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Three Viola Pieces for Xiaohan Sun

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Written for my violist friend at Rice University, Xiaohan Sun, this piece was inspired by the second movement of Ligeti's "Viola Sonata" and a song "YouYuanJingMeng (遊園驚夢)" from a famous Chinese Kun opera (one of the oldest extant forms of Chinese opera), "MuDanTing (牡丹亭)," which was composed in 1598.

The first movement was written in a rather free style. Its title, "Meng (夢)," means dream in Chinese.

The second movement is an homage to the Ligeti and the Kun opera mentioned above.

In the last movement, most of the pitches are taken from the song, "YouYuanJingMeng." My goal was to imitate the way Chinese people from JiangZhe (江浙) area lived and talked in that era without entirely sounding like a traditional Chinese piece.

Duration: 10'30"

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Meng 夢

Con Fuoco ♩ = 126

♩ = 148

The musical score is written for violin and cello. It begins with a tempo of 126 beats per minute (♩ = 126) and a dynamic of *f*. The first system (measures 1-4) features a violin melody with a *p* dynamic and a cello accompaniment with a *f* dynamic. A *ff* dynamic is indicated for the cello in the second system (measures 5-8). The tempo changes to 148 beats per minute (♩ = 148) at measure 5. The score includes various performance instructions: *f*, *p*, *subito p*, *mf*, *p*, *pizz.*, *arco*, and *f*. The piece concludes with a *p* dynamic in the final system (measures 15-16).

2
19

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Musical staff 19-20: Bass clef, 2/4 time signature. Staff 19 contains a sequence of eighth and sixteenth notes with various accidentals. Staff 20 continues with similar rhythmic patterns, including a triplet of eighth notes.

21

Musical staff 21: Bass clef, 2/4 time signature. The staff features a series of eighth notes with dynamic markings *mp*, *f*, *p*, *mf*, and *f* indicated by hairpins. There are also accents (>) over several notes.

23

Musical staff 23: Bass clef, 2/4 time signature. The staff includes eighth notes, quarter notes, and a half note with a fermata. Dynamic markings *f*, *subito p*, and *f* are shown with hairpins. Accents (>) are present over several notes.

27

Musical staff 27: Bass clef, 2/4 time signature. The staff features a half note, quarter notes, and a triplet of eighth notes. A dynamic marking of *mp* is present.

31

Musical staff 31: Bass clef, 2/4 time signature. The staff contains quarter notes, eighth notes, and a triplet of eighth notes. A dynamic marking of *mf* *espress.* is shown.

35

Musical staff 35: Bass clef, 2/4 time signature. The staff features a triplet of eighth notes, quarter notes, and eighth notes. A dynamic marking of *p* is shown. The staff concludes with a half note and a quarter note with an accent (>).

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38

f *p* *f* *p* *mf*

Measures 38-40: Bass clef, 3/8 time. Measure 38: *f* (triplets), *p* (triplets), *f* (triplets). Measure 39: *p* (triplets), *mf* (triplets). Measure 40: *mf* (triplets).

41

f *piu f*

Measures 41-43: Bass clef, 3/8 time. Measure 41: *f* (triplets), *f* (triplets). Measure 42: *f* (triplets), *f* (triplets). Measure 43: *piu f* (triplets), *piu f* (triplets).

45

cresc. *ff subito p*

Measures 45-48: Treble clef, 3/8 time. Measure 45: *cresc.* (triplets), *cresc.* (triplets). Measure 46: *cresc.* (triplets), *cresc.* (triplets). Measure 47: *cresc.* (triplets), *cresc.* (triplets). Measure 48: *ff subito p* (triplets), *ff subito p* (triplets).

49

Measures 49-51: Bass clef, 3/8 time. Measure 49: (triplets), (triplets). Measure 50: (triplets), (triplets). Measure 51: (triplets), (triplets).

52

cresc. *mf*

Measures 52-54: Bass clef, 3/8 time. Measure 52: *cresc.* (triplets), *cresc.* (triplets). Measure 53: *cresc.* (triplets), *cresc.* (triplets). Measure 54: *mf* (triplets), *mf* (triplets).

55

Measures 55-57: Bass clef, 3/8 time. Measure 55: (triplets), (triplets). Measure 56: (triplets), (triplets). Measure 57: (triplets), (triplets).

57

59

pizz.

fff

Detailed description: This image shows a musical score for the piece 'Yun Bai Meng'. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins at measure 57 and ends at measure 60. The second staff begins at measure 59 and ends at measure 60. The music is written in a single treble clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The time signature is not explicitly shown but appears to be 4/4 based on the note values. The score features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are several dynamic markings: '>' (accent) is used frequently throughout the piece. At the end of the second staff, there is a 'pizz.' (pizzicato) marking and a very loud dynamic marking '*fff*' (fortississimo) with a vertical line through it, indicating a strong, percussive ending.

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Homage to Ligeti and You Yuan Jing Meng

♩ = 320

①

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

4 *f* *mp* *p* *f*

7 *p* *f* *p*

10 *subito p* *f* *mp* *f*

13 *subito p* *mf* *f* *p* *sf* *f* *p*

16 *f* *p* *to sul tasto* *sul tasto*

19 *ord.* *mp* *f*

* The voicings are only there to help performer to have a better sense of what to bring out, performer do not have to sustain for the indicated duration if it's impossible to do.

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22 to sul pont. sul pont. *subito p* ord. *f*

26 sul pont. *p* *subito p* ord. *mf*

30 (5) sul tasto *p* *f* *p* *mf* *mp*

34 *f* *p* *pp*

38 ord. *mf* *p* (6)

42 *f* *p* *f* *mp* --- molto vib. normal vib.

46 *f* *p* vib. *mf*

50 vib. *f* non-vib. *p* non-vib. --- molto vib. normal vib. *f*

54 7
espress.

59 Con sord.

64 (♩ = 80) slowl-molto vib.

p *mf* *ppmp* *p*

68 sul tasto bend pitch ord.

fp *pp* *f*

72 -molto vib. normal vib. bend pitch

mp *mf* subito *p* *f* *ff* *ppp*

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You Yuan 遊園

Freely ♩ = 60

The musical score is written in bass clef and consists of five staves. It includes various dynamics, articulations, and performance instructions.

Staff 1: *f*, *p*, *f*, *p*, *f*, *p*, *mf*

Staff 2: *p*, *f*, *mp*, *f*, *pp*

Staff 3: *p*, *mp*, *fp*, *f*, *pizz.*, *arco*, *p*, *f*

Staff 4: *pp*, *f*

Staff 5: *p*, *mf*

Performance instructions: *senza vib. sul tasto (flautando)*, *ord.*, *molto vib.*, *norm. vib.*, *Moderato* ♩ = 90

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f *ff* *molto vib.*

norm. vib. *pizz.* *mp* *accel.* *cresc.*

(♩ = 100) *f* *subito p* *cresc.*

arco *a tempo* ♩ = 60 *ff* *p* *Slower, freely* ♩ = 52 *fp* *fmp*

p *f* *ff* *p* *mp* +