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El Camino College Music Professor Publishes Arrangements

An El Camino College professor recently published music arrangements with a major national publishing house.

Professor Emeritus James Mack published arrangements for a clarinet choir, which he teaches in the spring semester. A clarinet choir is a group of clarinets of all sizes ranging from soprano to contrabass.

Mack's arrangement of the "Swedish Wedding March" by composer Johan Söderman is described as "sparkling" and includes "many dynamic changes, lilting melodies and a quietly contrasting trio, all at a stately, processional pace." Another piece, "Ja Da," a 1918 Bob Carleton hit, features a variety of swing styles and a solo section.

"The arrangements were developed for use by my spring semester Clarinet Choir, but had been contemplated for years when I was too busy directing the bands, orchestra, shows, and jazz bands at El Camino College to sit down and do any writing," Mack said. "It is especially satisfying to me that they have been enthusiastically received and performed by that group and well-received by the audiences at our concerts."

Mack also teaches clarinet students in El Camino College's applied music program. He was the director of instrumental music at El Camino College for 34 years before he retired from full-time teaching in June 1998.

New York-based Kendor Music, Inc. published the arrangements, and is a music publisher of all types of instrumental music.

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