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Sinfonia 3: Erinnerung
for String Quartet, Ensemble and Live Electronics

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“Erinnerung”

tribute to Luciano Berio & Ludwig von Beethoven
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Instruments:

String Quartet, Flute (also Alto in G), Clarinet in Sib (also Bass), Viola, Violoncello, Percussion (Marimba – Vibraphone – Tam Tam – Triangle – Temple Block - Woodblock), Piano, Electronics (1 person)

Program Notes:

This piece, commissioned by the Spectra Ensemble for their participation in the Gouden Vleugels Contest 2008 in tandem with the Fenix String Quartet, is a tribute to **Ludwig van Beethoven** and **Luciano Berio**. It takes the fifth movement of Beethoven's string quartet n° 15 op. 132 and treats it as in Luciano Berio's Sinfonia. In other words: Beethoven (the past) tries to 'break through' Berio (the present). It is as if you 'remember' something without knowing precisely what it is: "Erinnerung". At the same time throughout the piece this idea of the past transforms itself up to the point that it can be integrated into the present: "Er-Inner-Ung". Very much the same way as the combination of a string quartet and ensemble reminds the idea of an 18th century Sinfonia Concertante (past), which the use of electronic transformations re-actualizes into the present. Happy Listening!

Electronics:

The string quartet should prerecord the fifth movement of Beethoven's string quartet n° 15 op. 132 without accelerando. This recording controls the electronic transformations of the live string quartet and ensemble, and should be used as a 'click track' by the conductor.

All sound transformations are preprogrammed in a MaxMSP patch which can be downloaded for free from the composer's website <http://www.peterswinnen.be>. This patch consists of two audio inputs (one for a submix of the live string quartet, one for a submix of the ensemble) and two audio outputs to be directly connected to Front Left and Front Right speakers.

Notes for the performers

1. All dynamics are indicated by the size of the notes: the bigger the notehead, the louder it has to be played
2. The electronics are extremely sensitive to even small changes in timbre of the instruments. This gives the instrumentalists a lot of extended expressive means. As a general rule the instrumentalists should always strive to play in such a way that the acoustical blend amongst them is as smooth as possible, and then deviate from that to create special effects through the electronics.
3. The electronics have to be triggered by a musician, nearby the mixing console in the concert hall. Try to create the illusion of the electronics overwhelming the musicians in the beginning, then sounding more like a 'distant remembrance' in the middle part, and blending as much as possible with the acoustical instruments in the end.

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Allegro Appassionato ($\text{♩} = 164$)

(*) Elauto Alto in G
(*) Clarinetto Basso in Sib
(*) TamTam
Marimba

f erl

(*) the size of the note indicates its relative volume: the bigger the note, the louder it has to be played

7

Fl A

Cl B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

'erc

V1

V2

e Q

Va

Vc

El.

15

Fl A
Cl B
Va 2
Vc 2
Pft.
Perc.
V1
V2
Pre Q
Va
Vc
El.

23

Fl A

Fl B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

'erc

V1

V2

e Q

Va

Vc

El.

This musical score page contains ten staves of music. The top four staves feature woodwind instruments: Flute A (Fl A), Flute B (Fl B), Bassoon 2 (Va 2), and Bassoon 1 (Vc 2). The next two staves are for the piano (Pft.) and percussion ('erc). The bottom four staves show string instruments: Violin 1 (V1), Violin 2 (V2), Cello (Vc), and Double Bass (e Q). The final staff at the bottom is for the electric bass (El.). The music consists of measures 23 through 26, with measure 23 starting with a forte dynamic. The score includes various articulations like slurs, grace notes, and dynamic markings such as f (forte) and p (piano).

31

Fl A

Cl B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

Perc

V1

V2

Pre Q

Va

Vc

El.

39

Fl A

Cl B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

'erc

V1

V2

e Q

Va

Vc

El.

47

V2 Vc A

Fl A Cl B

Va 2 Vc 2

Pft. Perc

V1 V2

Pre Q Va Vc

El.

56

V2 Va Vc

67

V1 V2

Va Vc

78

V1 V2 Va Vc

88

V1 V2 Va Vc

98

V1 V2 Va Vc El.

B

108

V1 V2 Va

118

V1 V2 Va

127

V1 V2 Va

er3

137

V1 V2 Va Fl A Cl B Va 2 Vc 2 Pft. Perc El.

C

er4

145

V1 V2 Va Fl A Cl B Va 2 Vc 2 Pft. Perc El.

152

This musical score page contains ten staves of music for various instruments. The staves are grouped into two systems by brace lines.

- System 1 (Top):** V1, V2, Va, Vc. V1 and V2 play eighth-note patterns. Va and Vc play sixteenth-note patterns.
- System 2 (Bottom):** Fl A, Cl B, Va 2, Vc 2. Fl A and Cl B play eighth-note patterns. Va 2 and Vc 2 play sixteenth-note patterns.
- System 3 (Bottom Left):** Pft. (Piano) and 'erc (percussion). The piano has a sustained note and a sixteenth-note pattern. The percussion part consists of eighth-note patterns.
- System 4 (Bottom Right):** El. (Electric Bass) plays a sustained note.

The music is in common time, and the key signature changes throughout the page.

159

Musical score page 159 featuring ten staves of music. The instruments are:

- V1 (Violin 1)
- V2 (Violin 2)
- Va (Viola)
- Vc (Cello)
- Fl A (Flute A)
- Cl B (Clarinet B)
- Va 2 (Viola 2)
- Vc 2 (Cello 2)
- Pft. (Piano)
- Perc (Percussion)
- El. (Electric instrument)

The score consists of ten staves of music. The first four staves (V1, V2, Va, Vc) have treble clefs. The next five staves (Fl A, Cl B, Va 2, Vc 2, Pft.) have bass clefs. The last two staves (Perc, El.) have bass clefs. The music includes various note heads, stems, and rests, with some notes connected by beams. Measure 159 begins with a rest followed by a series of eighth-note patterns.

166

This musical score page contains ten staves of music for various instruments. The staves are grouped into sections by brace lines.

- V1:** Treble clef, mostly rests. Dynamics: *mf*, *mf*.
- V2:** Treble clef, mostly rests. Dynamics: *mf*.
- Va:** Bass clef, mostly rests. Dynamics: *mf*.
- Vc:** Bass clef, mostly rests. Dynamics: *mf*.
- Fl A:** Treble clef, mostly rests.
- Cl B:** Treble clef, mostly rests.
- Va 2:** Bass clef, mostly rests.
- Vc 2:** Bass clef, mostly rests.
- Pft.:** Bass clef, mostly rests.
- 'erc:** Bass clef, mostly rests.
- El.:** Bass clef, mostly rests.

174

D

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl A

Cl B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

Perc

V1

Pre Q

Va

Vc

El.

pp

pp

p

pp

Tam Tam
metal stick

Marimba

er5

181

Fl A

Fl B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

'erc

V1

V2

e Q

Va

Vc

El.

189

Fl A
Cl B
Va 2
Vc 2
Pft.
Perc.
V1
V2
Pre Q
Va
Vc
El.

198

Fl A

Fl B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

'erc

V1

V2

e Q

Va

Vc

El.

206

Vc Fl A Cl B Va 2 Vc 2 Pft. Perc V1 V2 Pre Q Va Vc El.

E

f

er6

215

V2 Va Vc

f

225

V1 V2 Va Vc

f

235

V1
V2
Va
Vc
Vc 2

245

V1
V2
Va
Vc
Vc 2
El.

F

f

f

f

erz

254

V1
V2
Va
Vc
Va 2
Vc 2

mf

263

V1 V2 Va Vc

Fl A Cl B

Va 2 Vc 2

Pft. Perc

El.

G

mf

er8

271

This musical score page contains ten staves of music for various instruments. The staves are grouped by instrument families:

- String Section:** V1 (Violin 1), V2 (Violin 2), Va (Viola), Vc (Cello).
- Woodwind Section:** Fl A (Flute A), Cl B (Clarinet B), Va 2 (Viola 2), Vc 2 (Cello 2).
- Piano/Percussion Section:** Pft. (Piano), 'erc (Percussion).
- Bassoon Section:** El. (Bassoon).

The music consists of two systems of measures. Measure 1 starts with V1 and V2 playing eighth-note patterns. Va and Vc enter with eighth-note patterns. Fl A and Cl B play sixteenth-note patterns. Va 2 and Vc 2 play eighth-note patterns. Pft. and 'erc provide harmonic support. El. plays sustained notes. Measure 2 continues with similar patterns, with V1 and V2 taking a prominent role in the higher register.

279

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl A

Cl B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

Perc

El.

287

V1 marcato

V2 *mf* marcato

Va *mf* marcato

Vc *mf* marcato

Fl A

Ci B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

'erc

V1

V2

e Q

Va

Vc

El.

mp or q

294

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl A

Cl B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

Perc.

V1

Pre Q

Va

Vc

El.

301

I

V1 - - | #
V2 - - | #
Va - - | #
Vc - - | #
Fl A - - | #
Cl B - - | #
Va 2 - - | #
Vc 2 - - | #
Pft. - - | #
'erc - - | #
V1 - - | #
V2 - - | #
e Q - - | #
Va - - | #
Vc - - | #
El. - - | #

mp mp mp mp

erl0

308

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl A

Cl B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

Perc

V1

V2

Pre Q

Va

Vc

El.

316

J

V1 - *f*

V2 - *#*
Va - *#*
Vc - *#*
 f

Fl A - *#*
Cl B - *b*

Va 2 - *#*
Vc 2 - *#*

Pft. - *#*
'erc - *#*

V1 - *f*
V2 - *b*
e Q - *b*
Va - *b*
Vc - *b*

El. - *p*
er11

322

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl A

Cl B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

Perc.

V1

V2

Pre Q

Va

Vc

El.

328

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl A

Cl B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

'erc

V1

V2

e Q

Va

Vc

El.

334

K

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl A

Cl B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

Perc

V1

V2

Pre Q

Va

Vc

El.

er12

340

Musical score page 340. The score includes parts for:

- V1 (Violin 1)
- V2 (Violin 2)
- Va (Violoncello)
- Vc (Double Bass)
- Fl A (Flute A)
- Cl B (Clarinet B)
- Va 2 (Violoncello 2)
- Vc 2 (Double Bass 2)
- Pft. (Piano)
- 'erc (Erc (likely Harp))
- V1 (Violin 1)
- V2 (Violin 2)
- e Q (E Quaver)
- Va (Violoncello)
- Vc (Double Bass)
- El. (Electric guitar)

The score consists of ten staves of music. The first five staves (V1, V2, Va, Vc, Fl A) show active musical activity with various note heads and stems. The next three staves (Cl B, Va 2, Vc 2) are mostly rests or have very few notes. The piano part (Pft.) shows a continuous series of eighth-note chords. The harp part ('erc) has a single eighth-note chord. The final four staves (V1, V2, e Q, Va) show rhythmic patterns with eighth and sixteenth notes. The double bass part (Vc) has sustained notes. The electric guitar part (El.) shows a simple eighth-note pattern.

346

L

mp

mp

Pft.

Perc

V1

V2

Pre Q

Va

Vc

El.

erl3

354

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl A

Cl B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

'erc

V1

V2

e Q

Va

Vc

El.

360

V2

Va

Vc

Fl A

Cl B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft

Perc

V1

V2

Pre Q

Va

Vc

El.

367

This musical score page contains ten staves of music for various instruments. The instruments and their parts are as follows:

- V2:** Two staves of music for Violin 2.
- Va:** Two staves of music for Violin 1.
- Vc:** Two staves of music for Cello.
- Fl A:** One staff of music for Flute A.
- Cl B:** One staff of music for Clarinet B.
- Va 2:** One staff of music for Violin 2.
- Vc 2:** One staff of music for Cello.
- Pft.:** One staff of music for Piano.
- 'erc:** One staff of music for Harp.
- V1:** One staff of music for Violin 1.
- V2:** One staff of music for Violin 2.
- e Q:** One staff of music for Double Bass.
- Va:** One staff of music for Violin 1.
- Vc:** One staff of music for Cello.
- El.:** One staff of music for Bassoon.

The page number 367 is located at the top left. The music consists of six measures of music, with the first measure containing rests and the subsequent measures featuring rhythmic patterns primarily consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes.

373

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl A

Cl B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

Perc.

V1

V2

Pre Q

Va

Vc

El.

379

Musical score page 379 featuring 13 staves of music for various instruments. The instruments include:

- V1 (Violin 1)
- V2 (Violin 2)
- Va (Violoncello)
- Vc (Double Bass)
- Fl A (Flute A)
- Cl B (Clarinet B)
- Va 2 (Violoncello 2)
- Vc 2 (Double Bass 2)
- Pft. (Pflicht)
- 'erc (Erc)
- V1 (Violin 1)
- V2 (Violin 2)
- e Q (Electric Bass)
- Va (Violoncello)
- Vc (Double Bass)
- El. (Electric guitar)

The score consists of 13 staves of music. The first six staves (V1, V2, Va, Vc, Fl A, Cl B) are grouped together. The next three staves (Va 2, Vc 2, Pft.) are grouped together. The last four staves ('erc, V1, V2, e Q) are grouped together. The instruments V1, V2, Va, Vc, and El. have continuous music across all groups. The instruments Fl A, Cl B, Va 2, Vc 2, and 'erc have music only in their respective groups. The instrument Pft. has music only in its group. The instrument e Q has music only in its group.

385

M

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl A

Cl B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

Perc.

V1

V2

Pre Q

Va

Vc

El.

erl4

393

Fl A

Ct B

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

'erc

V1

V2

e Q

Va

Vc

El.

This musical score page contains ten staves of music. The instruments listed from top to bottom are: Flute A, Clarinet B, Bassoon 2, Bassoon 3, Piano (Pft.), Trombone ('erc), Violin 1 (V1), Violin 2 (V2), Cello (Va), Double Bass (Vc), and Electric Bass (El.). The page number 393 is at the top left. The music consists of ten measures. Measures 1-4 feature eighth-note patterns primarily in the woodwind and brass sections. Measures 5-6 show more complex rhythmic patterns, including sixteenth-note figures and sustained notes. Measures 7-10 conclude the section with sustained notes and final chords.

403

N

V1 - - - - - - - - - - - -
V2 - - - - - - - - - - - -
Va - - - - - - - - - - - -
Vc - - - - - - - - - - - -
Fl A - - - - - - - - - - -
Cl B - - - - - - - - - - -
Va 2 - - - - - - - - - - -
Vc 2 - - - - - - - - - - -
Pft. - - - - - - - - - - -
Perc - - - - - - - - - - -
V1 - - - - - - - - - - -
V2 - - - - - - - - - - -
Pre Q - - - - - - - - - - -
Va - - - - - - - - - - -
Vc - - - - - - - - - - -
El. - - - - - - - - - - -

muta in Clarinetto Grande in Sib

er15

413

V1 - - - - - - - - - - -
V2 - - - - - - - - - - -
Va - - - - - - - - - - -
Vc - - - - - - - - - - -
V1 - - - - - - - - - - -
V2 - - - - - - - - - - -
Pre Q - - - - - - - - - - -
Va - - - - - - - - - - -
Vc - - - - - - - - - - -
El. - - - - - - - - - - -

423

V1 O

V2

Va

Vc

Pft.

V1

e Q

Va

Vc

El.

er16

432

V1 - - - - - - -

V2 : : : : : P

Va : : : : : -

Vc : : : : : -

Fl A - - - - - -

Cl - - - - - Clarinetto Grande in Sib

Va 2 - - - - - -

Vc 2 - - - - - pizz.

Pft. - - - - - pizz.

Perc - - - - - -

V1 f - - - - -

V2 g7 g7 g7 g7 g7 -

Pre Q - - - - - -

Va g7 g7 g7 g7 g7 -

Vc f - - - - -

El. - - - - - er17

442

Fl A - - - - - -

Cl - - - - - -

Va 2 : : : : : -

Vc 2 : : : : : -

Pft. : : : : : -

Perc - - - - - -

El. - - - - - -

452

Fl A
Cl
Va 2
Vc 2
Pft.
'erc
El.

Flute A: Measures 1-4, dynamic forte; Measures 5-8, dynamic piano. Clarinet: Measures 1-4, dynamic forte; Measures 5-8, dynamic piano. Bassoon 2: Measures 1-4, dynamic forte; Measures 5-8, dynamic piano. Bassoon 1: Measures 1-4, dynamic forte; Measures 5-8, dynamic piano. Piano: Measures 1-4, dynamic forte; Measures 5-8, dynamic piano. Bassoon 1: Measures 1-4, dynamic forte; Measures 5-8, dynamic piano. Double Bass: Measures 1-4, dynamic forte; Measures 5-8, dynamic piano.

462

V1
V2
Va
Vc
Fl A
Cl
Vc 2
Pft.
'erc
El.

Q

p pizz.
p pizz.
p pizz.
muta in Flauto Grande p pizz.

b

b

Violin 1: Measures 1-4, dynamic forte; Measures 5-8, dynamic piano. Violin 2: Measures 1-4, dynamic forte; Measures 5-8, dynamic piano. Viola: Measures 1-4, dynamic forte; Measures 5-8, dynamic piano. Cello: Measures 1-4, dynamic forte; Measures 5-8, dynamic piano. Flute A: Measures 1-4, dynamic forte; Measures 5-8, dynamic piano. Clarinet: Measures 1-4, dynamic forte; Measures 5-8, dynamic piano. Bassoon 2: Measures 1-4, dynamic forte; Measures 5-8, dynamic piano. Piano: Measures 1-4, dynamic forte; Measures 5-8, dynamic piano. Bassoon 1: Measures 1-4, dynamic forte; Measures 5-8, dynamic piano. Double Bass: Measures 1-4, dynamic forte; Measures 5-8, dynamic piano.

473

V1
V2
Va
Vc
Cl
El.

484

V1
V2
Va
Vc
Fl A
Cl
Va 2
Vc 2
Pft.
Perc.
El.

R

leggiero sino al W
leggiero p sul pont.
leggiero sino al W
leggiero sino al W sul pont.
p sul pont.
Elauto Grande
leggiero sino al W
Marimba
Triangolo
leggiero sino al W

er19

493

Va
Vc
Fl
Cl
Va 2
Vc 2
Pft.
'erc
El.

501

V1
V2
Va
Vc
Fl
Cl
Va 2
Vc 2
Pft.
'erc
El.

509

V1 V2 Va Vc Fl Cl Va 2 Vc 2 Pft. Perc V1 V2 Pre Q Va Vc El.

S

mp

er20

517

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl

Cl

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

'erc

V1

V2

e Q

Va

Vc

El.

525

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl

Cl

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

Perc.

V1

V2

Pre Q

Va

Vc

El.

533

V1 | #**p** **p** - | #**p** **p** - | - | - | - | **T** | - | - | - | - |

V2 | - | - | - | - | - | **mf** col legno battuto | - | - | - | - |

Va | #**p** **p** - | #**p** **p** - | - | - | - | **mf** col legno battuto | - | - | - |

Vc | - | - | - | - | - | **mf** col legno battuto | - | - | - | - |

Fl | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Cl | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Va 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Vc 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Pft. { - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

'erc { - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

V1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

V2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

e Q | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Va | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Vc | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

El. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

542

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl

Cl

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

Perc

V1

V2

Pre Q

Va

Vc

El.

mf *collegno battuto*

551

V1
V2
Va
Vc
Fl
Cl
Va 2
Vc 2
Pft.
'erc
V1
V2
e Q
Va
Vc
El.

560

V1 **U**

V2 *mp pizz.*

Va *mp pizz.*

Vc *mp pizz.*

Fl

Cl

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

Perc **Templeblock** **Marimba**

V1

V2

Pre Q

Va

Vc

El.

569

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl

Cl

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

'erc

V1

e Q

Va

Vc

El.

578

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl

Cl

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

Perc

V1

V2

Pre Q

Va

Vc

El.

587

V1 **V**

V2

Va

Vc

Fl

Cl

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

'erc

V1

V2

e Q

Va

Vc

El.

mf col legno battuto

mf col legno battuto

mf col legno battuto

mf col legno battuto

col legno battuto

col legno battuto

Vibrafono

senza motore

er23

596

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl

Cl

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

Perc

V1

V2

Pre Q

Va

Vc

El.

605

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl

Cl

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

'erc

V1

V2

e Q

Va

Vc

El.

614

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl

Cl

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

Perc

V1

V2

Pre Q

Va

Vc

El.

622

V1 **[W]** *marcato*

V2 *mf arco marcato*

Va *mf arco*

Vc *mf arco*

Fl *marcato marcato*

Cl

Va 2 *marcato arco*

Vc 2 *marcato arco*

Pft.

'erc *Woodblock dead stroke*

Marimba *marcato*

V1

V2

e Q

Va

Vc

El.

er24

630

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl

Cl

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

Perc

V1

V2

Pre Q

Va

Vc

El.

638

V1

V2 *f*

Va *f*

Vc

Fl

Cl

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

'erc

V1

V2

e Q

Va

Vc

El.

646

V1

V2

Va

Vc

Fl

Cl

Va 2

Vc 2

Pft.

Perc

V1

V2

Pre Q

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