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PULSAR

for string quartet

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Duration: 10 minutes

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Orchestration:

2 Violin
1 Viola
1 Violoncello

Written for the JACK Quartet's 2021 Residency at New York University.

Instructions:

ST – sul tasto
mST – molto sul tasto
sul pont. – sul ponticello
mSP – molto sul ponticello
For all slurred pizzicati, the second pitch should only be touched on the string and not plucked.

Program Note:

Ever since I was a little kid, my family and I would go from our home in the Chicago suburbs up into northern Wisconsin. The air was always sweet and the sky was always clearer. I remember when night would come, I would step outside and look up at the stars. They radiated so much energy, so much heat, enough to be seen from thousands of light-years away. This piece is dedicated to that energy. It is so often beautiful to look at but quite ominous to conceptualize. It exists as a paradoxical state of wonder and frenzied chaos.

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Energized ♩=76

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

sf

sfz

pp **f**

sfz

2 molto sul tasto

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

pp

arco

3

3

3

3

3

pp

pp

arco

5

4

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

p

p

mf **ppp** **p**

ppp

6

ord.
3

7

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

f

n

f

p

ricochet

f

p

ord.

f

8

pizz.
3

p

mf

arco
mST

f

pp

f

p

p

f

f

p

f

10

ord.
III
II
(gliss on D)

f

mf

pp

f

pp

ord.

f

pp

f

p

p

p

p

12

Vln. I *f* *pp* *f* 5 pizz. 5

Vln. II *mf* *mf* 5

Vla. *mf* *f*

Vc. *f*

14

Vln. I *pp* *p* *sfz* *f* mSP

Vln. II *pp* *p* *pp* arco mST *sfz* *f*

Vla. *pp* *p* *pizz.* *p* *sfz* *f* mSP

Vc. *n* *p* *pizz.* *sfz* *f* mSP

17

Vln. I ord. *sfz* *f* mSP *f* 3 pizz. 3

Vln. II *sfz* *f* mSP *f* *pizz.* *pp*

Vla. mST *f* *p* *pp* mSP

Vc. sul D *sfz* *f* *p* *pp*

20

like an echo
pp

arco
ord.

p

f

scratchy
gliss.

arco
mST

p

ord → mST

f *p* *mf*

Vc.

f *p* *f*

22

sf

p

arco
mSP

pp

arco
ord.

pp

sfz

pp *f*

Vc.

sfz

arco
ord.

pp *f*

24

sfz

arco

f

arco

f

ord. 3 3 5

f

mp

Vc.

mp

27

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

f

mp

pp

p

29

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

f

p

31

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

f

n

mf

p

33

cantabile

f

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

36

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

39

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

p

42

Vln. I *f*

Vln. II *f* *p* arco 3

Vla. *f* *p* arco

Vc. *f* *pp* *f*

44

Vln. I *mSP* *f* *pp* *ord.*

Vln. II *mf* *pp*

Vla. *mf* *pp* 3

Vc. *arco mST* *p* 6 6 *f* *p* *ord.* *mST*

46

Vln. I *f* *pp*

Vln. II *f* *pp*

Vla. *f* *pp* *ord.* *mST*

Vc. *f* *p*

48 mSP mST rit. ord.

Vln. I *f* *pp* *f* 7 7

Vln. II *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* 7 7 6 6

Vla. *f* *pp* *f* *p* *f* arco 5

Vc. *f* *f* 3 6 5 5

50 A bit slower ♩=72 mSP ord.

Vln. I 6 6 5 *pp* 3 *mp* 3 5

Vln. II 5 5 *pp* 3 *mp* 3 5

Vla. 3 3 *pp* 3 *mp* 3 5

Vc. 3 *pp* 3 *mp* 3 5

53 *mf* > *p* *cantabile* *p* *mf* 5 *mf* 5

Vln. I *mf* > *p* *cantabile* *p* *mf* 5 *mf* 5

Vln. II *p* *cantabile* *p* *mf* 5 *mf* 5

Vla. *p* *cantabile* *p* *mf* 5 *mf* 5

Vc. *p* *cantabile* *p* *mf* 5 *mf* 5

58

Vln. I *ff* *ppp* *mf*

Vln. II *ff* *pp* *ppp* *mf* *ord.*

Vla. *ff* *p* *sul tasto*

Vc. *ff* *p* *sul tasto*

61

Vln. I *ppp* *mf* *pizz.*

Vln. II *ppp* *mf* *f* *arco* *sul tasto* *3*

Vla. *f*

Vc. *f*

65

Vln. I *ppp* *mf* *n*

Vln. II *pp* *ppp* *mf* *ppp*

Vla. *pp* *ppp* *mf* *ppp*

Vc. *pp*

68

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mSP

mST

mSP

mST

5

ppp *mf* *pp* *f* *pp* *f* *pp* *f* *pp*

3 3 3 3 6 6 6 6 6 6

mf *ppp* *mf* *ff* *pp* *f* *pp*

mf *pp* *ff* *pp*

f *ff* *ff* *pp*

pizz.

molto sul tasto

arco

molto sul tasto

71

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ord.

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

ord.

ppp *mf* *ppp* *mf* *ppp*

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

74

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ord.

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

ord.

mf *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

ord.

p *mf* *p* *mf*

ord.

mf *p* *mf* *p*

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

mf *p*

77

Vln. I

mf *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Vln. II

3 *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3*

Vla.

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Vc.

80

Vln. I

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Vln. II

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

Vla.

ord. *p* *mf* *ord.* *p* *mf* *ord.* *p* *mf*

Vc.

sul pont. *pp* *ord. sul A*

83

Vln. I

mf *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Vln. II

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Vla.

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Vc.

86

Vln. I

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Vln. II

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Vla.

p *mf* *p* *mf* *pp* *sul A*

Vc.

89

Vln. I

mf *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Vln. II

mf *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Vla.

5 *5* *5* *5* *5* *5*

Vc.

92

Vln. I

mf *ppp* *f* *pp* *mSP*

Vln. II

mf *p* *mf* *f* *pp* *mSP*

Vla.

5 *5* *p* *f* *mSP*

Vc.

p *f* *6* *6* *pp* *mSP*

100

Vln. I *f* *pizz.* 3 *p* 3 *mf* 5

Vln. II *f* *arco* 6 7 *f* *pp*

Vla. *f* *f* *pp*

Vc. *pizz.* 3 *arco* 5 *pp* *f*

102

Vln. I *pp* *mf* *pp* *mf*

Vln. II *pp* *f* *pp* *f* *pp* *f* *pp* *f*

Vla. *f* *pp* *f* *pp* *f* *pp* *f* *pp*

Vc. *pp* *f* *ord.* *mSP* *f* *p*

104

Vln. I *pp* *mf* *p* *mf* 5

Vln. II *pizz.* *mp* *arco* 6 6 6 *p* *mf*

Vla. *f* *ord.* *mf*

Vc. *f* 3 3 *p* *mf*

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This musical score is for a string ensemble, featuring Violins I (Vln. I), Violins II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), and Violoncello (Vc.). The score is divided into two systems. The first system begins at measure 119. Vln. I starts with a whole note chord (B-flat, E-flat) marked *ff*. Vln. II plays a continuous sixteenth-note pattern marked *ff*. Vla. plays a sixteenth-note pattern with a triplet of eighth notes marked *ff* and *p*. Vc. plays a continuous sixteenth-note pattern marked *f*. The second system continues the patterns. Vln. I plays a sixteenth-note pattern marked *f*. Vln. II continues the sixteenth-note pattern marked *f*. Vla. plays a triplet of eighth notes marked *f*. Vc. continues the sixteenth-note pattern marked *f*. The score includes various musical notations such as dynamics (*ff*, *f*, *p*), articulation (*acc.*), and performance instructions like *tr.* and *tr.*.

This musical score is for a string quartet, featuring Violins I and II, Viola, and Violoncello (Vc.). The score is written in 2/4 time and begins at measure 121. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The Violin I part starts with a whole note chord (B-flat, D, F, A) and then plays a series of sixteenth-note chords. The Violin II part also starts with a whole note chord and then plays a series of sixteenth-note chords. The Viola part starts with a series of sixteenth-note chords and then plays a series of eighth-note chords. The Violoncello part starts with a series of sixteenth-note chords and then plays a series of eighth-note chords. The score includes dynamic markings such as *p* (piano) and *arco* (arco). The score is written in a standard musical notation with a grand staff for each instrument.

132

Vln. I

ord.

sfz

f

SP

Vln. II

ord.

sf p

f

SP

Vla.

sfz

f

SP

Vc.

ord.

sfz

f

SP

133

Vln. I

ord.

sfz

f

SP

Vln. II

sfz

f

SP

Vla.

ord.

sf p

f

SP

Vc.

ord.

sfz

f

SP

Violins I and II, Viola, and Violoncello, measures 134-135. The score shows a crescendo from *sfz* to *f*, with dynamic markings and articulation symbols like "ord." and "SP".

136

ord. $\rightarrow$ SP

Vln. I sfz f

Vln. II $ord.$ $sf p$ f $\rightarrow$ SP

Vla. sfz f $\rightarrow$ SP

Vc. $ord.$ sfz f $\rightarrow$ SP

138

ord. $\rightarrow$ SP

Vln. I sfz f

Vln. II $ord.$ $sf p$ f

Vla. sfz f $\rightarrow$ SP

Vc. $ord.$ sfz f $\rightarrow$ SP

140

molto sul tasto

Vln. II pp

Vla. $f p$ $\rightarrow$ molto sul tasto

Vc. $\rightarrow$ molto sul tasto

pp 7 7 7 7

142 *molto sul tasto*

Vln. I *pp*

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

144

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc. *ord.* *mp*

146

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

148

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

f *pp*

mSP

molto sul tasto

Measures 148-149. Vln. I and II play five-note slurs. Vla. and Vc. play sixteenth-note patterns. Vc. has dynamic markings *f* and *pp*, and performance instructions mSP and molto sul tasto.

150

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ord.

mp

(mST)

pp

Measures 150-151. Vln. I has a whole note chord marked ord. and *mp*. Vln. II has five-note slurs marked (mST) and *pp*. Vla. and Vc. continue with sixteenth-note patterns.

152

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Measures 152-153. Vln. I has a half note and a dotted half note. Vln. II has five-note slurs. Vla. and Vc. continue with sixteenth-note patterns.

156 $\rightarrow$ mSP

Vln. I f p mST

Vln. II f p arco sul D 6 6 6 6

Vla. 3 p sul D 5 5

Vc. mf p ricochet ord.

158

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

sul A

p

ord.

n *mf* *p*

n *mf*

160 *sul A*

Vln. I *mf p*

Vln. II *mf p* *sul D* 6 6 *sul A*

Vla. *p* 5 *mf* 5 *p* 5 5 5

Vc. *mf p*

162

Vln. I *mf p*

Vln. II *mf p* *sul D* 6 6 *sul A*

Vla. *p* 5 *mf* 5 *p* 5 5 5

Vc. *mf p*

164

Vln. I *mf p*

Vln. II *mf p* *sul D* 6 6

Vla. *p* 5 *mf* 5 *p* 5 5 5

Vc. *mf n*

n *mf*

mp

[illegible]

172

Tempo I ♩=80

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

n *mf* *sf* *f*

ricochet

174

Vln. I *p* *f*

Vln. II *arco* *p* *f*

Vla. *arco* *p*

Vc. *arco* *p*

176

Vln. I *f* *p* *f*

Vln. II *f* *p* *f*

Vla. *f* *f* *p*

Vc. *f* *f* *p*

pizz.

178

Vln. I *p*

Vln. II *p*

Vla.

Vc.

180

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

3 3 3

5 5 5 5

6 6 6 6

6 6 6 6

182

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

5 5 5 5

6 6 6 6

6 6 6 6

6 6 6 6

184

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ff

ff

ff arco

7 7 6 6

5 5 5 5

6 6 6 3

3 6 5 5

