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The Virginia Symphony will be performing Ary Barroso's *Brasil* in place of Marquez's *Danzon No 2*. Here is important information to share with your students in preparation for the concert.



Ary Barroso (1903-1964) was a Brazilian Samba composer that achieved international fame for his music. Barroso had many talents. He studied to be a lawyer but in his lifetime he was a radio announcer, writer, piano player, soccer commentator and talent show host. At a young age, he started piano lessons and when he was a teenager, he was employed by movie theaters to accompany silent films. The piece "Brasil" was composed in 1939 under the title "Aquarela do Brasil" which translates to "Watercolor of Brazil". It is one of the most famous Brazilian songs and one of the most recorded songs of all time. It was featured in the 1942 Disney film, *Saludos Amigos*.

Brasil, for orchestra by Ary Barroso arranged by John Wasson

For music clip, click on this link:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-309415032/brasil-wasson-clip>

The first rhythm that you hear from the claves is the rhythm printed on p 49 of the teacher guide. Not only does "Brasil" have a toe tapping samba rhythm, it has a flowing melody that is very catchy and memorable. Listen to how it is passed through the instruments of the orchestra during this arrangement by John Wasson.