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# Concerto

*for violin and ensemble*

## CONCERTO

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### INSTRUMENTATION

flute (= piccolo)  
clarinet in B♭

horn in F  
tenor trombone

harp

solo violin

violoncello  
double bass

Score in C

Duration c. 8' 30"

### PERFORMANCE NOTES

*flute*: diamond noteheads indicate a breathy timbre  
*clarinet*: diamond noteheads indicate echo tone  
*harp*: crossed noteheads indicate xylophonics

### PROGRAMME NOTE

My *Concerto* consists of two movements which explore different aspects of the concerto form. The first movement is a fast *scherzando*, in which the relationship between violin and ensemble takes its lead primarily from nineteenth-century models. The soloist plays almost continuously, and at any given point performs one of two roles: playing the melody, and playing virtuosic decoration as an accompaniment to melodic material in the ensemble.

In the second movement, the relationship between violin and ensemble is conceived very differently, and the violin plays music that remains distinct from the ensemble, sometimes in direct opposition to it. As the movement goes on the violin becomes progressively more integrated into the musical discourse of the other instruments, and is eventually assimilated completely, before violin and ensemble again go their separate ways and the movement ends in the disunity with which it began.

# Concerto

## I

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$\text{♩} = 104$

molto vib., sul IV al \*

Solo Violin

*f* *espress.* < == ff >*f* == *mf* ff >*f* ff >



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Vln. **A**

*ff* >*f* *ff* == *mf* *f* *ff* >*f* *ff* == *f*

Vc.

Db.

*p* *mp* *pp* *p*

semper sul I



17

**B**

Fl.

*mf* < *fp* *mf* < *fp* *fp* *mf* < *fp* > *pp* *fp* *mf*

Cl.

*fp* *fp* *mf* < *fp* > *pp* *mf* < *fp*

Hp.

*f* *l.v. sempre*

Vln.

*ff* *f* *ff*

Vc.

*mp* *p*

Db.

Fl. *fp > pp*

Cl. *fp > pp*

Hp.

Vln. *ff*

Vc. *mp* *f* *mp*

D. *mp* *f* *mp*

=

**C**

Fl. *fp* *mf < fp* *mf < f* *fp = ff* *mf* *f* *fp*

Cl. *mf < fp* *fp* *f* *fp = ff* *mf* *f* *fp*

Hn. *mf* *f* *fp* *f*

Tbn. *mf* *f* *fp* *f*

Hp.

Vln. *f* *ff* *f* *ff* *f* *cantabile* *pizz.*

Vc. *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f*

D. *f* *f* *f*

Fl. >pp f fp f fp f fp <f fp =f

Cl. >pp f fp f fp f fp <f fp =f

Hn. fp =f p <f fp f p <f fp =f

Tbn. fp =f p <f fp f p <f fp =f

Hp. -

Vln. (pizz.) ff f

Vc. (pizz.) ff f

D. (pizz.) ff f

**D**

Fl. Solo ff fp f p fp f p

Cl. Solo fp f p f p f p f p

Hn. -

Tbn. -

Hp. l.v. ff f

Vln. ff p sffz sffz sffz (pizz.)

Vc. (pizz.) f

D. (pizz.) f

Fl.

Cl.

Hn.

Tbn.

Hp.

Vln.

(pizz.)

Vc.

(pizz.)

D. b.

Fl.

Cl.

Hn.

Tbn.

Hp.

Vln.

(pizz.)

Vc.

(pizz.)

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Fl.

Cl.

Hn.

Tbn.

Bsn.

Vln.

Vcl.

D. B.

45 F (non solo)

Fl.

Cl.

Hn.

Tbn.

Bsn.

Bsn.

Vln.

Vcl.

D. B.

Fl.

Cl.

Hn.

Tbn.

Hp.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.



Fl.

Cl.

Hn.

Tbn.

Hp.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

**G**

Picc. take Piccolo

Hp. près de la table

Vc.

Db.

Solo *p capriccioso*

*pp*

*f*

*mp*

*f*

==

59

Picc. *p* *mf* *p*

Hp. *f* *ff* *f*

Vc. *mp* *f*

Db. *mp* *f*

take Flute

==

**H**

Solo

Cl. *mf* *keck*

Hp. *f*

Vln. *fp* *f>p* *f>p* *f>p* *f>p*

Vc. *mp*

Db. *mp*

*p.d.l.t. sempre*

**I**

Fl. Solo *ff* 3 (non solo) 3 (non solo)

Cl. 3 3

Hn. *mp* *f>mp* *f>mp* *f>mp* *p*

Tbn. *mp* *f>mp* *f>mp* *f>mp* *p*

Hp. *f*

Vln. *f>p* *f>p* *f>p* *f>mp* *f>mf* arco

Vc. pizz. *mf* pizz. *mf* *p* *f*

D. b. *mf* *f*

**J**

Fl. *ff* *f* *p* *f>p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Cl. *ff* *f* *p* *f>p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Hn. - *f>mp* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Tbn. - *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Hp. norm. *f* *p* *gliss.* *ff* *f* *f* *ff* *p* *gliss.*

Vln. *f giocoso* *pizz.* *ff* *f*

Vc. *pizz.* *arco* *f* *p* *f* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f*

D. b. *f*

73

Fl. f

Cl. f

Hn.  $\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ \text{f} \end{smallmatrix}$   $\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ \text{f} \end{smallmatrix}$

Tbn.  $\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ \text{f} \end{smallmatrix}$   $\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ \text{mp} \end{smallmatrix}$

Bsn. l.v.

Hp. ff

Vln. f ff

Vc. pizz. f (pizz.)

D. b. f

**K**

76

Fl. f ff f

Cl. f ff f

Hn. >mp f>mp f>mp f>mp f

Tbn. >mp f>mp f>mp f>mp f

Bsn. >mp f>mp f>mp f>mp f

Hp. ff f

Vln. f f ff

Vc. arco 3 3 pizz. 3 arco 3 pizz. 3

D. b. ff f

79

Fl.  $f$  3 3 3 3  $ff$

Cl.  $f$  3 3 3 3  $ff$

Hn. 3  $f > mp$   $f = mp$   $mf$

Tbn. 3  $mp$   $f = mp$   $mf$

Hp.  $fff$

Vln.  $f$  pizz.  $fff$   $fff$

Vc. arco 3  $pizz.$   $ff$  arco 3  $pizz.$

(pizz.)  $ff$

D. b.  $ff$

81

Fl. 3 3 3 3  $ff$   $ff$   $fff$

Cl. 3 3 3 3 5 5 3  $ff$   $ff$   $fff$

Hn. 3  $f > mf$   $f$   $ff$

Tbn. 3  $f > mf$   $f$   $mf$   $f$   $ff$

Hp. l.v.  $fff$   $fff$   $fff$

Vln. (8)  $ff$   $ff$   $ff$   $ff$

Vc. arco 3 3 3  $mf$   $ff$   $ff$   $ff$

D. b.  $ff$   $ff$

## II

$\text{♩} = 60$

Horn in F

Tenor Trombone

Violoncello

Double Bass

arco, con sord.

**p sonoro**

**pp** **p**

**con sord.**

**p sonoro**

**gliss.**

**3**

**3**

**3**

**3**

=

Hn.

Tbn.

Vln.

(con sord.)

Vc.

(con sord.)

Db.

**A**

**pp** **p**

**pp** **p cresc.** **poco a poco**

**3**

**3**

**3**

**3**

**3**

**3**

**3**

**sempr. molto sul pont.** **ff**

**cresc. poco a poco**

**cresc. poco a poco**

12

Hn. *mp* *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *p*

Tbn. *mp* *mf* *dim. poco a poco* *p* *près de la table* *mf*

Hp. *mf*

Vln. *sempre ff*

Vc. *(con sord.)* *mf* *f* *dim.* *3* *gliss.* *sempr sul I*

Db. *gliss.* *f* *ff* *dim. poco a poco* *p* *pp*

=

**B**

$\text{♪} = \text{♩}$  ( $\text{♩} = 120$ )

17 *2 + 3 Solo* *p cantabile* *mp*

Hn. *pp*

Tbn. *pp* *l.v. sempr*

Hp. *fff* *mf* *fff*

Vln. *sempre ff*

Vc. *(sempr sul pont.)* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

Db. *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

**C**

23

Fl. *ff non legato* 3 + 2 (non dim.) 2 + 3 3 + 2

Cl. *mf* *p* *mp*

Hp. *mf* sempre senza vib.

Vln. *viv.* (con sord.)

Vc. (con sord.) pizz., senza sord.

Db. *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*



**D**

31 Solo

Fl. *ff f* 3 + 2 *mf f* 2 + 3 + 2 *mf mp f* 2 + 3

Hn. [Mute] *fp f fp f fp f fp f fp*

Tbn. [Straight Mute] *fp f fp f fp f fp f fp*

Hp. norm. *f ff* 3 + 2 *f ff* l.v. *f ff* l.v.

Vc. (pizz.) *f mp f* pizz., senza sord. *f mp f mf*

Db. *f*

**E**

*3 + 2 + 3*

Fl. *cresc.*      *ff*

Hn. *(muted)*      *f fp*      *mf*      *fp semplice*      *f f fp*

Tbn. *(muted)*      *f fp*      *mf*      *fp semplice*

Hp. *l.v.*      *ff*      *ff secco*

Vln.      *(semre sul pont.)*      *ff*

Vc. *(pizz.)*      *f cresc.*      *ff*

Db. *(pizz.)*      *ff*

=

44

Cl.      *(non solo)*      *3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3*

Hn. *(muted)*      *f fp*

Tbn. *(muted)*

Vln.      *3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3*

Vc.      *arco (sul IV)*      *(sul I)*      *sfp sfp arco, sempre sul I*      *sfp sfp*

Db. *8*

**F**

Cl. (muted) *pp*

Hn. (muted) *pp*

Tbn. *pp*

Hp. Solo *l.v.* *p < sfz sempre sim.* pos. nat., sempre sul III

Vln. sul III *sempre ff* *sfp* *sfp* *sfp* *sfp*

Vc. sul I *sfp* *sfp* *sfp* *sfp*

D. *sfp* *sfp* *sfp* *sfp*

(non solo)

Fl. *p* *mp* *p* *p* *mp* *p*

Cl. *mp* *p*

Hn. *p* *Open 3*

Hp. *ff* (non solo) *sempre sim.*

Vln. sul pont., sul IV *sub. ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* pos. nat.

Vc. *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* pos. nat.

D. *sfp* *sfp* *sub. ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* pos. nat.

58

Fl.  
Cl.  
Hn.  
Tbn.  
Bassoon  
Hpt.  
Vln.  
Vcl.  
Db.

(sempr. sul IV)  
cresc. poco a poco  
sul pont.  
pos. nat.  
sul pont. → pos. nat.

*ff ffp*      *ff ffp*      *ff ffp*      *ff ffp*      *ff ffp*      *ff ffp*      *ff ffp*

62 G  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} \cdot (\text{♩} = 120)$

Fl.  
Cl.  
Hn.  
Tbn.  
Hpt.  
Vln.  
Vcl.  
Db.

**Solo**  
**ff non legato**  
**fp > pp < fp pp**  
**f fp > pp fp pp**  
**f < ff f ff**  
**pizz. (pos. nat.) ff fp fp**

**3 + 2 + 3**  
**3 + 2 + 2**  
**2 + 3 + 2**  
**3 + 2 + 2**

**(non solo)**  
**fp fp fp fp**  
**fp fp fp fp**  
**fp fp fp fp**  
**fp solo**  
**fp fp fp fp**

**l.v.**  
**l.v.**  
**l.v.**  
**mf express.**

**pos. nat., vib. norm., sempr. sul IV**

**arco**  
**mf 5 fp**

**H** $\text{J} = \text{j} = 60$ 

17

Fl. *semplice*

Cl. *semplice*

Hn. *f* [Mute] *mp*

Tbn. *f*

Hp. *fff* *mp* (non solo) *l.v.*

Vln. *pizz.* *sul IV* *sul III* *arco, con sord., sul pont.*

Vc. *ff* *pizz.* *pp* *mp*

Db. *ff*



Fl.

Cl.

Hn. (muted)

Tbn. Straight Mute

Hp. *sempre l.v.*

Vln. *sul III* *sul IV* *sul I*

Vc. (con sord.) *arco, con sord., sul pont.*

Db.

**I** $\text{♪} = \text{♪} (\text{♩} = 80)$  rit.

Fl. 6/16  $\text{pp}$   $\text{p}$   $\text{pp}$

Cl. 6/16  $\text{pp}$   $\text{p}$   $\text{pp}$   $\text{pp}$

Hn. (muted)  $\text{fp}$   $\text{fp}$   $\text{fp}$

Tbn. (muted)  $\text{fp}$   $\text{fp}$   $\text{fp}$   $\text{fp}$

Hp. 6/16  $\text{mf}$

Vln. 6/16  $\text{pp}$

Vc. 6/16 (con sord.)  $\text{pp}$   $\text{mp}$  (con sord.)  $\text{pp}$   $\text{mp}$  senza sord.  $\text{pp}$   $\text{mf}$

D. 6/16  $\text{pp}$   $\text{mp}$

**J** $\text{♪} = \text{♪} (\text{♩} = 60)$ 

Fl. 6/8  $\text{pp}$   $\text{sffz}$   $\text{pp}$   $\text{sffz}$   $\text{p}$   $\text{sffz}$

Cl. 6/8  $\text{sffz}$   $\text{pp}$   $\text{sffz}$   $\text{f}$   $\text{sffz}$   $\text{f}$   $\text{sffz}$

Hn. (muted)  $\text{fp}$

Tbn. (muted)  $\text{fp}$

Hp. 6/8  $\text{ff}$

Vln. 6/8  $\text{p}$   $\text{mp}$

Vc. 6/8 pizz. (pos. nat.)  $\text{ff}$  pizz., senza sord. (pos. nat.)

D. 6/8  $\text{ff}$

85

Fl. *f* *ffz*

Cl. *p* *ffz*

Hn. *ffz* *ffz* *p* [Open]

Hp.

Vln. *p* *mf*

Vc. (pizz.)

Db. (pizz.)

=

88

Fl. *f* *p* *f*

Cl. *f* *p* *f*

Hn. *fp* *fp* *fp*

Tbn. [Open] *fp* *fp* *fp*

Hp. *f*

Vln. *f*

**K** $\text{♪} = \text{♩} (\text{♩} = 100)$ 

91  $3+2$   $2+3+2$   $2+3$

Fl. f  $\text{mp}$  f  $\text{mp}$  f  $\text{mp}$  f  
Cl. f  $\text{mp}$  f  $\text{mp}$  f  $\text{mp}$  f  
Hn.  $\text{fp}$   $\text{fp}$  f  $\text{fp}$  f  $\text{fp}$  f  $\text{fp}$   
Tbn.  $\text{fp}$   $\text{fp}$  f  $\text{fp}$  f  $\text{fp}$  f  $\text{fp}$   
Hp. ff  $\text{mp}$  ff  $\text{mp}$  ff  
Vln. f (pizz.)  
Vc. f f ff f ff f ff  
Db. f  $\text{mp}$  ff  $\text{mp}$  ff  $\text{mp}$  ff

=

**L** $3+2+3$ 

97  $3+2+3$

Fl.  $\text{mf}$   $\text{f}$   $\text{mp}$   $\text{f}$   $\text{mp}$  ff  
Cl.  $\text{mf}$   $\text{f}$   $\text{mp}$   $\text{f}$   $\text{mp}$  ff  $\text{mf}$   
Hn. fp f fp f ff  
Tbn. fp f fp f ff  
Hp. l.v.  $\text{mf}$  ff  $\text{mp}$   
Vln. cresc. ff fff  
Vc. cresc. ff f ff  
Db. ff ff ff ff

Musical score for orchestra, page 100. The score includes parts for Flute, Clarinet, Horn, Trombone, Bassoon, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. The violins play a complex melodic line with grace notes and slurs. The cellos provide harmonic support with sustained notes. The double basses play low, rhythmic patterns. Dynamics include ff, f, ff, ff, and fff.

M

accel.  
2 + 2 + 3

Fl. 102

Cl. Solo  
*f* *ff*

Hn.

Tbn. *f*

Hp. gliss. *l.v.*  
*f* *ff*

Vln. 3 3 3 3 3  
*fff*

Vc. (pizz.)  
*ff*

Db. (pizz.)  
*ff*

*J. = 120*

Fl. 105 3 + 2 **N**

Cl.

Hn.

Tbn.

Hp. *l.v.* *molto sul pont.*

Vln.

Vc. (pizz.) arco pizz. arco pizz.

D. b. (pizz.)

Fl. 109 *ff* *mf* *ff* *mf* *f* 5 *ff* *f*

Cl. *f* 5 5 3 *ff* *mf* *f* 5 *ff* *f* 5

Hn. 5 *ff* *f* 5 *ff* *mf* *f*

Tbn. 3 *f* 3 *ff* *f* 3 *ff* *f* 5 *ff*

Hp. *l.v.* *ff* *fff* *ff* *l.v.*

Vln. - - - - -

Vc. (pizz.) arco pizz. (pizz.)

D. b. (pizz.)

Fl. 112

Cl.

Hn.

Tbn.

Hp. l.v. ff fff

Vln.

Vc. (pizz.) arco ff fff

Db. (pizz.) ff fff

Fl. G.P. O ff fff

Cl. ff 5 fff

Hn. 3 f 3 ff

Tbn. f 5 ff

Hp. ff fff

Vln. (pizz.)

Vc. ff fff

Db. ff fff

24

**P** $\text{♩} = \text{♩} (\text{♩} = 60)$ 

senza vib.

Fl. *pp Solo* *3* *p* *pp* *pp* *mp* *pp* *p* *mf* *mp > p mp* *mp > p mp*

Cl. *p espress.* *p* *pizz.* *l.v.* *mp* *arco* *(non harm.)* *l.v.*

Hp. *p* *ff* *l.v.* *ff* *l.v.*

Vln. *(sempre molto sul pont.)* *pizz.* *l.v.*

Vc. *con sord.* *pp* *p* *pp* *pp* *mp* *pp* *p* *f* *pp* *p* *f*

Db. *arco, con sord., sul I* *pp* *p* *pp* *pp* *mp* *pp* *p* *f*