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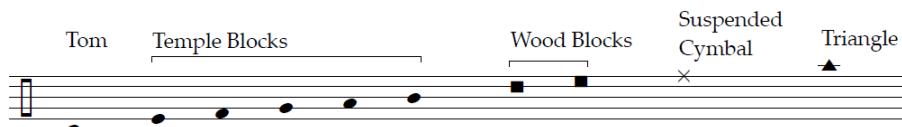
## Approximate Duration:

6.5 Minutes

## Percussion List:

- Marimba (4.3 Octave)
- Temple Blocks (5)
- Wood Blocks (Highest 2 available)
- Triangle
- Suspended Cymbal
- Low-Medium Tom Drum (1)

## Percussion Notation Key:



## Performance Notes:

### General

- 1.) Niente – indicated by a small bold, italic lowercase n.

### Piano Only

- 2.) Piano pedaling is only notated where it absolutely needed or should not be used. Beyond these notations, pedaling should be at the discretion of the pianist.

### Winds Only

- 3.) Air sound – indicated by rectangular noteheads. Blow through the instrument to create a dynamic hairpin with breath.
- 4.) Keyclicks – indicated by x-noteheads.
- 5.) Flutter tongue – indicated by three tremolo slashes through the note stem.
- 6.) Flute pizzicato – indicated by a plus sign above the notehead.

### Strings Only

- 7.) Gradual change in bow placement – indicated by a horizontal line with an arrow above the staff.

### **Program Note:**

When asked to describe my music, I typically discuss a dichotomy that has gradually emerged in my composing. There are pieces which are introspective, nostalgic, or delicate, and then there are pieces which are the exact opposite: animated, kinetic, extroverted.

*Infinite Spinning* is an example of the latter category. At the beginning of the piece's writing process, I was determined to create something euphoric, a joyful burst of sound. As I jotted down a number of sketches and arranged them in various collages on the living room wall, it wasn't until the twentieth sketch that I found something I felt exciting enough to pursue. The piece developed around this new material, retaining elements of the jubilant character initially decided upon, but began to focus more on its quality of continuous, self-propelling motion.

The working title, *Absolute Joy*, was scrapped for *Infinite Spinning* when the work ultimately grew into a *perpetuum mobile*. Taking its name from the Latin phrase for "perpetual motion," a *perpetuum mobile* is a type of piece, or section of a larger musical work, that consists of consecutive short notes, equal in length, performed at a fast speed. The classic example of this is Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's *Flight of the Bumblebee*, but other well-known examples are the finales of Samuel Barber's violin concerto and Frédéric Chopin's second piano sonata. With the exception of a few moments in *Infinite Spinning*, the piece adheres to the *perpetuum mobile* nature, sprinting along through a patchwork of contrasting instrumental colors.

## Score

(Concert Pitch)

# Infinite Spinning

- for pierrot ensemble -

Fast, Playful ( $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 116$ )

air sound, breathy

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The score consists of five staves. The Flute and Clarinet in B♭ play eighth-note patterns. The Violin plays pizzicato notes. The Cello provides harmonic support with sustained notes. The Percussion part includes Marimba and Temple Blocks. The piano accompaniment is mostly silent.

Flute:  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 116$ , air sound, breathy, molto legato.

Clarinet in B♭:  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 116$ ,  $\text{pp}$  to  $\text{pp}$ ,  $\text{mp}$  to  $\text{p}$ ,  $\text{pp}$  to  $\text{mf}$ ,  $\text{p}$  to  $\text{pp}$ .

Violin:  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 116$ , pizz.,  $\text{mf}$  sul pont.

Cello:  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 116$ ,  $\text{p}$ .

Percussion: Marimba: hard yarn (all staccato notes equally short).

Piano:  $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 116$ ,  $\text{p}$ ,  $\text{mf}$ ,  $\text{p}$ ,  $\text{pp}$ .

Fast, Playful ( $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 116$ )

This section continues the fast, playful style. The Flute, Bassoon, Clarinet, Violin, and Cello play eighth-note patterns. The Percussion and Piano provide harmonic support.

Fl.:  $\text{f}$ ,  $\text{pp}$  to  $\text{pp}$ ,  $\text{mf}$ .

B♭ Cl.:  $\text{f}$ ,  $\text{pp}$  to  $\text{pp}$ ,  $\text{mf}$ .

Vln.:  $\text{f}$ , dampen,  $\text{mf}$ .

Vc.:  $\text{p}$ .

Perc.: Temple Blocks: hard yarn,  $\text{f}$ ,  $\text{p}$ ,  $\text{mf}$ .

Pno.:  $\text{p}$ ,  $\text{f}$ .

## Infinite Spinning (Score)

9

Fl.      *brillante*      *f*

B♭ Cl.    *p*      *f*

Vln.     *arco sul pont.*      *ord. III.*      *mf*

Vc.     *ord.*      *poco*      *II.*      *p*      *mf*

Perc.    *p*      *f*      *Triangle*      *mf*      *Temple Blocks: hard yarn*      *p*

*15<sup>ma</sup>* -

Pno.    *p*      *f*

13

Fl.      *agitato*      *flz.*      *mf*

B♭ Cl.    *p*      *mf*      *f*      *ff*      *mf*      *p*

Vln.     *agitato*      *arco*      *f*      *p*

Vc.     *agitato*      *pizz.*      *f*      *mf*

Perc.    *p*      *agitato*      *f*      *p*

Pno.    *pp*      *agitato staccatissimo*      *8va*      *f*      *p*

## Infinite Spinning (Score)

24

25

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

leggiero e agitato  
poco sul pont.

leggiero e agitato  
Marimba: medium yarn

una corda, to m. 36

28

29

espressivo, cantabile

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

leggiero e agitato  
poco sul pont.

p sempre

pizz.

hold pedal until sound completely decays

32

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

*leggiero e agitato*

*più agitato*

36

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

*espressivo, ord.*

*cantabile*

*leggiero e agitato*

*senza ped.*

40

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln. *f*  
arco poco sul pont.  
*leggiero e agitato*  
*p sempre*

Vc. *p* sempre  
Suspended Cymbal

Perc. *p*

Pno. *pp* *mf* *mp* *pp*  
light pedal (blurry)

43

Fl. *leggiero e agitato*  
*p* *mf* *mp* *f* *f* *mp* *mf* *p* *f*

B♭ Cl. *pp* *mf* *p* *f* *f* *mp* *mf* *p* *pp* *mf* *pp*

Vln. *f* *p* *f* *mf* *mp* *f* *mf* *p* *p* *ord.*

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

Perc. *p* *Marimba* *p* *mf* *mf* *p*

Pno. *mf* *pp* *mf* *pp* *mf* *pp* *mf* *pp*

46

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

47

*espressivo, cantabile*

*leggiero e agitato*  
poco sul pont.

*Triangle*

49

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

*poco sul pont.*

*ord.*  
*espressivo, cantabile*

Temple Blocks: medium yarn  
*leggiero e agitato*

## Infinite Spinning (Score)

52

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

55

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

59

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

63

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

## Infinite Spinning (Score)

66

Fl. *deciso flz.* *ff*

B♭ Cl. *deciso* *3 flz.* *p f* *p f* *p f fp* *ff* *f fp*

Vln. *0 deciso* *ff f* *f f* *p* *f* *p* *sul pont. ord.* *#*

Vc. *deciso* *f* *f* *f p* *f* *p* *sul pont. ord.* *#* *f*

Perc. *ff* *8va-* *f* *f* *fp* *f*

Pno. *deciso* *ff* *f* *fp* *f*

Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 70. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Bassoon (B♭ Cl.), Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vc.), Percussion (Perc.), and Piano (Pno.). The score features dynamic markings such as *flz.*, *ff*, *f*, *p*, *fp*, *sul pont.*, *pizz.*, *arco*, and *Tempo Blocks*. The piano part includes a dynamic marking *8va-*.

73

Subito: Slower ( $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 66$ )

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

Wood Blocks

Subito: Slower ( $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 66$ )

*8va-*

*cresc.*

*sffz*

*spp*

*8va-*

very full pedal

76

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

*mf*

*f*

*pp*

*pizz.*

*arco*

*p*

*f*

*pp*

*mp*

*mf*

*pp*

*mf*

*pp*

*mf*

*mf*

Suspended Cymbal:  
scrape with triangle beater

Triangle  
(on the beat)

*simile*

*8va-*

*mf*

**80**

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

rit.

Tempo I ( $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 116$ )

84

rit.

Tempo I ( $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 116$ )

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

rit.

Tempo I ( $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 116$ )

poco tranquillo

$\wedge$  light pedal (blurry)

88

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

*simile*

*ppp*      *p*

92

air sound, breathy

95

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

*pp*      *mf*      *pp*

*sul tasto*

*pp*      *sul tasto*      *mf*      *pp*

*mp*

*pp*

*p*

*pp*      *mp*

96

This section shows measures 96 through 100. The instruments are as follows:

- Fl.**: Flute, mostly rests.
- B♭ Cl.**: Bassoon Clarinet, mostly rests.
- Vln.**: Violin, sustained notes.
- Vc.**: Cello, eighth-note patterns.
- Perc.**: Percussion, mostly rests.
- Pno.**: Piano, eighth-note patterns.

Dynamic markings: **pp**, **mp**.

100

This section shows measures 100 through 104. The instruments are as follows:

- Fl.**: Flute, mostly rests.
- B♭ Cl.**: Bassoon Clarinet, keyclicks (x marks).
- Vln.**: Violin, mostly rests.
- Vc.**: Cello, sustained notes.
- Perc.**: Percussion, mostly rests.
- Pno.**: Piano, eighth-note patterns.

Text: **keyclicks**, **air sound, breathy**. Dynamic markings: **p**, **pp**, **mf**, **mp**.

Text: **Marimba: playing on the edge of the bar with mallet handles**. Dynamic markings: **p**, **mf**, **p**.

**104**

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln. ord.

Vc. pizz.

Perc. *p*

Pno. *pp*

*poco più agitato*

**108**

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln. *mp*

Vc.

Perc. *pp*

sul pont.

Pno. *p*

playing on the edge of the bar with mallet handles

113

112

Fl. *pp*

B♭ Cl. *f*

Vln. *poco agitato*

Vc. *mf*

Perc. *ord.* *f*

Pno. *p*

*mf*

*pp*

*agitato*

*f*

*mp*

*quasi cantabile*

*ppp*

116

119

Fl.

B♭ Cl. *mf*

Vln. *p*

Vc. *p*

Perc. *f*

*deciso*

*pizz.*

*0*

*mf*

*fp*

*fp*

*Stem up - medium rubber*  
*Stem down - hard yarn*

*mf*

Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 121. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Bassoon (B♭ Cl.), Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vc.), Percussion (Perc.), and Piano (Pno.). The piano part features a basso continuo line. The score shows various dynamics and performance instructions, such as *mf*, *p*, *f*, *fp*, *pp*, *arco sul pont.*, *IV.*, *arco*, and *mf*. Measures 121-122 are shown, with measure 123 continuing on the next page.

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(4 + 5)

129

Fl. *f* *mf*

B♭ Cl. *pizz.* *p* *f* *p*

Vln. *brillante* *pizz.* *arco* *pizz.* *arco* *pizz.* *arco*

Vc. *f* *mp*

Perc.

Pno. *simile*

133

Fl. *p* *f* *p*

B♭ Cl. *f* *p* *pizz.* *p* *pizz.* *arco* *pizz.* *arco* *pizz.* *f*

Vln. *f* *f* *f*

Vc. *f* *mp* *f*

Perc.

Pno. *flz.* *f* *ff* *p* *f* *f*

**137**

Fl. *ff* *più brillante e deciso* flz. *mf* *ff* *ff* *fp*

B♭ Cl. *più brillante e deciso* flz. *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *fp*

Vln. *deciso arco* *f* *pizz.* *deciso* *f* *arco* *f*

Vc. *ff* *Marimba* *f* *f* *sempre*

Perc. *f* *p*

Pno. *f* *sempre* *sfz* *p*

*più brillante e deciso*

**141**

Fl. *f* *ff* *ff*

B♭ Cl. *f* *ff* *f* *ff*

Vln. *f* *ff* *pizz.* *f*

Vc. *f* *ff*

Perc. *ff* *Temple Blocks* *Wood Blocks* *f* *ff* *ff* *molto agitato* *f* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Pno. *v.v.* *sfz* *p* *ff* *ff* *ff* *sffz* *p*

## Infinite Spinning (Score)

Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 145. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Bassoon Clarinet (B♭ Cl.), Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vc.), Percussion (Perc.), and Piano (Pno.). The piano part features a dynamic range from *ff* to *p*, with various performance techniques like tremolo, *sffz*, and *sfpp*. The orchestra parts show complex rhythmic patterns and dynamics, including *flz.* (flute-like sound) and *molto agitato*.

Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 153. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Bassoon (B♭ Cl.), Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vc.), Percussion (Perc.), and Piano (Pno.). The piano part features a treble clef and bass clef staff. The flute and bassoon parts have dynamic markings *p*, *mf*, and *morendo*. The violin and cello parts include performance instructions like *pizz.* and *f*. The percussion part includes a triangle. The piano part has dynamics *mf* and *8va*.

157

**158**

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

*Solo dolce*

*p*

*mf*

*pp*

*n*

*p*

*p*

*Tom*

*p*

*poco tranquillo*

*3*

*3*

*3*

*3*

*3*

*3*

*3*

*3*

*pp sempre*

*una corda, to m. 177*

162

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

*mp*

*f*

*dim.*

*poco cresc.*

167

169

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

*pp*

*p*

*leggiero e agitato*

*leggiero arco*

*(pizz.)*

*leggiero e agitato*

Marimba: medium yarn

*pp*

*mf*

*leggiero e agitato*

*arco*

*pp*

*mf*

*pp*

*mf*

*pp*

171

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

175

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

## Infinite Spinning (Score)

179

Fl. flz. *leggero e agitato*

B♭ Cl. *mf*

Vln. *f*

Vc. *pizz.* *p*

Perc. *p* *mf* *mp* *f* *Suspended Cymbal* *Marimba* *fp* *mf*

Pno. *senza ped.* *p* *pp*

183

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln. *legato* *pp* *mp* *pp* *mp*

Vc. *espressivo, ord.* *cantabile* *mf* *p*

Perc. *p*

Pno. *pp* *p*

*sost.*

187 *più agitato*

Fl. *pp* — *mp*   *p* — *mf*   *f* — *mp*   *mf* — *p*   *p* — *f*  
*espressivo, cantabile*

B♭ Cl. *pp* — *mp*   *p* — *mf*   *f* — *mp*   *mf* = *p*   *mf* — *p*   *mf* — *p*

Vln. *pp* — *mf* — *p*   *p* — *ord.*

Vc. *p* — *p*   *p* — *fp*

Perc. *f* — *pp*

Pno. *p* — *mf*   *p* — *f* — *p*   *p* — *p*  
*(sost.)*

191

Fl. — *ff*

B♭ Cl. *f* — *p* — *ff*

Vln. *f* — *fp* — *p* — *ff*

Vc. *f* — *p* — *ff*

Perc. *agitato* — *p* — *p*

Pno. *mf* — *f* — *p* — *p*

**194**

Fl. flz. *deciso* *f* *fp* *fp* *ff*

B♭ Cl. *deciso* 3 *fp* *fp* *ff*

Vln. *deciso ord.* *f* 3 *fp* *ff* *sul pont.*

Vc. *f* 3 *p* *ff*

Perc. *hard yarn deciso* *f* *cresc.* *ff* *p* *f*

Pno. *deciso, ben marcato* *ff* *p* 5 *p* 5

**198**

Fl. *molto brillante e animato* *f* *ff* *f* *ff*

B♭ Cl. *f* *ff* *f* *ff*

Vln. *molto brillante e animato pizz.* *arco* *pizz.* *arco* *pizz.*

Vc. *f* *molto brillante e animato ord.* *f* *pizz.* *arco* *pizz.*

Perc. *molto brillante e animato* *f* *ff* *f* *ff* *Temple Blocks*

Pno. *ff* *f* *ff* *sfp* *Wood Blocks* 3 *ff* *ff*

202

Fl.  
B♭ Cl.  
Vln.  
Vc.  
Perc.  
Pno.

206

208

Fl.  
B♭ Cl.  
Vln.  
Vc.  
Perc.  
Pno.

210

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Vln. *dim. poco a poco* (mp)

Vc. *dim. poco a poco* (mp)

Perc.

Pno. *ppp*

*(8va)* *ppp* *pp* *ppp* *ppp* *ppp*

215

216

Fl.

B♭ Cl. *mf* *p* *pp* *f* *f* *p* *ppp*

Vln. *n* *pp* *mp* *f* *p* *ppp*

Vc. *pp* *mp* *f* *p* *ppp*

Perc. *p* *mf*

Suspended Cymbal:  
scrape with triangle beater

Pno. *ppp* *pp* *ff* *f* *rit.* *pp* *(8va)* *pp*