

TOURNAMENT OF SHADOWS

for ensemble

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for ensemble

flute
oboe
clarinet in Bb
trumpet
violin 1
violin 2
viola
'cello
double bass

score is written in C

duration 14 minutes

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programme note

At night, in the historic heart of Bukhara, down a narrow street so dark that a hand passed in front of the face was invisible, I was grabbed by someone, obviously smelling a tourist, who demanded cigarettes and money. Though I freed myself quickly, the only impression I got of my attacker was a rush of air and a half-imagined shadow.

This incident was the catalyst for 'Tournament of Shadows', the second piece of mine inspired by an encounter with Central Asia. The title is a phrase the Russians used to describe the secret hostilities between the Victorian British Raj and Tsarist Russia that attempted to colonize the huge and inhospitable region between Russia and British India. At this time the mountains and deserts of this area were regarded as "a vast adventure playground for ambitious young officers and explorers of both sides" *. The more familiar British term for this pre-cold war was the 'Great Game', a term coined by Lieutenant Arthur Conolly of the 6th Bengal Light Cavalry, who met a grisly death when his disguise as an Indian merchant was penetrated while spying in Bukhara. He was half devoured in the Emir of Bukhara's 'Bug Pit' and then executed in the town square.

By day, Bukhara, with its baked khaki streets, beautiful ruined madrasas, teeming bazaars full of spices, nuts, sweetmeats and packs of friendly children eager for pens and English practice, exudes a magical charm. But my night time brush with the towns underbelly coloured my impressions, and the more I discovered of its cruel history, its bloodthirsty despotic Emirs, its poisoned waters that were only cleansed (at the cost of the fast-disappearing Aral Sea) in the 1930's, its horrific tales of resistance to the Soviets, and the tit-for-tat from the newly independent Uzbeks, the more I perceived this charm to be a mask. Thus 'Tournament of Shadows' conveys adventures and places, it embraces contradictory impressions and fleeting sensations, encompassing bazaars, shadows, mystical solitude and real danger.

* PETER HOPKIRK 'The Great Game' Oxford University Press 1990

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Tournament of Shadows

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Dedicated to Peter Lighte, Sue Knussen and James Zuckerman, fellow adventurers

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4 Broad and rapt ♩ = 52-60

Violin I *p* non vib. vib. non vib. vib. non vib.

Violin II *p* non vib. vib. non vib. vib. non vib.

Viola *p* non vib. vib. non vib. vib. non vib.

Violoncello pizz *p* non vib. pizz *p* non vib.

Double Bass pizz *p* non vib. pizz *p* non vib.



A

8

Ob. Cl. Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Db.

ppp *ffff* f pp

ppp echotone

vib. non vib. vib. > sul D vib. non vib. vib. vib. vib. non vib. vib.

3 3 3 3 3

B

Fl. *mf*

Cl. *fff*

Tpt. *p* *con sord.*

Vln. I *mf* *p* *pp non vib.*

Vln. II *mf* *p* *pp non vib.*

Vla. *mf* *p* *pp non vib.*

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

D. *p* *mf* *f* *p*



C

Fl. *pp*

Cl. *pp*

Tpt.

Vln. I *p*

Vln. II *p*

Vla. *p*

Vc. *p*

D. *p*

29

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

mf

pp semper

==

31

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

pp

p

fluttertongue

crescendo

33

Fl. *f* [10] *p* *f*

Ob. *f*

Cl. *p* [5]

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D. *f* [3] *f*

[12]

Vib.

Vib.

Vib.

mf



35

Fl. [12] fluttertongue [5]

Ob. [3]

Cl. [7] [5]

Tpt. *mf* *molto cantabile* [3]

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

36

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

f

6

7

5

7

6

3

f

5

3

cresc.

cresc.

38

E

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

9

5

9

3

6

7

9

3

9

mf

f

p

p

p

pp

f

pp

43

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

46

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

F

48

Fl. *pp*

Ob. *pp*

Cl. *pp* *mf* *p*

Tpt. *f*

Vln. I *pp* non vib.

Vln. II *pp*

Vla. *pp*

Vc. *pp* non vib. *pizz mf*

Db. *pp* non vib.

G



55

Fl. *pp* flutt. *mf*

Ob. *pp*

Cl. *a niente*

Vln. I *sempre pp*

Vln. II *sempre pp*

Vla. *sempre pp*

Vc. *pp* arco non vib. *mf pizz* *pp* arco non vib. *sempre pp* *mf pizz*

Db. *sempre pp*

Pushing forwards very gradually

59

Fl. flutt. *mf* 9 flutt. *pp* 3 flutt. *mf* 9 flutt. *pp*

Ob.

Cl. 10 10 6

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc. arco non vib. *pp*

D. b.

2 **Brisk, very rhythmic** $\text{♩} = 86-92$

4

Fl. stringendo 62 9 ff pp

Ob.

Cl. cresc. 10 6 6 6 3 ff pp ben articulato

Vln. I sempre pp pizz p

Vln. II sempre pp pizz p

Vla. sempre pp

Vc. sempre pp pizz mf

Db. sempre pp

H

67

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

pizz

p arco

p

=

73

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

pp — *p*

p *mf*

f

arco

f

sul D *mf*

arco

sul D *p*

I

79

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

pizz

sul E

sul D

sul A

p

p

p-mf

p

mf

p

p

p



84

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vc.

p

mf

f

pp

mf

f

pp

p

p

p

mf

f

f

f

f

f

f

p

J

90

Fl. Ob. Cl. Tpt. Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc.



K

97

Fl. Ob. Cl. Tpt. Vln. I Vln. II Vla.

104

Fl. f

Ob. f mf sf

Cl. p mf

Tpt. p

Vln. I f p mf p p pp

Vln. II pizz f arco p pp

Vla. #

Measure 104: Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Trombone, Violin I, Violin II, Cello. Dynamics: Flute f, Oboe f, Oboe mf, Oboe sf, Clarinet p, Trombone mf. Measure 105: Trombone, Violin I, Violin II, Cello. Dynamics: Trombone p, Violin I f, Violin I pizz f, Violin I arco p, Violin II pp.

=

L M

Fl. f p pp pp

Ob. f p pp

Cl. - p pp

Tpt. - - pp

Vln. I f p sf pp pp

Vln. II f pizz p sf p pp pp

Vla. p - - - - pp

Measure L: Flute f, Flute p, Trombone pp, Trombone pp. Measure M: Flute f, Flute p, Trombone pp. Measure L: Oboe f, Oboe p, Trombone pp. Measure M: Oboe - , Trombone p, Trombone pp. Measure L: Clarinet - , Clarinet p, Trombone pp. Measure M: Clarinet - , Trombone pp. Measure L: Trombone - , Trombone - . Measure M: Trombone - , Trombone pp. Measure L: Violin I f, Violin I p, Trombone sf, Trombone p, Trombone pp, Trombone pp. Measure M: Violin I pizz f, Violin I p, Trombone sf, Trombone p, Trombone pp, Trombone pp. Measure L: Violin II f, Violin II pizz p, Trombone p, Trombone pp, Trombone pp. Measure M: Violin II f, Violin II p, Trombone arco p, Trombone pp. Measure L: Cello p, Cello - , Cello - , Cello - , Cello - , Trombone pp. Measure M: Cello - , Trombone pp.

120

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

126

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

Musical score page 130. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.), Trombone (Tpt.), Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Cello (Vla.), Double Bass (Vc.), and Bassoon (Db.). The tempo is marked as ff . The instrumentation is as follows:

- Flute (Fl.):** Playing eighth-note patterns, dynamic ff .
- Oboe (Ob.):** Playing eighth-note patterns, dynamic ff , followed by dynamic p and ff .
- Clarinet (Cl.):** Playing eighth-note patterns, dynamic ff .
- Trombone (Tpt.):** Playing eighth-note patterns, dynamic f , followed by dynamic p and ff .
- Violin I (Vln. I):** Playing eighth-note patterns, dynamic ff , followed by dynamic p and ff .
- Violin II (Vln. II):** Playing eighth-note patterns, dynamic ff , followed by dynamic p and ff .
- Cello (Vla.):** Playing eighth-note patterns, dynamic ff , followed by dynamic p and ff .
- Double Bass (Vc.):** Playing eighth-note patterns, dynamic ff , followed by dynamic p and ff . Includes instructions: "pizz f vibrato" and "arco <".
- Bassoon (Db.):** Playing eighth-note patterns, dynamic ff , followed by dynamic ff *espressivo*.

The score also features large numerals indicating time signatures: **N**, **3**, **8**, **2**, **4**, **5**, **8**, **2**, **4**, and **3**.

139

3 **4** **5** **3** **2** **3**

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

146

3 **2** **4** **5** **8** **2** **3**

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

153

3 **2** **4**

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

ff

ff

f

arco

ff trem.

ff trem.

f

==

160

3 **2** **4**

P

ff

ff

ff

fp fff

p

pp

pp

a niente

a niente

tr

p

171 (tr) flutt.

Fl.
Ob.
Cl.
Vla.
Db.

=

Q

177

Fl.
Ob.
Cl.
Tpt.
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.

pizz.
p
sul G
pp
ff solo
mf

183

Fl.

Cl.

Vln. I pizz

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.



R

188

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Vln. I arco sul pont. *p*

Vln. II *mp*

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

p

sempre pp

192

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

=

196 S

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

201

Fl. Ob. Cl. Tpt. Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Db.

Flute: Measures 1-4, dynamic *f*, measure 5 dynamic *tr*, measure 6 dynamic *f*. Oboe: Measures 1-4, dynamic *p*. Clarinet: Measures 1-4, dynamic *f*. Trombone: Measures 1-4, dynamic *p*. Violin I: Measures 1-4, dynamic *p*. Violin II: Measures 1-4, dynamic *p*. Viola: Measures 1-4, dynamic *p*. Cello: Measures 1-4, dynamic *p*, pizz. Double Bass: Measures 1-4, dynamic *f*.



T 207

Fl. Ob. Cl. Tpt. Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Db.

Flute: Measures 1-4, dynamic *f*. Oboe: Measures 1-4, dynamic *f*. Clarinet: Measures 1-4, dynamic *f*. Trombone: Measures 1-4, dynamic *mf*. Violin I: Measures 1-4, dynamic *f*. Violin II: Measures 1-4, dynamic *f*. Viola: Measures 1-4, dynamic *f*. Cello: Measures 1-4, dynamic *f*. Double Bass: Measures 1-4, dynamic *f*.

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Db.

Violin I: Measures 5-8, dynamic *f*, arco. Violin II: Measures 5-8, dynamic *f*. Viola: Measures 5-8, dynamic *f*. Cello: Measures 5-8, dynamic *f*. Double Bass: Measures 5-8, dynamic *f*.

(sempre sul pont.)

Fl. 2/3 12 16 = 86

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

218

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

10 16

12 16

10 16

12 16

24

Fl. 222 = 86 sim.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt. *f*

Vln. I ad lib. accel.

Vln. II ad lib. accel.

Vla. ad lib. accel. pizz.

Vc.

D. b.

2

227

Fl. *f* *p* *pp*

Cl. repeat pattern prestissimo *ff* *pp*

Vln. I arco *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

Vln. II *f* *p* *pp*

Vla. arco *f* *p* *pp*

Vc. arco *pizz* *ff* *pp*

D. *ff* *mf* *p*

=

V

233

Fl. *ff rauous*

Vln. II *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

Vla. *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

Vc. *ff*

D. *ff*

238

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

(tr) *tr* *tr* *tr*

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

$\frac{3}{16}$

$\frac{2}{4}$



2
4

251

3
16

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

(tr) *p*

Vln. II

#

Vla.

Vcl.

Vcl.

Db.

f

pizz

f

pp



2
4

X

259

Fl.

Cl.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vcl.

Vcl.

Db.

pp

mf

p

p

pp vibrato

pp vibrato

p

pp

p

pp

268

Vln. I *p*

Vln. II *p*

3 **2** **4** **4**

Y

Fl. *mf*

Cl.

Vln. I *pp*

Vln. II *pp*

Vla.

Vc. *pp*

Db. *pp* *mf* *p*

Z

Fl. *p sempre*

Cl. *ff raucous*

Tpt. *mf*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc. *mf*

Db. *p sempre* *p sempre*

293

Fl.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

AA

298

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.



3

319 flutt. **2**

Fl. ff

Ob. ff

Cl. ff pp ff

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

=

CC

326

Fl. meno f

Ob. meno f

Cl. meno f

Tpt.

Vln. I meno f

Vln. II meno f

Vla. meno f

Vc. (quasi 2) 3 f vibrato

Db. fff (sempre pizz) (quasi 2) 3 ff solo

332

Fl. Ob. Cl. Tpt. Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Db.

DD

ff

p smear ff

sul pont. (quasi 2) *sfz* pizz. 4
* 3

fff (quasi 2) 4
* 3

ff (arco) arco

ff

ff



338

Fl. Ob. Cl. Tpt. Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Db.

ff

smear ff

ff

f

sfz ff

ff

3

3

sul G

ff

EE

Fl. Ob. Cl. Tpt.

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Db.

f *f* *f* *f* *f* *vibrato, sentimental*

(bow down) (tap body) (strike strings with palm) (strike strings (tap with palm) body)

ff

FF

Fl. Ob. Cl. Tpt.

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Db.

f *smear* *non vib.* *pp* *pp* *f* *ff* *ff*

360

Fl. *f*

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

GG

ff

ff

ff

ff

pp

pp

pp

ff

ff

ff

369

Fl. *ff*

Ob. *ff*

Cl. *ff*

Tpt. *ff*

Vln. I *pp*

Vln. II *pp*

Vla. *ff*

Vc. *ff*

D. B. *ff*

4 Broad - as at beginning

d=52

vib. *p* express.

vib. *p* express.

p express. arco nat.

p express. arco nat.

381

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

HH

$\text{mf } p$

$\frac{3}{4}$



387

II

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

pp

mf

p

p non vib.

pizz

p non vib.

p non vib.

Fl. *p* tr 6 tr 6 tr 2
Tpt. 3 3 dolce pp
Vln. I pp
Vln. II pp sul G
Vla.
Vc. pp
Db.

2 **4** Brisk, rhythmic - as before
 $\text{♩} = 86 - 92$

398

Fl. (tr) ...

Ob.

Cl. *pp*

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

pizz

mf molto vibrato

Vla. bow freely

p

Vc. *p* (pizz)

Db. arco

Fl. 403

Ob. f

Cl. f ff pp

Tpt. flutt. ff

Vln. I f ff fff

In. II f ff arco fff

Vla. f ff arco fff

Vc. f fff pizz p

D. b. fff