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Partita

for Trumpet and String Quintet
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INSTRUMENTATION

Trumpet in B♭
Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Violoncello
Double Bass

Duration c. 12'
Score in C

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PERFORMANCE NOTES

Movements should follow on from each other with only a short pause between each movement.

The semicircular markings in the strings in Musette 4 indicate excessive bow pressure, producing a scratching sound more than the notated pitch.

At the end of Song 3, the trumpeter should walk offstage to a location far enough away that the music sounds distant, but near enough to allow accurate coordination with the strings; in these passages, the dynamics in inverted commas indicate the dynamic played, and the dynamics after the ‘=’ signs indicates the dynamic that should be heard in the hall.

PROGRAMME NOTE

*Partita* is a set of 13 very short movements, all of which refer to pre-existing, and very old, genres: fanfares, songs, musettes, dances, and a chorale. The form is best understood as a kind of disrupted rondo. The musettes function as the rondo theme, alternating with dances and songs. The increasingly long fanfare movements break into this neat symmetrical structure with increasing frequency, and come to dominate the piece. In the last movement the soloist leaves the stage, and the strings play new chorale material while memories of trumpet fanfares are heard from afar.
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I - Fanfare 1

Trumpet in B

Violin I

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Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

\[ j = 120 \]

II - Song 1

Tpt.

(Vln. I)

(Vln. II)

(Vla.)

(Vc.)

(Db.)

\[ j = 60 \]
III - Musette 1

\[ \text{III - Musette 1} \]
IV - Dance 1

\( \text{\textit{Vln. I}} \)

\( \text{\textit{Vln. II}} \)

\( \text{\textit{Vla.}} \)

\( \text{\textit{Vc.}} \)

\( \text{\textit{Db.}} \)
VIII - Musette 3
IX - Dance 2

\[ \text{\( q. \)} = 176 \]
X - Musette 4

\( j = 132 \)

straight mute
XI - Fanfare 3

\[ \text{\(j = 120\)} \]

\[ \text{\(3 + 2 + 2\)} \quad \text{\(3 + 2\)} \quad \text{\(3 + 2\)} \quad \text{\(3 + 2 + 2\)} \]

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XII - Song 3