

Mirage
For string orchestra

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Mirage (2013, arr. 2019)
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Duration: 10:00

Program Note:

Mirage is based upon the final movement of a string quartet I wrote several years ago, *Four Temperaments*. In that movement, I wanted to explore nostalgia – that split-second feeling when one is back in a place or in a time to the point at which it really feels like one is living it again. Throughout the work, the solo violin functions as a type of narrator. In the beginning, I attempted to create music that suggests that dizzying or disorienting feeling that occurs when one is moving further and further down the rabbit hole of a memory. After the opening section, the work imagines that brief moment when we relive the memory but stretched out in time - like hitting the pause button on that split second of heightened nostalgia. Effects and a final solo violin lead us, in a hazy way, back out of the memory to where we began.

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Lento $\text{♩} = 44$

misterioso

solo

Violin I

gli altri

Violin II

Viola

Cello div.

Double Bass

espr. mf

div.

p

(unis.) pizz.

div. arco

mf

p

arco

mf

p

(gliss. in harmonics)

15^{ma}

p

(gliss. in harmonics)

15^{ma}

p

musical score for strings and solo violin, measures 4-7. The score is written for Solo Violin, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The score includes various musical notations such as dynamics (*mf*, *p*), articulation (*pizz.*, *ord. arco*), and performance instructions (*sul tasto*, *gliss. in harmonics*, *unis.*). The Solo Violin part features a melodic line with triplets and a glissando in harmonics. The Violin I and II parts have sustained notes and a glissando in harmonics. The Viola part has a sustained note and a glissando in harmonics. The Violoncello and Double Bass parts have sustained notes and a glissando in harmonics.

solo

mf

Vln. I

gli altri div.

p

pizz.

ord. arco

Vln. II

p

(gliss. in harmonics)
unis.

p

sul tasto

p

Vla. div.

p

sul tasto

p

(gliss. in harmonics)

mf

p

Vlc. div.

mf

p

p

D.b.

mf

p

musical score for a string ensemble, page 3. The score includes parts for Solo, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass. It features complex notation with glissandos, harmonics, and dynamic markings.

Parts and Dynamics:

- solo:** *f* (forte)
- Vln. I:** *sf* (sforzando), *f* (forte), *gliss. in harmonics*, *15^{ma}*
- gli altri div.:** *sf* (sforzando), *f* (forte), *gliss. in harmonics*, *15^{ma}*
- Vln. II:** *f* (forte), *sim.* (simulazione), *15^{ma}*
- Vla. div.:** *sf* (sforzando), *arco sul. pont.* (arco sul ponticello), *mf* (mezzo-forte), *sf* (sforzando), *f* (forte)
- Vlc. div.:** *sf* (sforzando), *f* (forte), *gliss. in harmonics*, *15^{ma}*, *mf* (mezzo-forte)
- D.b.:** *f* (forte), *gliss. in harmonics*, *15^{ma}*, *sim.* (simulazione), *f* (forte), *mf* (mezzo-forte)

Performance Instructions:

- gliss. in harmonics* (glissando in armonici)
- 15^{ma}* (15th harmonic)
- sim.* (simulazione)
- arco sul. pont.* (arco sul ponticello)

19

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

tutti unis.

ppp

(unis.)

p

mp

div. unis. (unis.)

unis. div. unis. (unis.)

p

mp

19

p

mp

24

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

B

ord.

(unis.)

ppp

p

ppp

p

ppp

espr. *p* *mf*

tutti *mf*

24

pp

28

Vln. I *solo* *p* *f* *espr. mf* *poco rubato* 3 3 3 3

Vln. II *p* *f*

Vla. *p* *f* *div.*

Vlc. *p* *pp* *div.*

D.b. 28 *p* *pp*

rit. *a tempo* [C] A Little Quicker ♩ = 52

31 *solo* *p* *senza sord.* *tutti* *pp* *ppp*

gli altri *p* *pp*

Vln. II *pp* 3

Vla. *espr. mp* *ppp*

Vlc. div. *pp* *ppp*

D.b. 31 *pp* *ppp*

35

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

39

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

pp *p* *pp* *mf*

pp *p* *pp* *mf*

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

div. unis. div. unis. (unis.)

pp *p* *pp* *mf*

pp *p* *rit.*

(unis.) div. unis.

p *mf* *p* *mf* *pp*

p *mf* *p* *mf*

p *mf* *p* *mf*

p *mf* *p* *mf*

mp *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

pizz.

p *mf*

a tempo

42

Vln. I *p* *mf* subito *pp* *mp* (unis.)

Vln. II *p* *mf* subito *pp* *mp* (unis.) div.

Vla. *p* *mf* subito *pp* *mp* div. unis.

Vlc. arco *p* *mf* subito *pp* *mp* *mf*

D.b. 42 *mf*

D Pushing Forward ♩ = 60

45

Vln. I *f* (unis.) (unis.) *f*

Vln. II *f* (unis.) *sf*

Vla. *f* (unis.) *sf*

solo Vlc. *f* *sf* *f*

gli altri Vlc. *f* *sf*

D.b. 45 *f* *sf*

Violin I: 48, *p*, *p*, *mf*

Violin II: *p*, *pp*, *mp*

Viola: *p*, *pp*, *mp*

solo Vlc.: *pp*, *pp*, *mp*

gli altri Vlc.: 48, *p*

D.b.: 48

Violins I and II, Viola, Solo Violoncello, and Double Bass. The score is in 4/4 time and consists of three measures. The first measure is marked *pp* (pianissimo) and the second *mf* (mezzo-forte). The third measure is marked *p* (piano) and *mp* (mezzo-piano). The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

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E Poco meno mosso $\text{♩} = 52$

[illegible]

rit. a tempo

[illegible]

Violins I and II, Viola divisi, Violoncello, and Double Bass. The score is in 4/4 time and consists of three measures. The first measure is marked with a rehearsal mark 64. The second measure is marked with a rehearsal mark 64. The third measure is marked with a rehearsal mark 64. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, dynamics (f, sf, p), and articulation (acc.).

67

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

mp *f* *mf* *ff* *sfz*

p *< sf* *p* *< sf* *ff* *sfz*

div. *p* *< sf* *p* *< sf* *ff* *sfz*

mp *f* *mf* *ff* *sfz*

67

F Building in energy ♩ = 80

70

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

fp *cresc.*

p cresc.

70

70

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

72

mf

mf

mf

Detailed description: This system covers measures 72 and 73. Vln. I and Vla. play a melodic line starting at measure 72 with a triplet of eighth notes. The line continues with various intervals and triplets, ending at measure 73. Vln. II is silent. Vlc. and D.b. are silent. Dynamics include *mf* and accents.

accel.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

74

f *p* *fp*

f *p* *fp*

fp *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp*

fp *p* *fp*

74

Detailed description: This system covers measures 74 and 75. Vln. I and Vln. II play a melodic line starting at measure 74 with a triplet of eighth notes. The line continues with various intervals and triplets, ending at measure 75. Vla. plays a series of chords. Vlc. and D.b. are silent. Dynamics include *f*, *p*, *fp*, and accents.

Spirited ♩ = 72

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80

solo

Vln. I

gli altri

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

80

Interjections-ad lib entrances. Do not play downbeat every time.

unis.

Interjections-ad lib entrances. Do not play downbeat every time.

unis.

mf

mf

80

H (♩ = ♩.) ♩ = 108 (except solo violin)

Hold note as long as necessary until conductor moves to reh. I

83

solo

Vln. I

gli altri

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

D.b.

83

sim.

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

fp

sf

f

83

I (♩ = 108) necessary until conductor moves to reh. J
 Play at approx. ♩ = 80 *poco sul. pont.*
 solo I *p cresc.*
 Vln. I *Hold note as long as necessary until conductor moves to reh. J*
 solo II *Follow solo I for tempo poco sul. pont. p cresc.*
 Vln. II *mf*
 Vla. *Play in same tempo as cello mf*
 Vlc. *Play in same tempo as viola mf*
 D.b. *Play in same tempo as viola mf*

J ♩ = 80

Vln. I *ord. tutti* *mf*

Vln. II *ord.* *mf*

Vla. *arco* *mf* *cresc.*

Vlc. *arco* *mf* *cresc.*

D.b. 89 *mf* *sf*

K Fast, with drive ♩ = 138

Vln. I (unis.) *div.* *ff* *mp* *f*

Vln. II *div. a 2* *ff* *mp* *f*

Vla. *div.* *ff* *espr. mf*

Vlc. *div.* *ff* *mp* *f*

D.b. 91 *pizz.* *mf* *ff* *f*

95

Vln. I

div.

p

mf

unis.

f *mp*

p

Vln. II

p

mf

f *mp*

unis.

div.

p

Vla.

f

Vlc.

p

mf

f *mp*

sf *p*

D.b.

f

99

Vln. I

f

p

p

(unis.)

ff *mp*

Vln. II

f

p

p

div.

unis.

ff *mp*

Vla.

f

Vlc.

f

p

p

ff *mp*

D.b.

f

f

103

Vln. I

p *f*

div.

Vln. II

p *f*

Vla.

Vlc.

sf *p* *f*

103

D.b.

div. (unis.)

unis.

Violins I and II, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass, measures 107-111. The score is in 2/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The measures are marked with dynamic markings: *f* (forte) and *p* (piano). The Violins I and II parts feature a melodic line with a *div.* (divisi) marking in measure 108. The Viola part has a *cresc.* (crescendo) marking in measure 108. The Violoncello and Double Bass parts have a *p* marking in measure 108. The Violins I and II parts have a *f* marking in measure 109. The Viola part has a *p* marking in measure 109. The Violoncello and Double Bass parts have a *p* marking in measure 109. The Violins I and II parts have a *f* marking in measure 110. The Viola part has a *p* marking in measure 110. The Violoncello and Double Bass parts have a *p* marking in measure 110. The Violins I and II parts have a *f* marking in measure 111. The Viola part has a *p* marking in measure 111. The Violoncello and Double Bass parts have a *p* marking in measure 111.

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112

Vln. I *sfz* *p* (unis.) *ff* *p* *sf* *p*

Vln. II *sfz* *p* (unis.) *ff* *p* *sf*

Vla. *sfz* *p* *ff* *p* *sf*

Vlc. *sfz* *p* *ff* *p* *sf* *pizz.*

D.b. *sfz* *arco* *ff* *p* *sf* *p*

117

Vln. I *p* *div.* *sf* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Vln. II *p* *div.* *sf* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Vla. *mp* *sf* *mp* *f* *p* *f* *p*

Vlc. *arco* *mf* *sf* *mp* *f* *p* *f* *p* *pizz.*

D.b. *117* *p* *f* *pizz.*

121

Vln. I *sul. pont. div.* *unis. ord. div.* *sul. pont.*

Vln. II *sf p* *sul. pont. div.* *unis. ord. div.* *sul. pont.*

Vla. *sul. pont.* *sf* *mp* *ord.* *sf* *mp* *f* *sul. pont.*

Vlc. *arco* *sf* *div. sul. pont.* *mf* *unis.* *ord. div.* *sf* *mp* *f* *sul. pont.*

D.b. *121* *sul. pont.* *f* *sf* *f*

125

Vln. I *ord.* *unis.* *p* *ff*

Vln. II *ord.* *unis.* *p*

Vla. *ord.* *p*

Vlc. *ord.* *unis.* *(unis.)*

D.b. *125* *p* *f* *p*

[illegible]

rit.

tremolo faster as volume becomes louder

Vln. I

136 *sfz* *ff*

sfz p

trill faster as volume becomes louder

Vln. II

136 *sfz* *ff*

sfz p

trill faster as volume becomes louder

Vla.

ffz

sfz p

trill faster as volume becomes louder

unis.

Vlc. div.

ffz

solo

f *fff* *rit.*

D.b.

136 *ffz*

[illegible]

0 Conductor should cue each entrance as the solo violin moves through the passage. Entrances may be approximate relative to the solo violin.

141 $\text{♩} = 48$

solo *molto espressivo* *pp* *mf*

Vln. I

1 2 3

Harmonic glisses should not be played as rhythmic figures or with any sense of meter or time.

8^{va} (gliss. in harmonics) unis.

gli altri

Vln. II

pizz. 1st time only *mf*

Vla.

unis. pizz. 1st time only *mf*

sul. pont.

Vlc. div.

pp (gliss. in harmonics) 15^{ma}

141 *pp* *p* 15^{ma} 15^{ma} 15^{ma}

D.b.

141 *pp* *p* 15^{ma} 15^{ma} 15^{ma}

sul tasto

144

solo

f

Vln. I

④

⑤ Gradually Increase bow pressure and speed of glissandi----->

⑥

gli altri

144

(gliss. in harmonics)
arco
unis.

p

Vln. II

Vla.

1st time only

8^{va}
(gliss. in harmonics)
arco

p

Vlc.

15^{ma}

D.b.

144

Detailed description: This page of a musical score covers measures 144, 145, and 146. The staves are arranged vertically: solo Violin I, tutti Violin I, tutti Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass. Measure 144 begins with a double bar line. The solo Violin I part features a melodic line with triplets and a forte (*f*) dynamic. The tutti parts (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass) play a harmonic glissando, indicated by a dotted line and a triangle. The Violin II part is marked *p* and includes the instruction "(gliss. in harmonics) arco unis.". The Viola part is marked "1st time only". The Violoncello and Double Bass parts are marked with "15^{ma}". Measure 145 continues the glissando in the tutti parts. Measure 146 concludes the section. A performance instruction for Violin I, circled numbers 4, 5, and 6, spans measures 145 and 146, reading "Gradually Increase bow pressure and speed of glissandi----->".

rit. P Together in time, with great relief ♩ = 48

musical score for strings and solo violin, measures 147-150. The score is written for Solo Violin (Vln. solo), Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla. div.), Violoncello (Vlc.), and Double Bass (D.b.).

The tempo is marked *rit.* (ritardando) and the dynamic is **P** (piano). The instruction "Together in time, with great relief" is followed by a quarter note equal to 48 (♩ = 48). The time signature changes from 4/4 to 3/4 at measure 149.

Measure 147: Solo Violin has a triplet of eighth notes. Violin I, II, Viola, and Cello have a forte (*f*) dynamic. Double Bass has a forte (*f*) dynamic. Violin I and II have a circled 7 and an 8va marking. Violoncello has a 15ma marking.

Measure 148: Solo Violin has a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. Violin I, II, Viola, and Cello have a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. Double Bass has a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. Violin I and II have a *sul tasto* marking. Violoncello has a *sul tasto div.* marking.

Measure 149: Solo Violin has a piano (*p*) dynamic. Violin I, II, Viola, and Cello have a piano (*p*) dynamic. Double Bass has a piano (*p*) dynamic. Violin I and II have a *sul tasto* marking. Violoncello has a *sul tasto div.* marking.

Measure 150: Solo Violin has a piano (*p*) dynamic. Violin I, II, Viola, and Cello have a piano (*p*) dynamic. Double Bass has a piano (*p*) dynamic. Violin I and II have a *sul tasto* marking. Violoncello has a *sul tasto div.* marking.

solo
 Vln. I
 gli altri
 Vln. II
 Vla. div.
 Vlc. div.
 D.b.

Musical score for measures 150-153. The score is written for a solo violin I, other violins (Vln. I gli altri), violin II (Vln. II), divided violas (Vla. div.), divided violas (Vlc. div.), and double bass (D.b.). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The time signature changes from 3/4 to 5/4 and back to 4/4. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, slurs, and dynamics (p, sul. pont.).

div. a 3
sul tasto

(unis.)

156

Vln. I

Vln. II

ord.

Vla.

pp

div. ord.

Vlc.

pp

D.b.

156

unis. div. unis.

159

Vln. I

pp

mf

ord.

Vln. II

pp

mf

p

mf (unis.)

Vla.

pp

p

mf

p

mf

Vlc.

pp

p

mf

unis. III

p

mf

D.b.

159

mf

mf