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Program Note

I've always been fascinated by people that push against their own physical limitations, whether it's bodybuilders, marathoners, people with eating disorders, or concert violinists and metal drummers. There's something magical and exciting about transforming your body into something better, but also something grotesque and terrifying about the things people do to actually accomplish that. Such frightening activities include running 140 miles a week, throwing up your dinner, taking steroids, or practicing for 10 hours a day.

My piece *Juiced* responds to this attempted pursuit of physical perfection. I tried to channel the moments of performance (whether musical or athletic) where one is moving very quickly, but time seems to slow down. I also tried to write music near the edge of what the performers can do both as individuals and as an ensemble. The quartet plays a LOT of notes, and also plays extremely tricky rhythms in complete unison throughout a large part of the piece. Many passages are written with the knowledge that they are essentially impossible to play perfectly.

It's tough, because as performers we spend so much time trying to sound good, to look good, to control our bodies. But that control is fleeting in the best cases: we and our bodies will all fail in one way or another eventually. However, striving for perfection even when we know it isn't possible is part of what makes us human, and for me, is thrilling to watch.

Juiced was co-commissioned by the Norfolk Summer Festival and Friction Quartet.

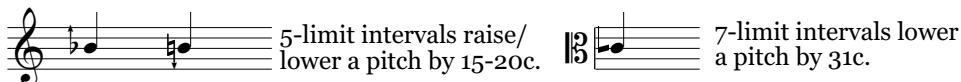
Duration: ca. 18'30"

The piece is in six sections, which should be played without pause.

Performance Notes

Microtonal accidentals and general harmonic notation:

I use two microtonal accidentals adapted from Helmholtz-Ellis Just Intonation notation:



Harmonics up to partial 9 are used. They are always notated at fingered pitch, as in this example on the violin's G string:

In the score, sounding-pitch information is generally not included, and harmonics look as follows:

However, it is used occasionally for clarity, as in this figure in which the fingered pitches sit a quarter tone apart:

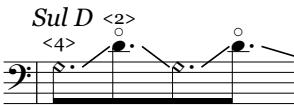
Performance Notes (continued)*Extended techniques and unusual notation*

Upper-partial artificial harmonics:



Executed like normal touch 4 artificial harmonics, but with higher partials. The harmonic numbers correspond to the lower fingered pitch. A certain amount of instability in the resulting pitches is expected.

Harmonic glisses:



Continuous gliss using very light finger pressure so all harmonics in between the written notes speak.

Bracketed material:



Material in brackets is repeated in metered time, but is gradually altered or distorted per directions in the score. Each stem is a rearticulation of entirety of bracketed material.

Unusual glissando notation:

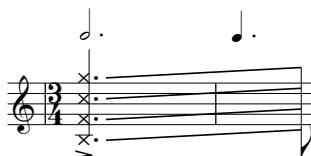
Unless otherwise noted, glissandi should be continuous over the course of the notated duration. In figures like these, bow articulation is read as normal from stems and slurs.



Scratch tones:



Apply fairly heavy pressure using flat part of the left hand fingers and a heavy, slow bow to produce a rough sound without a discernable pitch.



When the combination of noteheads and glisses obscures the rhythm, note lengths are indicated above the staff.

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intro: warmup/ghost

light and steady $\text{♩} = 96$

The score consists of four staves.
Violin I: Starts with a rest, then a sixteenth-note pattern. Dynamics: *sul G*, *sul tasto* (measures 1-2), *pp* (measures 3-4), *mp* (measures 5-6).
Violin II: Starts with a rest, then eighth-note patterns. Dynamics: *sul tasto* (measures 1-2), *sul pont* (measures 3-4), *pp* (measures 5-6), *mp* (measures 7-8).
Viola: Starts with a rest, then eighth-note patterns. Dynamics: *I sul tasto* (measures 1-2), *sul pont* (measures 3-4), *pp* (measures 5-6), *sim. bow position changes w/ dynamics* (measures 7-8).
Violoncello: Starts with a rest, then eighth-note patterns. Dynamics: *pp* (measures 1-2), *pp* (measures 3-4), *sim. bow position changes w/ dynamics* (measures 5-6), *pp* (measures 7-8).

All movements are played *attacca*, with only very short pauses when indicated.

Throughout this section, all tremolos are measured, and the players should pay careful attention to rhythmic placement of dynamics and bow techniques to create a subtly-yet-clearly shifting texture. The pulse should feel present from the beginning, and giving a little natural agogic accent on big beats will help rhythmically anchor the opening 29 bars. The texture and rhythm should naturally come more into focus throughout the section as playing techniques shift from harmonics towards normally-played notes.

See performance notes for explanations of non-standard upper-partial harmonics techniques and notation.

The score consists of four staves.
Vln. I: Starts with a rest, then eighth-note patterns. Dynamics: *s.t.* (measure 1), *pp* (measures 2-3), *pp* (measures 4-5), *mf* (measures 6-7), *pp* (measures 8-9).
Vln. II: Starts with a rest, then eighth-note patterns. Dynamics: *pp* (measures 1-2), *pp* (measures 3-4), *mp* (measures 5-6), *pp* (measures 7-8).
Vla.: Starts with a rest, then eighth-note patterns. Dynamics: *p* (measures 1-2), *pp* (measures 3-4), *pp* (measures 5-6).
Vc.: Starts with a rest, then eighth-note patterns. Dynamics: *pp* (measures 1-2), *pp* (measures 3-4), *pp* (measures 5-6).

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2

11

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

A

16

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

21

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

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3

26

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc.

II
III

IV

I <3>
II <5>

pp mp mp pp

30

B bolder 3x

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc.

IV
III
<6>
(^o)
II

Sul D
<3>
<4>

pp p pp pp

mp mp mp mp

33

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc.

<5>

occasionally let open strings speak

Sul G
<4>
<5>

backing off

only harmonics - stop letting open strings speak

pp mp

pp mp

mf pp

mf pp

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4

36

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

41

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

45

C stronger again **4x**

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Musical score for orchestra, page 10, measures 49-50. The score includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., and Vc. Measure 49 starts with a dynamic *pp*. Measure 50 begins with a dynamic *p*.

53

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ff

short

<4> <5>

I. intervals to exhaustion

roiling, ecstatic, J.=92

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

5

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

A

10

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

14

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

19

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

B a bit slower

23

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

a bit faster

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

C slower again

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

faster again

36

39

short

D tempo primo ($\text{♩} = 92$)

45

Juiced

10

49

molto accel. $\text{♩} = 168$

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

53

molto rit. $\text{♩} = ?$ **a tempo** $\text{♩} = ?$

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

57

rit. $\text{♩} = ?$ **E** $\text{♩} = 138$

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

61

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

rit.

F $\text{♩}=100$ accel.

64

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

$\text{♩}=144$ accel.

$\text{♩}=124$ accel.

67

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Juiced

12

L=138 *accel.* *L=150*

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.

accel. *L=164* *accel.*

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.

L=172 **G** *molto rit.*

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.

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13

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla. *Sul C*

Vc.

J=92 **molto accel.** **J=120**

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

molto accel. **J=138** **rushing a bit**

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

J=92 **molto accel.**

J=144

H a little faster, more frantic

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

J=100

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

J=J molto accel.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

gradual transition from bariolage to double stops
gliss down slowly

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15

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

106 **$\text{♩} = 192$** **rit.** **$\text{♩} = 100$**

I **$\text{♩} = 144$**

Vln. I **111** **on the string** **fff** **molto rit.** **$\text{♩} = 100$**

Vln. II **fff**

Vla. **fff**

Vc. **on the string** **fff**

Vln. I **115** **$\text{♩} = \text{♩}$** **accel.** **$\text{♩} = 100$** **$\text{♩} = \text{♩}$** **accel.**

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Juiced

16

J ♩=144

120

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

molto rit.

124

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

♩=100

molto accel.

128

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

♩=100

♩=♩ molto accel.

132 **K** ♩=144 rit. ♩=100

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

136 ♩= molto accel. ♩=100

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

140 molto rit. ♩=60

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

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18

J=144

Vln. I

Vln. II on the string

Vla. on the string

Vc.

145

molto rit.

J=100 molto rit.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

148

L J=144

molto rit.

ffff

J=100 molto accel.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

153

J=100

d=J molto accel.

157

Vln. I

J=144

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

molto rit.

J=100 *molto rit.*

161

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

J=76

II. instructions for disassembly

1 relax a little, $\text{♩} = \text{♩} (\text{♩} = 76)$

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

All trills and tremolos in this section are unmeasured.

6 a little slower

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

A a tempo, $\text{♩} = 76$

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

19 arco pizz
Vln. I f
arco III pizz
Vln. II f
Vla.
Vc. arco f
arco fff
arco fff
arco fff

B light and with momentum, $\text{♩}=\text{ca. } 140$

26 pizz
Vln. I mf
pizz
Vln. II f
pizz
Vla. mf f
pizz
Vc. mf

33
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.

Juiced

22

38

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

44

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

arco sul pont

poco vib.

no dim.

arco sul pont

poco vib.

p

arco sul pont

arco sul pont

p

p

51 C

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

pizz

f

pizz

f

pizz

f

pizz

f

Juiced

23

57

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ff

*arco
molto vib.*

ff

*arco
molto vib.*

ff

ff

63

Vln. I

Vln. II

pizz

f

Vla.

f

Vc.

69

D

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

fp

ff

arco

pizz

fp

ff

arco

pizz

fp

ff

arco

pizz

fp

ff

Juiced

24

75

Vln. I arco *f < ff*

Vln. II arco *fp = ff*

Vla. arco *fp = ff*

Vc. arco *pizz* *fp = ff*

81

Vln. I arco *fp = ff*

Vln. II arco *pizz*

Vla. arco *pizz*

Vc. arco *pizz* *fp = ff*

E

87

Vln. I *pizz*

Vln. II *pizz*

Vla. *pizz*

Vc. *pizz*

93 *rit.*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

F a tempo, $\text{♩} = 76$

97 $\text{♩} = 56$

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

101

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Juiced

26

106

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

110

G

molto rit.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

$\text{♩} = 60$

molto rit.

$\text{♩} = 40$

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

III. imagined moments of perfection

quieter but forceful, ♩=70

1

Vln. I arco *pp* arco solo *f* arco *mf*

Vln. II *pp* sul tasto *pp* *mf*

Vla. *f* *pp* *mf*

Vc. arco *pp* pizz *f* arco *mf*

Throughout this section, use more traditional vibrato where possible, and treat the glissés as expressive, portamento gestures that happen towards the end of each note, rather than a continuous motion between pitches.

Notes or phrases marked 'solo' should be played *espressivo*, even if they get momentarily covered by other players.

All trills and tremolos in this section are unmeasured.

7

Vln. I pizz arco

Vln. II *mf* *p* *mp* *pp*

Vla. ord. solo *mf* *pp*

Vc. *f* *pp* *pizz* ₃ arco *p*

A = 42

13

solo

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

sol

mf

sol

f

f

pushing a little

pushing a little

B a little faster, heavy and warm

B a little faster, heavy and warm

18 solo
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.

B a little faster, heavy and warm

19
20
21

molto vib.

accel. $\text{♩}=60$

C $\text{♩}=48$, hazy, veiled

non vib. ♩
ppp sub

non vib. ♩
ppp sub

solo non vib.
ff ♩ **p** ♩ **pp**

non vib. ♩
ff ♩ **ppp sub**

Measures 23-28 for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., and Vc.

rit. $\text{♩}=40$

ff

(non cresc.)

ff

(non cresc.)

ff

(non cresc.)

Measures 28-33 for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., and Vc.

30

IV. two things at once/racing for home

D vicious and focused, $\text{J}=138$

34 off the string (two dotted 16ths)

Vln. I *fp* *poco sul pont* (two dotted 16ths) *mf*

Vln. II *fp* *mf* pizz

Vla. *f* pizz

Vc. *f*

All tremolos in this section are measured. Dotted 8th notes marked with a tremolo should be played as two dotted 16th notes.

All metric subdivisions of odd-number bars (e.g. 7/8 as 2+2+3 vs. 3+2+2) are shown with beaming and rests.

41

Vln. I *f* *mp*

Vln. II *f* *mp*

Vla.

Vc.

E

47

Vln. I *f* *ff* *ord.* *poco sul pont* *mf*

Vln. II *f* *ff* *mf*

Vla. *arco* *ff* pizz

Vc. *ff* *f*

53

Vln. I f ff mf ff mp

Vln. II f ff mf ff mp

Vla. arco pizz arco ff mp

Vc. - - ff mp

F sul tasto
on the string

sul tasto
on the string

sul tasto
on the string

arco sul tasto
on the string

59

Vln. I off the string ff

Vln. II off the string ord.

Vla. off the string sul tasto

Vc. off the string pizz ff mp

ord.

f

ff

mp

arco sul tasto

65

Vln. I ff sul tasto mp ord. ff

Vln. II ff sul tasto mp ord. ff

Vla. ff ord. ff sul tasto mp

Vc. ff pizz ff mp

ff

mp

ord.

ff

mp

arco sul tasto

G

72 sul tasto -----> ord. sul tasto -----> ord.

Vln. I *mf* *f* *mf* *f*

Vln. II sul tasto -----> ord. sul tasto -----> ord.

Vln. II *mf* *f* *mf* *f*

Vla. *ff* *mf* *ff*

Vc. pizz *ff* *ff* *mf*

H blurry 3x

78 sul tasto on the string

Vln. I *ff*

Vln. II *ff* 3 *ff*

Vla. ord. *ff*

Vc. arco *ff*

blurry sul tasto on the string 3x

blurry sul tasto on the string

blurry sul tasto on the string

blurry sul tasto on the string

82 ord. *ff* sul tasto on the string ord.

Vln. I *ff* *mp* *ff*

Vln. II ord. *ff* sul tasto on the string ord.

Vln. II *ff* *mp* *ff*

Vla. -----> ord. *ff* sul tasto on the string

Vla. *f* *mp* *ff*

Vc. -----> ord. *ff* sul tasto on the string

Vc. *f* *mp* *ff*

Musical score for strings (Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc.) showing measures 95-100. The score includes dynamic markings (p, f, mp) and performance instructions (arco, pizz). Measure 95: Vln. I arco, (p) -> f; Vln. II pizz, p; Vla. f; Vc. f. Measure 96: Vln. I pizz, +; Vln. II p; Vla. mp; Vc. mp. Measure 97: Vln. I pizz, +; Vln. II +; Vla. +; Vc. +. Measure 98: Vln. I pizz, +; Vln. II +; Vla. +; Vc. +. Measure 99: Vln. I pizz, +; Vln. II +; Vla. +; Vc. +. Measure 100: Vln. I arco, p; Vln. II p; Vla. p; Vc. p.

101

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

pizz +

p

ff

f

sul tasto

mf

ff

sul tasto

mf

p

ord.

ord.

107

Vln. I arco $\frac{12}{16}$ $\frac{6}{8}$ $mf \longrightarrow ff$ $p \longrightarrow ff$

Vln. II $f \longrightarrow ff$ $p \longrightarrow ff$

Vla. $\frac{12}{16}$ $\frac{6}{8}$ $f \longrightarrow ff$ $mf \longrightarrow ff$

Vc. $\frac{12}{16}$ $\frac{6}{8}$ $f \longrightarrow ff$ $mf \longrightarrow ff$

J a little slower,
churning and resonant

on the string

114

Vln. I *fff*

Vln. II *on the string* *fff*

Vla. *fff*

Vc. *fff*

118

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

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122

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

off the string

126

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

on the string

K

130

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

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134

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

138

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

142

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

off the string

off the string

Musical score for strings (Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc.) showing measures 146-147. The score is in common time, key signature is B-flat major. Measure 146 starts with a dynamic *ffff*. Measures 146-147 show sustained notes with grace notes. Measure 147 ends with a dynamic *ffff*.

A musical score for string quartet (Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc.) over four staves. The score consists of four measures (measures 150-154). Measure 150: Vln. I plays eighth-note pairs with a '6' below the staff; Vln. II and Vla. play eighth-note pairs with a '6' below the staff; Vc. plays eighth-note pairs with a '6' below the staff. Measure 151: Vln. I plays eighth-note pairs with a '6' below the staff; Vln. II and Vla. play eighth-note pairs with a '6' below the staff; Vc. plays eighth-note pairs with a '6' below the staff. Measure 152: Vln. I plays eighth-note pairs with a '6' below the staff; Vln. II and Vla. play eighth-note pairs with a '6' below the staff; Vc. plays eighth-note pairs with a '6' below the staff. Measure 153: Vln. I plays eighth-note pairs with a '6' below the staff; Vln. II and Vla. play eighth-note pairs with a '6' below the staff; Vc. plays eighth-note pairs with a '6' below the staff. Measure 154: Vln. I plays eighth-note pairs with a '6' below the staff; Vln. II and Vla. play eighth-note pairs with a '6' below the staff; Vc. plays eighth-note pairs with a '6' below the staff.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

M **tempo primo, ♩=138** **5x**

sul tasto
on the string

ppp

sul tasto
on the string

ppp

sul tasto
on the string

ppp **enter on 3rd repeat**

sul tasto
on the string

ppp **enter on 4th repeat**

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38

accel.

158

Vln. I al talone ff
Vln. II ord. off the string ff
Vla. ord. off the string ff
Vc. al talone ff
 al talone ff
 al talone ff

=212

mf

accel.

=212

164

Vln. I ff
Vln. II mf
Vla. mf
Vc. ff

accel.

=212

168

Vln. I ff
Vln. II ff
Vla. ff
Vc. ff

accel.

fff

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172

o=140 rit. *o=100 accel.* *o=140 accel.*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

o=90 accel. *o=120 accel.* *o=140 accel.* *o=150*

177

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

coda: your skinny arms

N ♩=50, quasi senza tempo

182 *sul tasto*
Vln. I *ppp warm*

a tempo
al talone

fff 6 6 6

sul tasto
Vln. II *ppp warm*

al talone

fff

sul tasto
Vla. *ppp warm*

al talone

fff

sul tasto
Vc. *ppp warm*

al talone 3 3 3 3 3 3

come sopra, quasi senza tempo

188 *sul tasto*
Vln. I *ppp*

sul tasto
Vln. II *ppp*

sul tasto
Vla. *ppp*

sul tasto
Vc. *ppp*

196

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

poco sul pont
mp

poco sul pont
mp

poco sul pont
mp

poco sul pont
mp

O

204

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

sul tasto
ppp

sul tasto
ppp

sul tasto
ppp

sul tasto
ppp

212

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

10''
vib.
 8''

5''
vib.
 5''

8''

pppp
vib.
pppp
vib.
pppp