Richard Ayres

"piece-with-running-from-leftto-right-and-back-again"

for Violin, Piano, Percussion (and optional runners)

1996 A

Duration: 5 minutes ca.

for Daniel Matej

Piano

very small Clash Cymbals (Becken)*

Bass drum

Kazoo Cow Bell (Cb.) Guiro (Gro.) Pipe (Pp.)

Klaxon (Klx.)

^{* =} ca.15cm diameter childrens toy clash cymbals are ideal

This piece is a scene from the opera No.26 and may be played as a pure concert work or with theatrical content:.

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Instructions for the theatrical performance of this piece:

Two curtains/screens hang at the back of the stage with a gap of approximately one and a half metres between them.

The ensemble is divided into two groups, 'players' (percussion, piano, violin) and 'runners'. The players sit in a usual ensemble position and play the music. The runners begin standing behind one curtain, and, following the cues and descriptions in the score, run or walk from behind one curtain, past the gap in the middle, to behind the other curtain.

The cues and their instructions must be carried out within the bar above which they are written.

The cues have the following abbreviations:

All = The entire group moves together.

One = One member of the group moves independently.

Group = The remaining members of the group move

(when one member must stay behind or has previously moved independently)

L to R = Left to Right. R to L = Right to Left.

Fast = move quickly. Slow = move slowly.

An example:

19) group, L to R, fast.

means,

Cue 19, within one bar, the remaining members of the running group (one having previously moved independently) must move from left to right quickly.

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1) all, L to R, fast.

2) all, R to L, fast.

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3) one, L to R, slow.



4) goup, L to R, fast.

7) all, L to R, fast.

5) group minus one, R to L, slow.

8) all, R to L, fast.

6) one, R to L, slow.

9) one, L to R, slow.



10) one, L to R, slow.

11) group, L to R, fast.

12) one, R to L, fast.

Cb. = cow bell
Gro. = guiro
Pp. = metal ppe

kix. = klaxon (bulb hooter - car horn)



- 13) all, R to L, fast.
- 16) one, R to L, fast.
- 14) all, L to R, fast.
- 17) one, R to L, fast.
- 15) one, R to L, fast.