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Score

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Duration: ca. 7'10" © All rights reserved. S.A.B.A.M. (Belgium) and A.D.A. (Romania)

Instrumentation

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Flute (plays also alto flute)
Oboe
Clarinet in Bb (plays also piccolo clarinet)
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Horn in F need 2 mutes (straight, cup)

Trumpet in Bb need 2 mutes (harmon, straight)

Tenor trombone need 2 mutes (harmon, straight)

1 Percussionist

Bassoon

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4 toms, 2 bongos, 2 tumbas, 1 bass drum
3 suspended cymbals (high, medium & low), 1 tam-tam
tubular bells (Fa4-Fa6), glockenspiel
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- 4 Violins
- 2 Alto violins
- 2 Violoncellos
- 2 Double basses (both 5 strings) ossia available if one double bass has only 4 strings (D.B. II)

The score is notated in C

Note

All dynamics should be considered absolute.

= Quick crescendo at the very end

= Crescendo dal niente ; Diminuendo al niente

The accidentals last until the end of the measure. In the same measure, a new accidental cancels the preceding one.

All glissandos occupy the total duration of the note to which they are affixed.

Vibrato (vibr.): s.v. = senza vibrato m.v. = molto vibrato l.v. = let vibrate (don't dampen)

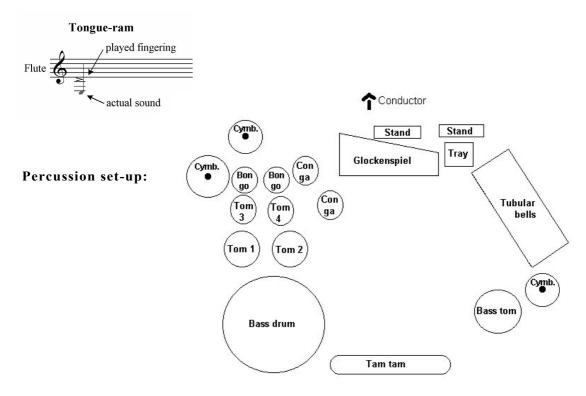
= increase the vibrato; decrease the vibrato

When vibrato markings are not specified, players can use their usual vibrato.

Micro-intervals:

Harmonics notation used:

The multiphonics must not sound like a "car horn". If they do, try alternative chords while keeping as many the given pitches as possible.



Other special instructions are given in the score (*).

Program note

The happy graveyard of Sapinta ("Cimitirul vesel" north Maramures-Romania) exhibits us a funny and colorful approach to death.

A "Taraf" is a band of traditional Romanian Fiddlers (lautari) that plays at weddings and large village parties but not at funeral ceremonies.

Throughout my composition I explore the attitude towards death.

Composed for the "Acanthes" Composition Workshop, Metz - France July 2006. The "premiere" of the first version of the piece was performed by the musicians of the *Orchestre National de Lorraine* conducted by Sylvio GUALDA, at Arsenal's large concert hall, Metz.

The score was significantly revised in November 2006.

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^{*} Exaggerated sul ponticello : the bow as close to the bridge as possible although not playing on it.