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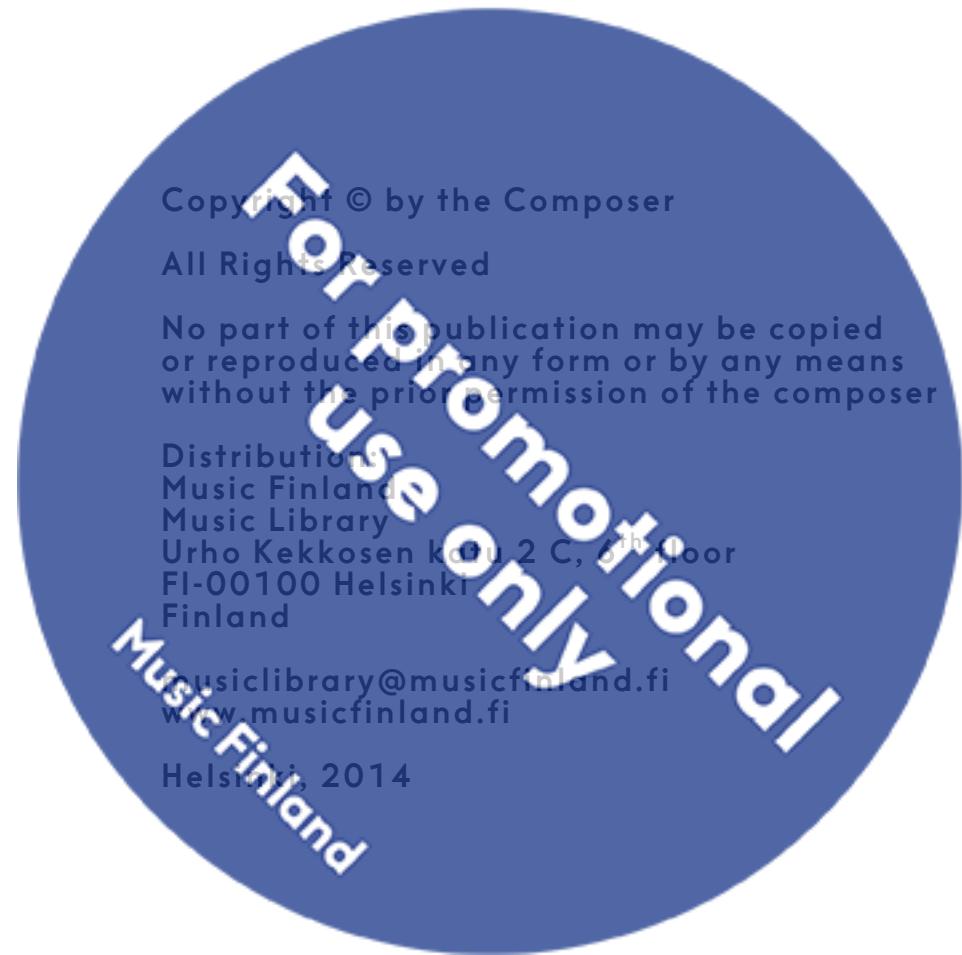
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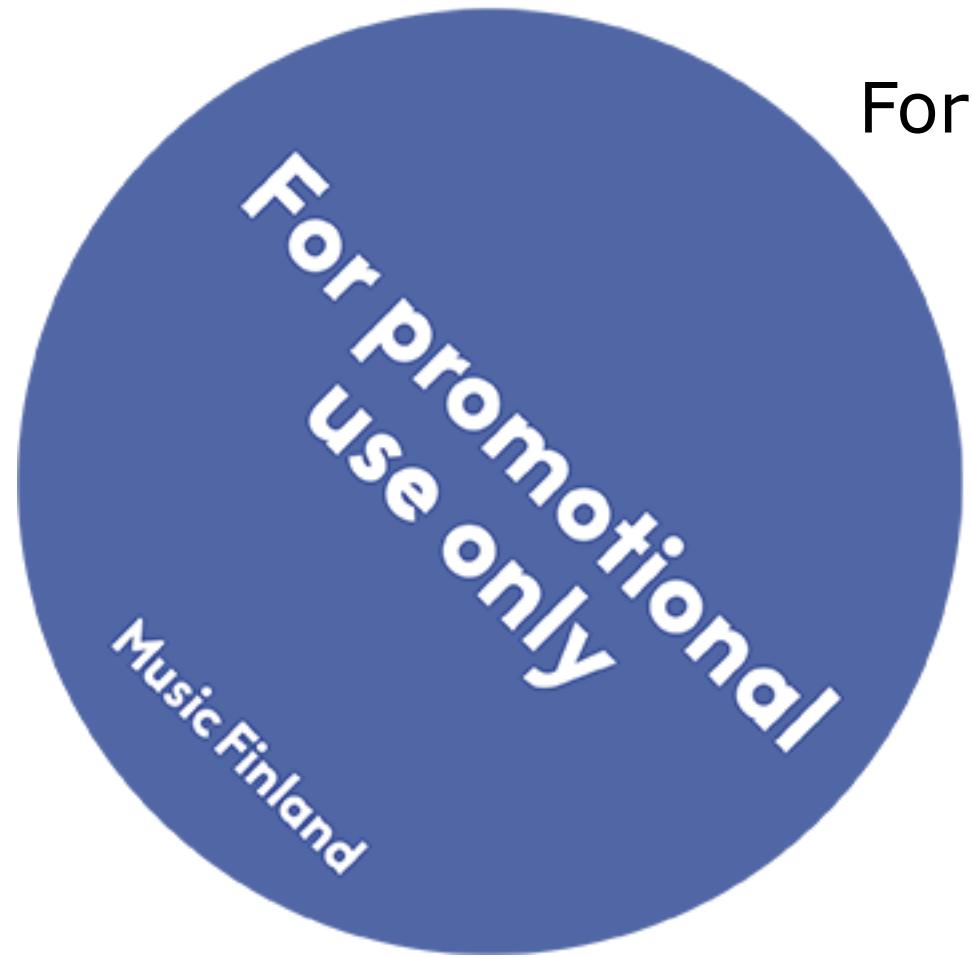


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The orchestration:

Tenor Saxophone (solo), Flute, Bass Clarinet in Bb, French Horn in F, Violin, Viola, Violoncello, Contrabass, Piano

Extended techniques for strings:

Sul tasto "pan", Circular bowing & Scratch

Sul tasto "pan":

Position bow moltissimo sul tasto, approximately in the middle point of the sounding string. This way of playing is intended to result in a hollow sound, somewhat like the sound of the pan flute (or perhaps the clarinet in a low register, played softly).

Circular bowing:

The bow, positioned between the middle and the tip of the bow, is to be swept in a direction parallel to the strings with a slightly circular, free movement, which starts from the upper arm. This bowing technique is intended to result in a blowing-like sound which however has a short, pitched impulse for each note.

Scratch:

Exaggerated bow pressure technique sul ponticello, intended to result in a high scratching sound, which is more continuous than granular (like DJ scratching with an LP-player).

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A *cirka 20 sec.* **ON CUE**

Tenor Saxophone *f* *ff* *mf* *con sord.* *ff*

Flute *flz*

Bass Clarinet in B \flat *mf* *ff*

Horn in F *ff*

Violin *ff* *p* *ord.* *ff* *ord.* *p*

Viola *p* *ff* *ord.* *p* *ff* *ord.*

Violoncello *p* *ff* *ff* *ord.* *p* *ff* *ord.*

Contrabass *p* *ff*

Piano *ff* *ff* *let ring* *ff*

A

mf

ped.

cirka 20 sec.

ON CUE

sparse ad. lib. fills

ord. *f* *f* *mf*

ff

go immediately to sul tasto pan

change gradually to "scratch" (increase bow pressure until pitch becomes pure noise)

and back to sul tasto pan

go immediately to sul tasto pan

change gradually to "scratch" (increase bow pressure until pitch becomes pure noise)

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and back to sul tasto pan

go immediately to sul tasto pan

change gradually to "scratch" (increase bow pressure until pitch becomes pure noise)

and back to sul tasto pan

let ring

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4
6

B OPEN solo - long notes cirka 20 sec.
f
last time as a cue to continue

sul tasto ord. gliss. gradually to "scratch" and back

gliss. gradually to "scratch" and back

B



ON CUE

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OPEN cirka 20 sec.

repeat & play in any order & impro simile

Crepeat phrase freely,
even in different tempos

mp

5

mf ff mf

play notes ad. lib. as half note & dotted half note values
randomly & also change slowly from sul tasto pan to scratch

ord. ord.
gliss. ord.
ord. ord.
gliss. ord.
ord. ord.
gliss. ord.
ord. ord.
gliss. ord.

play notes ad. lib. as half note & dotted half note values
randomly & also change slowly from sul tasto pan to scratch

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randomly & also change slowly from sul tasto pan to scratch

C

first time as written - then randomly, but not very often

mf

cresc.

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6 14 D ON CUE

flz flz flz flz flz flz

ord. ord. ord. ord. ord. ord.

ff ff ff ff ff ff

mf mf mf mf mf mf

v. v. v. v. v. v.

con sord.

f f f f f f

bartok pizz bartok pizz bartok pizz bartok pizz bartok pizz bartok pizz

f f f f f f

pizz pizz pizz pizz pizz pizz

D as written

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cresc. cresc. cresc. cresc. cresc. cresc.

v. v. v. v. v. v.

f f f f f f

v. v. v. v. v. v.

3 3 3 3 3 3

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20

improvise...short notes here & there

flz ord. con sord.

"bite" "bite"

bartok pizz

pizz

pizz

pizz

bartok pizz

pizz

f < ff

f < ff

f < ff

pizz

bartok pizz

f

pizz

mf



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8

27

more!

tacet

ord.

ad. lib. notes

ff

mf

ff

f

flz

ord.

"bite"

pizz

ord.

ad. lib. notes

ff

f

3

ord.

pizz

ff

mf

ord.

ad. lib. notes

ff

f

pizz

f

pizz

ff

mf

ord.

ad. lib. notes

ff

f

pizz

f

pizz

ff

mf

ord.

ad. lib. notes

ff

f

pizz

f

ff

mf

ad. lib. notes

ff

f

#o

#o

#o

#o

#o

#o

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9

E

35

flz ord. flz ord. *mf*

3 5 3 4 3 4 3 4

3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4

3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4

pizz

ord. pizz

3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4

3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4

3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4

E

3 3 3 4 3 4 3 4

3 4 3 4 3 4 3 4



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10
42

tenor solo - start
w/longer note values

ord. *f*

mf

mp *mf*

mp *con sord.*

mp

ord. *f*

ord. *mp*

gliss.

gliss.

sul pont.

ord.

f

ord. *mp*

gliss.

gliss.

sul pont.

ord.

f

ord. *mp*

gliss.

gliss.

ord.

f

ord. *mp*

gliss.

gliss.

ord.

f

ord. *mf*

ped.



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11

48 optional

mp

flz

f

ord.

mf

mf

f

mf



pizz

ff

pizz

ff

ord.

sul pont.

ord.

sul pont.

pizz

ff

ff

mf

mf

mf



f

mf

mf



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12

55

mp

f

mp

mf

mp

sul ponti

mf

sul ponti

ord.

f

mf

ord.

ord.

f

mf

mf

mf

mf

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13

63

"less"

"quarter tones around a2"

"quarter tones around a2"

mf

dim.

5

dim.

5

dim.

dim.

dim.

5

dim.

6

5

dim.

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14 "quarter tones around a2"

67 "more" F OPEN

6 dim. 5 pp f

mf

"bite" f ff open \sharp

ff

dim. pp sul pont. port. ff bartok pizz.

f ord. sul pont. port. ff

(8) 5 3 dim. pp ff let ring F

ff Ped.

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15

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16

84

measures 1-10: Various rhythmic patterns with rests. Measure 4: Melodic line in top staff, bass line in measure 5. Measures 6-10: Dynamic markings like 'mf' and 'ord.'

measures 11-14: 'col legno battuto' with counts 3, 5, 3, 3. Measures 15-18: 'ord.' and 'port.'. Measures 19-20: 'mf' and 'ord.'



91

A musical score page featuring six staves of music. The top staff uses treble clef, the second staff bass clef, and the third staff bass clef. The fourth staff uses treble clef, the fifth staff bass clef, and the bottom staff bass clef. The score includes several dynamic markings such as *cresc.*, *open*, *ord.*, *port.*, *cresc.*, *col legno battuto*, *cresc.*, *mf*, *cresc.*, *cresc. 5*, and *cresc.*. The music consists of various note heads and stems, with some notes having horizontal dashes or vertical stems. The page number 91 is at the top left, and the page number 17 is at the top right.



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18

95

col legno battuto

cresc.

ord.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc. 5

port.

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98

open

ord. port.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

col legno battuto

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105

"whistle"
ord.

I OPEN
solo - cirka 20 sec.

J CUE tacet - "the orchestra answers"

21

1st x as is, then freely

mf 3 ad. lib.

f con sord.

ord. sul. pont.

ff f < ff ord. sul. pont.

ord. sul. pont. mf ad. lib.

"change color with more & less pressure on bow"

ord. ad. lib.

ord. f < ff ord. f < ff

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22

112

ord. flz ord.

3 3 3

ff f 3

ord. sul pont.

f 3 ff f 3 ff sul pont. f

f 3 ff f 3 ff sul pont. f

pizz ord. f sul pont. f

ff

3 3

ff

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23

118 --- solo - shorth notes and bursts here & there ----- solo - shorth notes and bursts here & there ----- solo - shorth notes and bursts here & there

Musical score for string quartet (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello) showing measures 23-27.

Measure 23: Violin I: Shorth notes and bursts. Dynamics: *f*, *ff*. Violin II: Slap, Ord. Viola: Slap, Ord. Cello: *f*.

Measure 24: Violin I: *mf*. Violin II: *mp*.

Measure 25: Violin I: *pizz.* Violin II: *pizz.* Viola: *bartok*. Cello: *pizz.*

Measure 26: Violin I: *pizz.* Violin II: *pizz.* Viola: *bartok*. Cello: *pizz.*

Measure 27: Violin I: *ord.* Violin II: *ord.* Viola: *ord.* Cello: *pizz.*



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24

123

tacet - "the orchestra answers"

3 3 3 3 3 3

bartok pizz.

con sord.

3

pizz.

5 3 3 3 3 3

pizz.

mf f f mf f f

3 3 3 3 3 3

f f

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26

133

ON CUE

3
4

3
4

3
4

3
4

freely increase the amount & speed of notes and go slowly up on the register

sample line.....

ff freely increase the amount & speed of notes and go slowly up on the register

sample line.....

ff freely increase the amount & speed of notes and go slowly up on the register

sample line.....

ff sample line..... freely increase the amount & speed of notes and go slowly up on the register

ff

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

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138

139

140

cresc.

cresc.

gliss.

cresc.

cresc.

gliss.

cresc.

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28

140

Musical score page 28, page number 28, tempo 140. The score consists of six staves:

- Top staff: Treble clef, mostly rests.
- Second staff: Treble clef, mostly rests.
- Third staff: Bass clef, dynamic \flat , sustained note followed by a long line ending at a dynamic \sharp .
- Fourth staff: Bass clef, mostly rests.
- Fifth staff: Treble clef, dynamic \sharp , six vertical stems with horizontal bars above them, each labeled "gliss.".
- Sixth staff: Bass clef, dynamic \sharp , six vertical stems with horizontal bars above them, each labeled "gliss.". The last bar ends with a dynamic \flat .
- Bottom staff: Bass clef, dynamic \flat , dynamic fff , cluster (random pitches, but keep the notated registers).

At the bottom right, there are three sets of vertical stems with horizontal bars above them, labeled "let ring". The first two sets have dynamics fff and \flat . The third set has a dynamic \sharp and the instruction "Ped."

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L OPEN

SOLO CADENZA - approx 3 minutes

after two minutes piano & strings come in

142

dim.

dim.

pp

On cue

ord. "circular bowing" - ad. lib. (not same time w/ next player) -----

p

on cue

p

on cue

ord. "circular bowing" - ad. lib. (not same time w/ next player)

p

ord. "circular bowing" - ad. lib. (not same time w/ next player)

cresc. (along the way)

ord. "circular bowing" - ad. lib. (not same time w/ next player)

cresc. (along the way)

ord. "circular bowing" - ad. lib. (not same time w/ next player)

cresc. (along the way)

ord. "circular bowing" - ad. lib. (not same time w/ next player)

cresc. (along the way)

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On cue (as cue for strings) start plucking the high strings ad. lib.

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30 144 M ON CUE,
 OPEN

solo 2-3 more minutes -
move to multiphonics etc & "overdrive"

simile *mf* cresc. (along the way)

M simile every now & then hit pedal C



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31

N ON CUE

148 "overdrive"

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148 "overdrive"

N ON CUE

ff

con sord.

ff

simile

ff

simile

ff simile

ff simile

ff

strings half way damped with hand

ff

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32

154

tacet -----

Musical score page 32, measures 1-4. The score consists of six staves. Measures 1-3 show various rhythmic patterns with dynamic markings **fff**. Measure 4 starts with a dynamic **p**.

Musical score page 32, measures 5-8. The score shows complex patterns with dynamics **fff**, **p**, and **pizz**. Measures 7-8 feature sustained notes with slurs.

Musical score page 32, measures 9-12. The score continues with sustained notes and dynamic markings. A large blue circular watermark "For Promotional Use only" is overlaid on the left side.

162

solo again - "sparse & meditative"

Musical score page 162. The top staff shows woodwind parts (flute, oboe, bassoon) with dynamic markings *p*, *mp*, and *cresc.*. The bottom staff shows a bassoon part. Measure 162 consists of six measures of mostly rests, followed by a sustained note pattern.

Continuation of the bassoon part from the previous measure, consisting of six measures of sustained notes.

Continuation of the bassoon part, featuring eighth-note chords. Measure 163 starts with a dynamic *p* and *cresc.*, followed by measures 164-165 with *cresc.* markings. Measures 166-167 show sustained notes with *mp* dynamics. Measures 168-169 show sustained notes with *cresc.* markings. Measures 170-171 show sustained notes with *mp* dynamics. Measures 172-173 show sustained notes with *cresc.* markings.

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34

170

mf cresc.

mf cresc.

con sord.

mf cresc.

mf

cresc. 3

ord.

pizz



mf

cresc.

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35

178

more....

178

f

cresc.

cresc.

ff

ff

ff

ff

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36

184

O $\text{J}=195$ tacet

ord. flz ord. flz ord. flz mp

ord. mp mp

ord. left hand pizz
left hand pizz

f

O $\text{J}=195$

pizz bartok pizz bartok

v. v. v. v. v. v.



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solo again - trades with orchestra
- "virtuoso bursts"

37

192

solo again - trades with orchestra
- "virtuoso bursts"

con sord.

pizz

bartok

ord.

pizz

bartok

ord.

ord.

sul ponti

sul ponti

ord. sul ponti

Ped.

ff

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201

Musical score page 38, measures 201-202. The score consists of six staves. The top three staves have treble clefs. The bottom three staves have bass clefs. Measure 201 starts with eighth-note patterns on the bass staves. Measure 202 begins with eighth-note patterns on the bass staves, followed by a measure of rests.

flautando (big vibr.)

flautando (big vibr.)

sul ponti

sul ponti



211 "more melodic" -

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cresc.

cresc.

con sord.

3

cresc. 3

flautando (big vibr.)

sul ponti

ord.

cresc.

ord.

cresc.

ord.

cresc.

ord.

cresc.

cresc.

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40

218

Musical score for orchestra, page 40, measure 218. The score consists of six staves. Measures 1-3 show eighth-note patterns with crescendo markings. Measures 4-6 feature sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic markings (fff, cresc.) and measure numbers (3). Measures 7-9 show eighth-note patterns with crescendo markings. Measures 10-12 feature sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic markings (fff, cresc.). Measures 13-15 show eighth-note patterns with crescendo markings. Measures 16-18 feature sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic markings (fff, cresc.). Measures 19-21 show eighth-note patterns with crescendo markings. Measures 22-24 feature sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic markings (fff, cresc.). Measures 25-27 show eighth-note patterns with crescendo markings. Measures 28-30 feature sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic markings (fff, cresc.). Measures 31-33 show eighth-note patterns with crescendo markings. Measures 34-36 feature sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic markings (fff, cresc.). Measures 37-39 show eighth-note patterns with crescendo markings. Measures 40-42 feature sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic markings (fff, cresc.). Measures 43-45 show eighth-note patterns with crescendo markings. Measures 46-48 feature sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic markings (fff, cresc.). Measures 49-51 show eighth-note patterns with crescendo markings. Measures 52-54 feature sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic markings (fff, cresc.). Measures 55-57 show eighth-note patterns with crescendo markings. Measures 58-60 feature sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic markings (fff, cresc.). Measures 61-63 show eighth-note patterns with crescendo markings. Measures 64-66 feature sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic markings (fff, cresc.). Measures 67-69 show eighth-note patterns with crescendo markings. Measures 70-72 feature sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic markings (fff, cresc.). Measures 73-75 show eighth-note patterns with crescendo markings. Measures 76-78 feature sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic markings (fff, cresc.). Measures 79-81 show eighth-note patterns with crescendo markings. Measures 82-84 feature sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic markings (fff, cresc.). Measures 85-87 show eighth-note patterns with crescendo markings. Measures 88-90 feature sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic markings (fff, cresc.). Measures 91-93 show eighth-note patterns with crescendo markings. Measures 94-96 feature sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic markings (fff, cresc.). Measures 97-99 show eighth-note patterns with crescendo markings.

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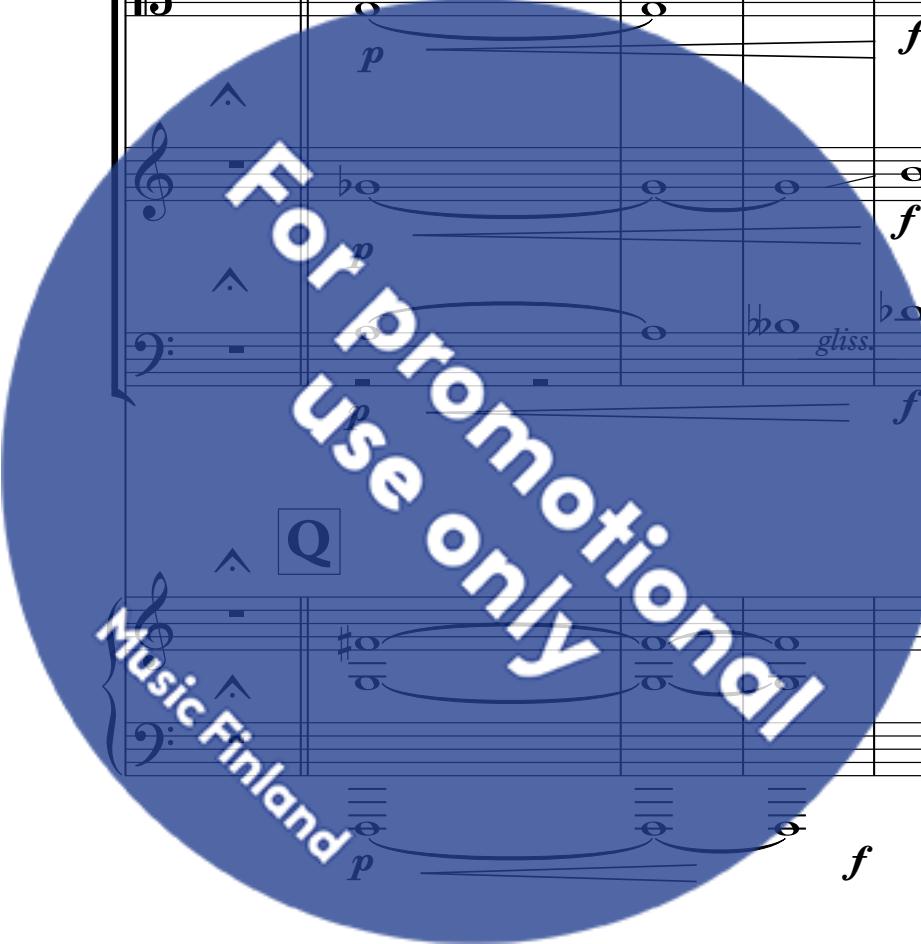
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QON CUE
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225

Conductor's score page 42, measures 225-226. The score consists of eight staves for various instruments. Measure 225 starts with a dynamic **p**, followed by **f**, **ff**, **5**, **3**, **3**, **ff**, **3**, **3**, **ff**. It includes markings like "con sord.", "gliss.", "cresc.", and "ff". Measure 226 continues with similar dynamics and markings, including "con sord." and "ff". A large blue circular graphic in the bottom left corner contains the text "For promotional use only" and the logo "MusicFinland".



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optionally tacet -

237

R = 130

optionally tacet -

A musical staff consisting of five horizontal lines. A black treble clef is positioned on the second line from the bottom. To the right of the staff, there is a dynamic marking consisting of three short vertical strokes followed by the letters "fff" in a bold, italicized font.

= *fff*

fff

A musical staff consisting of five horizontal lines. A black treble clef is positioned at the top left. In the lower right area, there is a dynamic marking consisting of three short vertical strokes followed by the letters 'fff'.

13

21

六四

11

4
2

z

A vertical line representing the fourth fret on a guitar neck, positioned above the 6th string.

R] = 130
gva

3

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44

244

tacet

3

v.

3

v.

3

v.

ord.

ord.

ord.

ord.

ord.

ord.

ord.



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ff

con sord.

flz

ord.

mf

ff

pizz

ord.

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46

254

start solo again, (mostly multiphonics & long note values)

start solo again, (mostly multiphonics & long note values)

f

f

sul ponti *gliss.*

f change gradually to *sul ponti*.....*sul ponti*

f

f

f

f



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47

256

dim.

dim.

dim.

mf

gliss.

dim.

mf

dim.

mf

mf

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48

260

dim.

flz *ord.* *flz* *ord.* *#* *dim.*

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

"change bow pressure betw. harder & softer to gain different colors" *mp*

"change bow pressure betw. harder & softer to gain different colors and change betw. C# & D freely" *mp*

gradually to less sul ponti.....ord.

mp

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

mp

mp

mp

mp

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S OPEN

T CUE

short solo cadenza, cirka 20- 30 sec.

start with multiphonics & end with softer "wind sounds"

mp 3 dim. 3 dim. **p**

gliss. *gliss.* *gliss.* *gliss.* *gliss.* *gliss.* **ppp**

gradually to less sul ponti.....ord.

mp *dim.* *dim.* *dim.* *dim.* *dim.* **ppp**

mp *dim.* *dim.* *dim.* *dim.* *dim.* **ppp**

mp *dim.* *dim.* **p** *dim.* **p**

T CUE