studied advanced composition, theory, orchestration, and film scoring. Mr. Peters music has been performed both internationally and by orchestras across the U.S., having won many awards and recognitions including 1st place in the 1996 Composers Today Contest. He has completed nearly 50 works including 2 full length operas, a symphony, orchestral works, chamber music, choral pieces, and works for solo piano. Mr. Peters music can be heard on the radio, and his many albums sell in stores world-wide. He is also the author of the Scholastic Music Series, a collection of educational CD's that use music as a tool to teach various academic subjects. The series has received starred reviews from School Library Journal and is carried in libraries throughout the country.