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Overture in G

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Instrumentation

Picc
2 Fl
2 Ob
2 Cl (in A)--2nd. doubles Bcl
2 Bsn

4 Hn
2 Tpt (with straight, cup & harmon mutes)
2 Tbn
Bass Tbn
Tba

Percussion (two players)

Rosewood Sticks
Finger Cymbals
Woodblock
Sus. Cymbal
Snare Drum
Guiro
Field Drum
Slap Stick
Bass Drum

Timpani

Harp (preferably two; if one, discretely amplified)

Strings

Conductor's Notes

Page 7 (reh.G): The Violas must be quieter than the horns in this accompanying figure.

Page 8 (m.46): The breath marks indicate a true break in the sound, however short.

Page 9 (m.52): If Horn 1 cannot do this measure lyrically at "mp " please transfer the figure to Trumpet 1,open. But I much prefer the Horn, if at all possible.

Page 20 (m.115): The crescendi of the percussion must not take attention away from the violin melody.

Page 21 (m.120): Tempo l°-- - subito on the quarter note string & trumpet entrance, just before reh. S.

Overture in G

This overture has a long history. In its first form, it was scored for only two pianos and two flutes, and quite literally was an “overture” since it introduced an evening of Dramatic Autobiographies at the Aesthetic Realism Foundation in New York City. That was 1976; I was not quite 25.

I first orchestrated it in 2002, and it was premiered that year by the Staten Island Symphony. In that form, it was heard later by audiences in California, Romania, upstate New York, and elsewhere. Then, more recently, David Handel wrote saying he wanted to give the work its South American premiere. That took place, in Quito in 2022, and for that performance I decided to give the overture yet another form. A year later, it was also presented in Australia, at Hamer Hall in Melbourne, under the baton of John Ferguson.

Yet, I am sure that even in its revisions, it remains at his heart a “young man’s piece.” New keys, new tempi, new musical textures emerge constantly. There's a sense of adventure; a feeling of the world opening up: a world rich in possibilities. There's ebullience and lyricism; there's humor, heartfelt melody, and even—at the end—a triumphant waltz!

In this overture, I hoped to give musical form to how, in every person's life, there is a drama of opposites. In particular: energy and thoughtfulness; playfulness and seriousness; the need for strictness, firmness, strength, and the equally deep need we feel for warmth, flexibility, tenderness.

The inspiration for thinking of the overture this way came from a core principle of Aesthetic Realism, stated the great poet and philosopher Eli Siegel, with whom I had the honor to study in the 1970s: “All beauty is a making one of opposites, and the making one of opposites is what we are going after in ourselves.”

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Allegro giocoso $\mathcal{D} = 72-76$

This page of a musical score is for a symphony, featuring a variety of instruments. The instruments listed on the left are Piccolo, Flute I & II, Oboe I & II, Clarinet in A I & II, Bassoon I & II, Horn in F I & II, Horn in F III & IV, Trumpet in C I & II, Tenor Trombone I & II, Bass Trombone, Tuba, Percussion 1 & 2, Timpani, Harp, Violin I & II, Viola, Cello, and Contrabass. The score is written in 4/4 time and includes a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features dynamic markings such as *ff* (fortissimo), *sfz* (sforzando), *mf* (mezzo-forte), *pp* (pianissimo), *f* (forte), and *mp* (mezzo-piano). There are also articulation marks like accents and slurs. The score is divided into measures, with some measures containing multiple staves for different instruments. The page includes a variety of musical notation, including notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

The image displays a page from a musical score, likely for a symphony, featuring various instruments. The score is divided into two sections, A and B, with a tempo change to "Poco meno mosso" in section B. The instruments listed include Piccolo, Flutes (I and II), Oboes (I and II), Clarinets (I and II), Bassoons (I and II), Horns (I, II, III, and IV), Trumpets (I and II), Trombones (I and II), Tuba, Percussion (1 and 2), Timpans, Harp, Violins (I and II), Viola, Violoncello, and Contrabass. The score includes dynamic markings such as *sfz*, *pp*, *mf*, *f*, *p*, and *mp*, as well as articulation like accents and slurs. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The page number 6 is visible in the top left corner.

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Picc.

Fl. I
II

Ob. I
II

A Cl. I
II

Bsn. I
II

Hn. I
II

Hn. III
IV

C Tpt. I
II

T. Tbn. I
II

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

mf

mp

mf

f

mf

f

mf

f

mp

mf

ff

mp

2.

mp

1.

mp

mp

f

p

mp

sfz

f

GLOCKENSPIEL

SUS. CYMBAL
(soft mallets)

p

mp

p

3

p

f

f

fp

sf

p

f

f

fp

sf

p

f

6

f

f

fp

sf

p

f

3

f

fp

pizz.

f

(arco)

f

Div.

f

[illegible]

This page of the musical score contains the following instruments and parts:

- Picc.** (Piccolo)
- Fl. I II** (Flutes I and II)
- Ob. I II** (Oboes I and II)
- A Cl. I II** (Alto Clarinets I and II)
- Bsn. I II** (Bassoons I and II)
- Hn. I II** (Horns I and II)
- Hn. III IV** (Horns III and IV)
- C Tpt. I II** (Cornet Trumpets I and II)
- T. Tbn. I II** (Tenor Trombones I and II)
- B. Tbn.** (Baritone Trombone)
- Tuba**
- Perc. 1** (Percussion 1)
- Perc. 2** (Percussion 2, including Glockenspiel)
- Timp.** (Timpani)
- Hp.** (Harp)
- Vln. I** (Violins I)
- Vln. II** (Violins II)
- Vla.** (Viola)
- Vc.** (Violoncello)
- Cb.** (Contrabass)

The score includes various musical notations such as dynamics (*f*, *mf*, *mp*, *p*, *sfz*), articulation (*div.*, *arco*, *unis.*), and performance instructions like *[non cresc.]* and *[GLOCKENSPIEL]*. The page is numbered 24 at the top left.

E *molto rall...*

Picc. *f*

Fl. I
II *a 2* *ff* *div.*

Ob. I
II *a 2* *ff* *div.*

A Cl. I
II *f*

Bsn. I
II *a 2* *ff*

Hn. I
II

Hn. III
IV *f* *4.* *f*

C Tpt. I
II *Open* *mp* *1.* *2.*

T. Tbn. I
II *mf*

B. Tbn. *mf*

Tuba *f*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp. *mf* *mp* *p* *mp*

Hp. *f*

Vln. I *ff*

Vln. II *ff*

Vla. *ff*

Vc. *ff*

Cb. *ff* *sfz*

poco rall . . . a tempo

H

Picc.

Fl. I
II

Ob. I
II

A Cl. I
II

B. Cl.

Bsn. I
II

Hn. I
II

Hn. III
IV

C Tpt. I
II

T. Tbn. I
II

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

(Harmonics to sound an octave higher)

54

J

Picc.

Fl. I
II

Ob. I
II

A Cl. I
II

B. Cl.

Bsn. I
II

Hn. I
II

Hn. III
IV

C Tpt. I
II

T. Tbn. I
II

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

molto accel.

Tempo I° ma poco scherzando

mf

mp

f

pp

p

sf

espr.

ten.

1. solo

a 2

1. (2. remove mute)

4. (3. remove mute)

1. Cup Mute

WOODBLOCK

SUS. CYMBAL
l.v.

arco

tutti

fp

mf

p

mp

pp

ord.

fp

mp

pizz.

mp

60

Picc. *sfz* *mp*

Fl. I II *mp*

Ob. I II *mf*

A Cl. I II *sf* *mp*

Bsn. I II *mf* *p* *f*

Hn. I II *mp* *mf*

Hn. III IV *mp* *mf*

C Tpt. I II

T. Tbn. I II

B. Tbn. *mp*

Tuba *mp* *mf*

Perc. 1 *mp* *p*

Perc. 2 *pp* *mp* *p*

Timp.

Hp.

Vln. I *mf* *sf* *mp* *mf* *fp*

Vln. II *mf* *mp* *mf* *p* *fp*

Vla. *sfz* *sf* *mp* *mf* *p* *f*

Vc. *mf* *sf* *mp* *mf* *f*

Cb. *mp* *mf* *f*

SNARE DRUM

This page of the musical score is for a symphony, featuring a variety of instruments. The instruments listed on the left are Picc., Fl. I II, Ob. I II, A Cl. I II, Bsn. I II, Hn. I II, Hn. III IV, C Tpt. I II, T. Tbn. I II, B. Tbn., Tuba, Perc. 1, Perc. 2, Timp., Hp., Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., and Cb. The score is written in 3/4 time and includes dynamic markings such as *f*, *p*, *mf*, and *sfz*. The page number 66 is visible in the top left corner.

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This page of the musical score is for a symphony orchestra. It includes staves for the following instruments:

- Picc.
- Fl. I
- Fl. II
- Ob. I
- Ob. II
- A Cl. I
- A Cl. II
- Bsn. I
- Bsn. II
- Hn. I
- Hn. II
- Hn. III
- Hn. IV
- C Tpt. I
- C Tpt. II
- T. Tbn. I
- T. Tbn. II
- B. Tbn.
- Tuba
- Perc. 1 (Wood Block)
- Perc. 2 (Rosewood Sticks)
- Timp.
- Hp.
- Vln. I
- Vln. II
- Vla.
- Vc.
- Cb.

The score features various musical notations, including notes, rests, and dynamic markings such as *f*, *mf*, *ff*, *sub.*, *mp*, and *pp*. It also includes articulations like *div.*, *arco*, and *pizz.*. The key signature is D major and the time signature is 4/4.

96

Picc.

Fl. I
II

Ob. I
II

A Cl. I
II

Bsn. I
II

Hn. I
II

Hn. III
IV

C Tpt. I
II

T. Tbn. I
II

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

mf

f

mf

f

fp

sfz

mf

fp

f

f

mp

mf

mf

p

mf

f

f

f

p

div.

a 2

pizz.

arco

sfz

mf

mf

sfz

mf

GUIRO

GLOCKENSPIEL

[illegible]

R Molto meno mosso e molto rubato

poco meno *a tempo* *a tempo*

Picc. *f* *a 2* *3* *pp*

Fl. I *f* *3* *pp*

Fl. II *f* *3* *pp*

Ob. I *a 2* *mf* *f* *1.* *2.* *pp*

Ob. II *mf* *f* *1.* *2.* *pp*

A Cl. I *1.* *mp* *f* *pp*

A Cl. II *1.* *mp* *f* *pp*

Bsn. I *1. p* *mp* *pp*

Bsn. II *1. p* *mp* *pp*

Hn. I *113*

Hn. II *(ten.)* *mp* *mf* *2. (muted)* *mf*

Hn. III *mp* *mf* *2. (muted)* *mf*

Hn. IV *mp* *mf* *2. (muted)* *mf*

C Tpt. I *mp* *mf* *2. (muted)* *mf*

C Tpt. II *mp* *mf* *2. (muted)* *mf*

T. Tbn. I *mp* *mp* *mp*

T. Tbn. II *mp* *mp* *mp*

B. Tbn. *mp* *mp* *mp*

Tuba *(ten.)* *mf* *mp* *pp*

Perc. 1 *113* *SUS. CYMBAL* *p* *mf* *L.v.*

Perc. 2 *113* *TIMPANI* *p* *mf* *(retune B to G)*

Timp. *113* *TIMPANI* *p* *mf* *(retune B to G)*

Hp. *113* *mf* *molto espr.* *div.* *3* *f* *3* *pp*

Vln. I *113* *ten.* *mf* *molto espr.* *div.* *3* *f* *3* *pp*

Vln. II *113* *ten.* *mf* *molto espr.* *3* *f* *3* *pp*

Vla. *113* *(ten.)* *f* *molto espr.* *3* *pp*

Vc. *113* *mf* *(l.v.)* *f* *3* *pp*

Cb. *113* *mf* *f* *(l.v.)* *f*

[illegible]

123

Picc. *mf* *f*

Fl. I II *ff* *mf* *sfz* *fp*

Ob. I II *ff* *mf* *sfz* *fp*

A Cl. I II *ff* *mf* *sfz* *f*

Bsn. I II *ff* *mf* *sfz* *fp*

Hn. I II *mf* *fp* *f* *sfz*

Hn. III IV *mf* *sfz* *ffz* *fp*

C Tpt. I II *mf* *f* *f* *fp*

T. Tbn. I II *mf* *mf* *f* *mf* *fp*

B. Tbn. *fp* *sfz* *f* *mf* *fp*

Tuba *fp* *sfz* *f* *mf* *fp*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 *mp* *f*

Timp.

Hp. *mf* *sfz* *ff* (près de la table)

Vln. I *sfz*

Vln. II *sfz*

Vla. *fp*

Vc. *fp* div.

Cb. *sfz* *fp*

T

129

Picc. *mp*

Fl. I II *ff* *f* *sfz* *ff* *f* *sfz*

Ob. I II *ff* *f* *sfz* *ff* *f* *sfz*

A Cl. I II *sfz* *p* *f* *sfz* *f* *sfz*

Bsn. I II *sfz* *sfz*

Hn. I II *ff* *a 2*

Hn. III IV *ff* *a 2* *f* *3.*

C Tpt. I II *pp* *f* *a 2*

T. Tbn. I II *mf* *mf* *mf*

B. Tbn. *mf* *mf* *mf*

Tuba *f*

Perc. 1 *mf* *sub p*

Perc. 2 *f* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *sub p*

Timp.

Hp. *sfz* (ord.) *f* *sfz* *f* *sfz*

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

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

Vla. *ff*

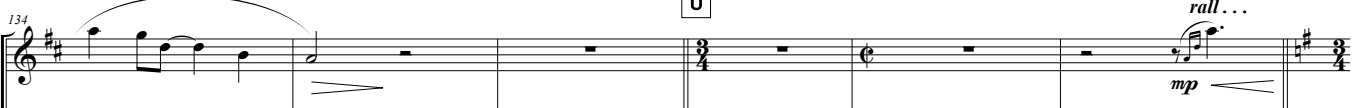
Vc. *ff*

Cb. *univ.* *div.* *univ.* *div.* *sfz*

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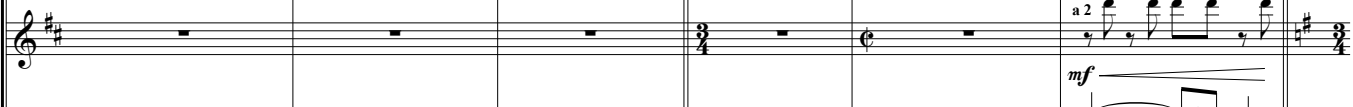
Picc.



mp *rall...*

134

Fl. I
II



mf

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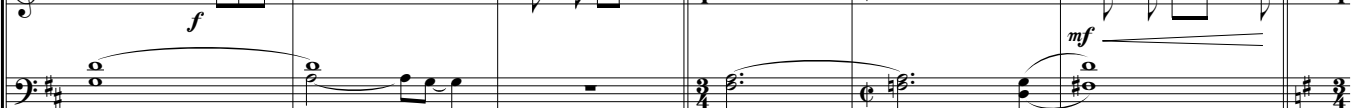
Ob. I
II



f

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A Cl. I
II



f

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Bsn. I
II



f *pp* *mp*

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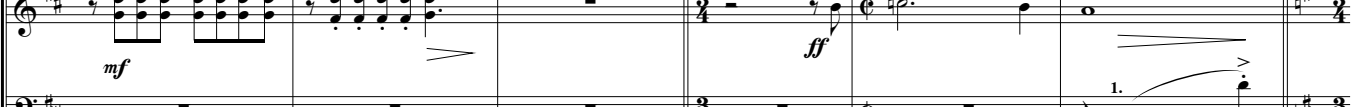
Hn. I
II



f *mf*

134

Hn. III
IV



mf

134

C Tpt. I
II



mf *ff* *muted a 2*

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T. Tbn. I
II



mp

134

B. Tbn.



mf

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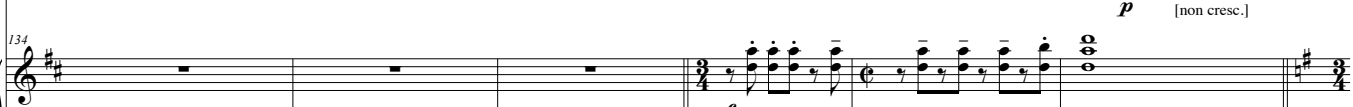
Tuba



f *mf*

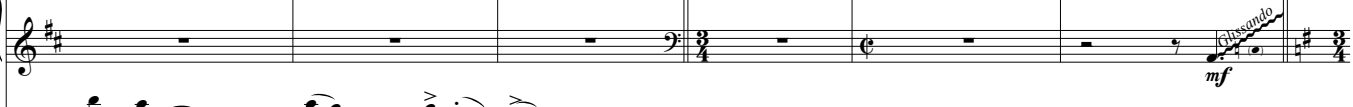
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Perc. 1



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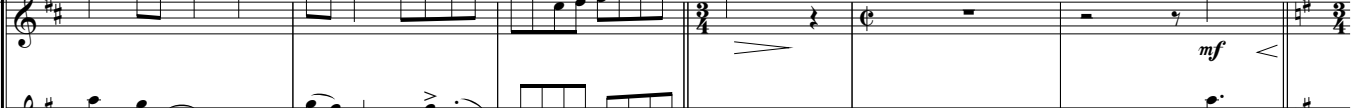
Perc. 2



mp **GLOCKENSPIEL**

134

Timp.



p [non cresc.]

134

Hp.



f *mf* *glissando*

134

Vln. I



mf

134

Vln. II



mf

134

Vla.



mf

134

Vc.



mf

134

Cb.

mf *unis.*

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Picc. *mf*

Fl. I
II (2. only)

Ob. I
II

A Cl. I
II

Bsn. I
II *mf*

Hn. I
II *mp*

Hn. III
IV *mp*

C Tpt. I
II

T. Tbn. I
II

B. Tbn.

Tuba *mf*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 (Glock.)

Timp.

Hp.

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

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

Vla. *f* *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Cb. *mf*

X

154

Picc.

154

Fl. I
II

154

Ob. I
II

154

A Cl. I
II

154

Bsn. I
II

154

Hn. I
II

154

Hn. III
IV

154

C Tpt. I
II

154

T. Tbn. I
II

154

B. Tbn.

154

Tuba

154

Perc. 1

154

Perc. 2

154

Timp.

154

Hp.

154

Vln. I

154

Vln. II

154

Vla.

154

Vc.

154

Cb.

160

Picc.

Fl. I
II

Ob. I
II

A Cl. I
II

Bsn. I
II

Hn. I
II

Hn. III
IV

C Tpt. I
II

T. Tbn. I
II

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Y

ff

ff

ff

f

1.

2.

1.

unis.

ff

ff

f

f

2. (open)

f

mp

mf

mf

mf

160

161

162

163

164

This image shows a page from a musical score, specifically measures 165 through 170. The score is arranged in systems, each containing staves for different instruments or groups of instruments. The instruments listed include Piccolo (Picc.), Flutes I and II (Fl. I, II), Oboes I and II (Ob. I, II), Clarinets I and II (A Cl. I, II), Bassoons I and II (Bsn. I, II), Horns I and II (Hn. I, II), Horn III and IV (Hn. III, IV), Trumpets I and II (C Tpt. I, II), Trombones I and II (T. Tbn. I, II), Baritone/Tuba (B. Tbn., Tuba), Percussion 1 and 2 (Perc. 1, 2), Timpani (Timp.), Harp (Hp.), Violins I and II (Vln. I, II), Viola (Vla.), Violoncello (Vc.), and Contrabass (Cb.). The music is written in G major (one sharp) and common time. Various dynamics such as *mf*, *mp*, *ff*, *sffz*, and *fff* are indicated throughout the score. There are also performance markings like accents, slurs, and breath marks. The page number 165 is visible at the top left of the first system.

[illegible]

poco a poco molto rall

Picc.

Fl. I
II

Ob. I
II

A Cl. I
II

Bsn. I
II

Hn. I
II

Hn. III
IV

C Tpt. I
II

T. Tbn. I
II

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Timp.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

176

1.

2.

p

pp

ppp

(1. only)

niente

FINGER CYMBALS

(Lv.)

mp

ppp

sul A

[Half only }

sul D

pp

ppp

pp

ppp