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for violin and double bass (in concert tuning)

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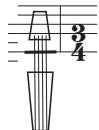
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Explanation of signs

tabulatura clef



imitates how the fingerboard, bridge and tailpiece look like. The four lines on the upper part of the clef indicate the strings that are played behind the bridge. Highest line —> I, lowest line —> IV and so on.

con pressura

con pressura is marked with a triangle notehead. Apply only when indicated and remove when playing technique changes.

slam with left hand

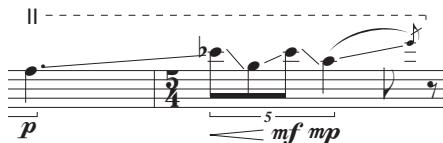
slam left hand fingers forcefully down in indicated positions. Bow is not used. The lower positions give richer timbre.



pizzicato bliss

regular pizzicato and immediately starting the glissando after the attack.

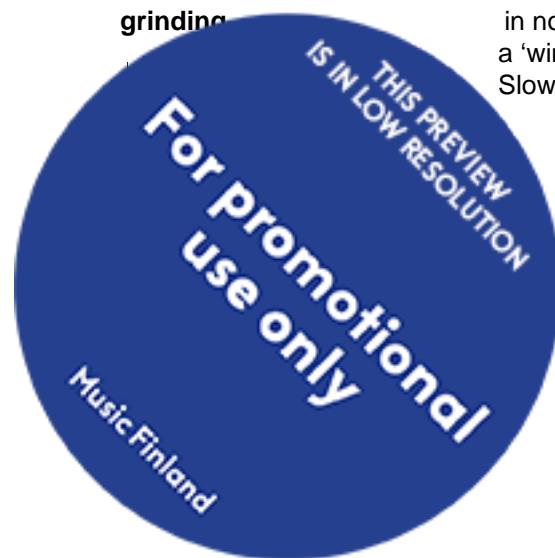
All notes marked under a single slur —> only one pizzicato attack



grinding

in normal playing position, con pressura. Damp the indicated strings and place bow on them. Turn bow parallel to the finger board in a 'wine bottle opening' kind of motion
Slow back and forth movement. Resulting in a creaky popping sound

bow on tailpiece, add enough pressure to produce a vowel like low sound.

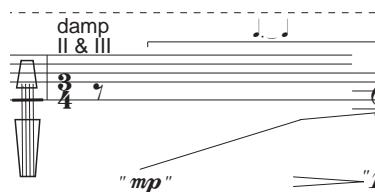
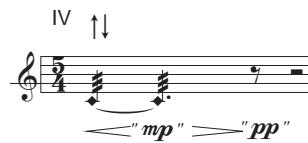


oblique movement

wind shield wiper kind of movement done mainly by the wrist. Resulting is a hazy hissing texture.

Two arrows: back and forth tremolo

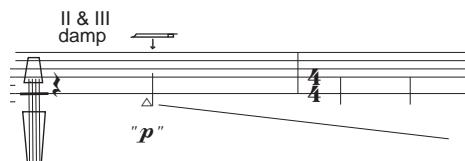
One arrow: single movement in the indicated direction



Single oblique motion where the speed changes during the movement.

drag bow

place bow firmly on indicated strings. Con pressura drag the bow towards and on top of the finger board. No oblique movement.

**harmonics**

all harmonics are marked with diamond notehead. Place the finger on the indicated spot on the indicated string.

con pressura

col legno battuto

up indicated strings with left hand. Remove damping when the playing technique changes.



Score

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dur \approx 5'40

Jazzy, gently $\text{♩} = 91$

The musical score consists of four staves: Violin, Double Bass, Viola (Vl.), and Double Bassoon (D.B.). The Violin and Double Bass staves are at the top, while the Viola and Double Bassoon staves are at the bottom. The score is in 4/4 time, with various key changes indicated by sharps and flats. The tempo is marked as Jazzy, gently with a quarter note equal to 91. The instrumentation includes a low-horn (l.h.) for the Violin's first ending, and a cello (c.l.b.) for the Double Bass's first ending. The Double Bassoon provides harmonic support throughout the piece. The score features dynamic markings such as "mf", "mp", "p", and "arco". Performance instructions include "slam w/ l.h.", "pizz.", "c.l.b.", "arco damp II & III", "bow tailpiece", and specific bowing techniques like "5:3" and "3:4". The piece concludes with a final dynamic of "p".



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harmonics sweep

$\text{♩} = 91$

Vl. $\text{♩} = 65$
 IV
 "mf"
 ord. II
 pp
 5:3 mp
 pp
 mp
 pp
 mp
 pizz. II
 3

D.B. $\text{♩} = 65$
 pp
 5:3 mp
 pp
 mp
 pp
 mp
 mp

slam w/ l.h.

$\text{♩} = 70$

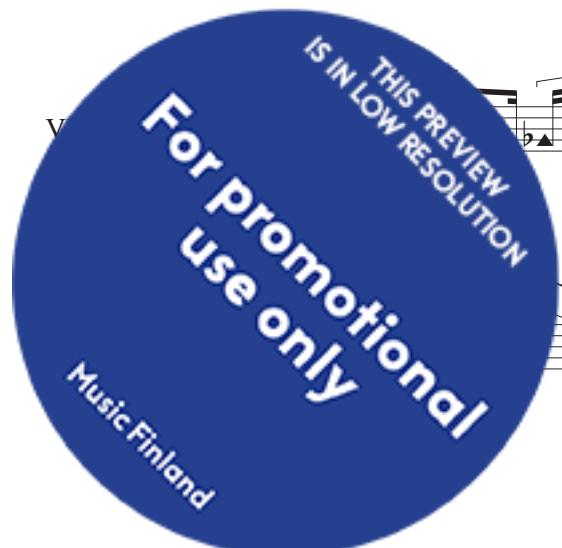
Vl. 10 $\text{♩} = 70$
 "mf"
 5 5 5 5
 c.l.b.
 p
 mf
 mp
 poco rit. - - - ($\text{♩} = 70$)

D.B. $\text{♩} = 70$
 I II
 III
 IV
 p
 3 3 5
 mf

damp arco
 II & III

slam w/ l.h.

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 "mf"
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 p
 3 mp



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pizz.

p

mf

pp

IV arco

p

mp

p

damp

II & III

p

"*mp*"

"*pp*"

harmonics sweep

pp

arco

"*p*" < "*mf*" > "*p*"

"*mf*" < "*p*" > "*p*"

"*mf*" < "*p*" > "*p*"

poco rit. (♩ = 70)

p

mp

p

mp

p

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a tempo

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Vl. $\begin{array}{c} \text{G-clef} \\ \text{4/4} \end{array}$ p mf

D.B. $\begin{array}{c} \text{B-clef} \\ \text{5/4} \end{array}$ $"\text{mf}"$

a tempo

I slam w/ l.h.

arco

$\text{d}=65$

III 5 5

pp mp

$\text{d}=91$

27

Vl. pp $"\text{mf}"$ damp

D.B. pp

slam w/ l.h.

pizz. IV

III pizz. 3 5

p mp

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arco

Breath $\text{d}=78$

damp II & III arco II

$"\text{mf}"$ pp

damp II ↑

$"\text{p}"$ 3

pp 3 mp pp

c.p. 3 "p" 3 "p"

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33

VI. *ord. II* | I | *damp* | IV ↑ |

pp < *mp* > *pp* | *p* | *pp* " | " *mp* " | " *pp* " | < " *mp* " > " *pp* "

D.B. *damp* II & III ↑ | ↓ | c.p. | bow wood | bow tailpiece |

" *p* " | " *mf* " | " *p* " | " *mf* " | " *p* " | " *mf* " | " *p* " |

36 *poco rit.* | *damp* II & III | *a tempo* ↑ | *sul tasto* → c.p. | grinding "open wine bottle" II & III |

VI. *pp* | *mp* | *pp* | " *mp* " | " *pp* " | *pp* | *mp* | *pp* | *pp*

D.B. c.p. | *ord.* II III | I | *bow wood* | " *p* " | " *mf* " | " *p* " | " *mf* " | " *p* " |

a tempo

3-4" | con press. | *damp* II & III | " *pp* " | " *mf* " | " *p* " |

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sul tasto → c.p.

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VI. 44 I II I II I
ord. 3 3 mp > pp
ord. III II III II III II
p mp

bow tailpiece 5
"p" "mf" "p" p
"mf" "p"

VI. 48 I ord. II I
"p" "mf" "p"
c.l.b. ricochet II & III damp
"mp" "p"

D.B. I & II damp
"mc" "pp"
con press.
I & II damp
"mp" "pp"

a tempo
sul tasto
c.p. → ord.
IV → c.p.
ord. bow tailpiece
"p" "mf" "p"



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VI. *"mf"* *"p"* *"mp"*
con press.
I & II damp

D.B. *"pp"*
"mp" *"pp"*

I bow tailpiece
IV bow tailpiece
II & III damp

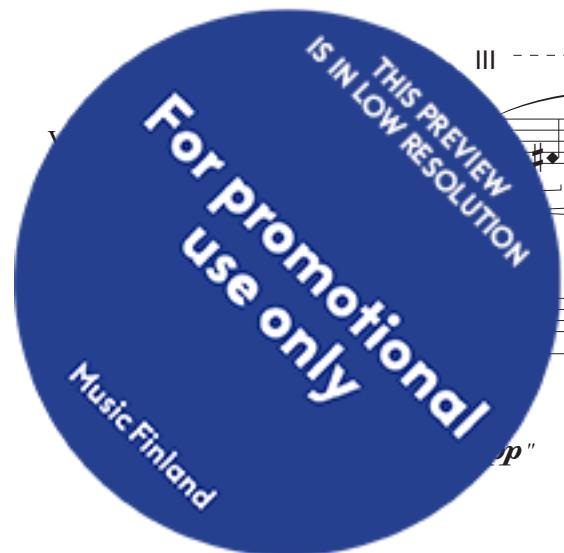
"mp" *"pp"*

59 bow wood c.l.b. ricochet
"mp" *pp* *"mp"* *"mf"* *"pp"* *"mp"*
bow bridge bow wood

VI. *"pp"* *"mp"* *"mf"* *"p"* *"pp"* *"mp"* *"pp"*
II *IV* *damp*

D.B. *"p"* *"mf"* *"pp"*

Calmo, chiaro $\text{♩} = 52$



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VI. D.B.

pp p

mp pp

S.P. C.P. p

IV S.P. mp

VI.

S.P. IV mp p pp

S.P. mp pp

