EDWARD GREEN

Music for Shakespeare

for Chamber Orchestra:

Fl., 2 Ob., Cl., Bsn., 2 Hn., Tpt., Percussion (one Player), Strings

I: Love Music

II: DANCE SUITE

Gique

Air

Galliard

PAVANE

Rigadoon

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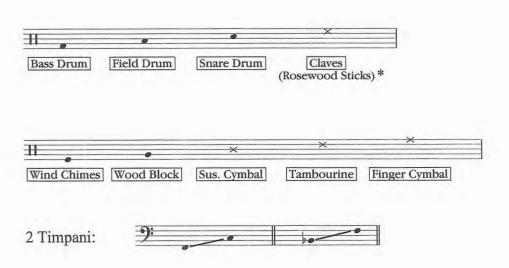
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Distribution of Percussion:



Glockenspiel

* Note:

For the claves, if rosewood sticks are not available, then use different size woodblocks to create a higher, sharper sound. A clear difference is needed between the part marked "woodblock" and the part marked "claves"--a difference of register and crispness.

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This orchestral suite was premiered in 2000 by Jay Fishman and the Minnesota Sinfonia. It has since been performed across the United States, and in many other countries and has proven to be my most popular orchestral work. In it, the musical spirit of the Elizabethan Age joins that of our own times. For instance, the "Gigue" is in 11/8! Meanwhile, I wanted in every movement to keep melody always in the forefront, and to have the over-all style of this piece be dance-like, and filled with warmth, charm, and humor.

The suite grew out of incidental music I originally composed to accompany a Shakespearian production of the Aesthetic Realism Theater Company in New York City—for which I am proud to be Composer-in-Residence. It is a company inspired in our work by this core principle of the philosophy of Aesthetic Realism, founded by the great American poet and philosopher Eli Siegel:

"All beauty is a making one of opposites, and the making one of opposites is what we are going after in ourselves."

Among the opposites central in my thought as I composed this suite are depth and lightness; surprise and continuity—and, as is notable in Shakespeare, vibrant energy and tender thoughtfulness.

The six movements are titled: "Love Music," "Gigue," "Air," "Galliard," "Pavane," and "Rigadoon"—with the final three movements of the suite played without pause between them.

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1st Movement: Love Music



pizz.

arco

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Vla.

Vc.

Сь. 9:



MUSIC FOR SHAKESPEARE 4 1st Movement: Love Music















Cb.



















segue as one













