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Syrup

for symphonic brass

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Instrumentation

Trumpet in B \flat 1

Trumpet in B \flat 2

Trumpet in B \flat 3

Horn in F 1

Horn in F 2

Horn in F 3

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Trombone 3

Baritone Horn

Tuba

The score is transposing.

All parts can be played by a single or multiple players, provided the overall balance of the ensemble is maintained. The tuba part should preferably be played by at least two players and may also be doubled with double basses.

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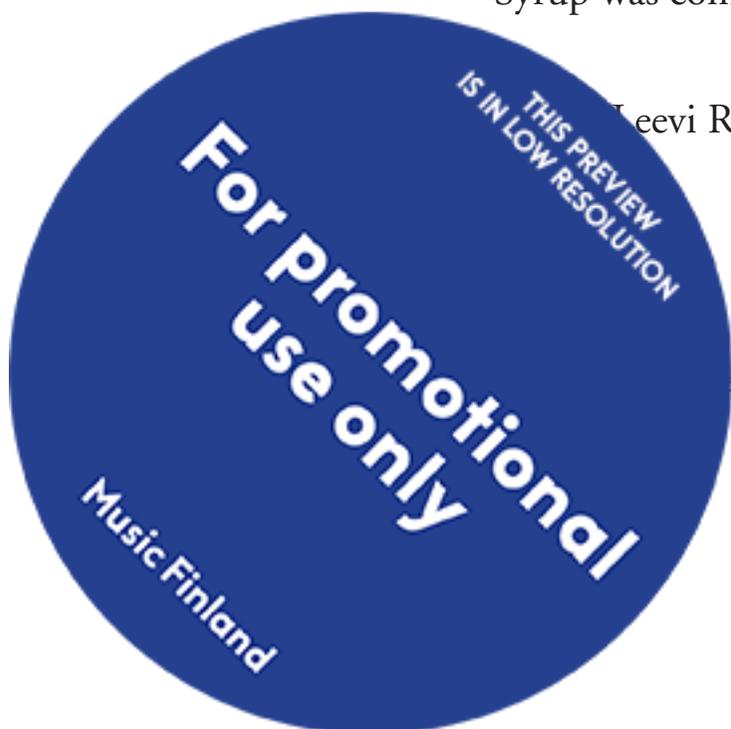
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säveltäjältä

Syrup (*siirappi, siirappia*) on uutettu kolmannen jousikvartettoni ”*maisema, muistuma, enne*” materiaaleista. Sävelsin teoksen alunperin yhdessä taiteilija **Anne Naukkarisen** kanssa luomaamme monitaideteosta, *Jousikvartettoa*, varten. *Jousikvartetto* kantaesitettiin Ruokolahdella kesällä 2025. Sen taustalla olivat Annen perheen kertomukset ja kokemukset hänen mummonsa kotipaikasta Ruokolahdella.

Syrup-teokseen tiivistyy paljon noita muistoja, tunteita, toiveita ja pelkoja. Reflektioita siitä, mitä ne minussa herättivät. Jotain, mikä jäi jousilla sanomatta, mutta tuli nyt henkiin puhalletuksi.

Musiikkia kannattelee ajatus ”ikiaikaisesta laulusta” (bassolinja), jota teoksen kannessa oleva haarautuva puunrunko kuvaa. Se liikkuu hitaasti, kuten siirappi, mutta valuttuaan aikansa voi huomata sen siirtyneen toiseen paikkaan. **Syrup**-nimi assosioituu myös siirappisuuteen: teos antautuu tunteellisille ja sykehdyttävälle melodioille ja harmonioille, jotka vaskisoittimilla heräävät hekumalliseen loistoonsa.

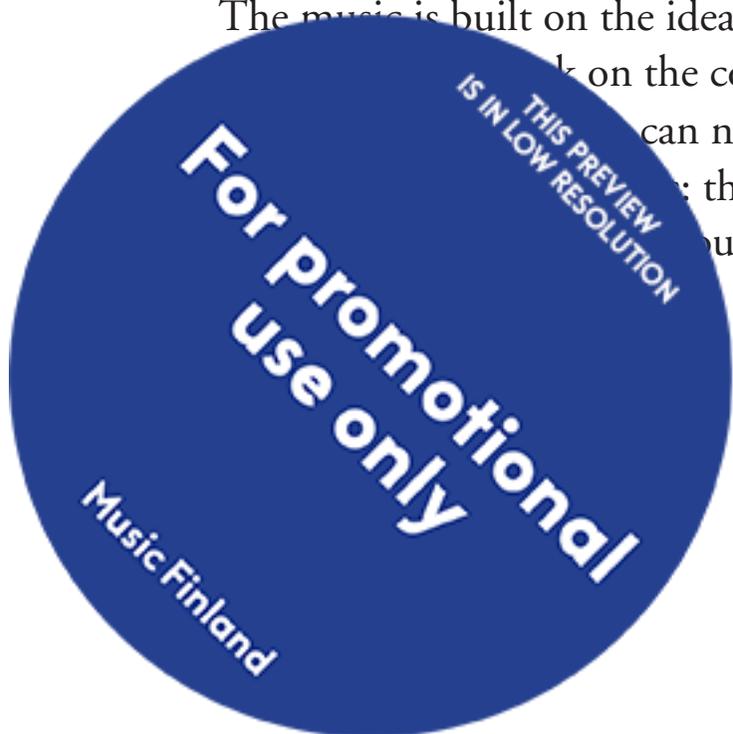
composer's note

Syrup is distilled from the materials in my third string quartet “*maisema, muistuma, enne*” (“*landscape, flashback, omen*”). Originally composed for a multidisciplinary work – *Jousikvartetto (String Quartet)* – which I created together with artist **Anne Naukkarinen**, the quartet was premiered in Ruokolahti in the summer of 2025. Its background lies in the stories and experiences of Anne’s family about their family homestead in Ruokolahti.

Many of those memories, feelings, wishes, and fears are distilled into **Syrup** – reflections of what they evoked in me. Something that remained unsaid with strings, but is now breathed into life.

The music is built on the idea of an “ancient song” (the bass line), symbolized by the *puunrunko* on the cover of the piece. It moves slowly, like syrup, but after a while you can notice it has shifted to another place. The name **Syrup** also reflects the nature of the piece: the piece gives in to emotional, heart-stirring melodies and textures brought to life by the brass instruments, unfold in ecstatic

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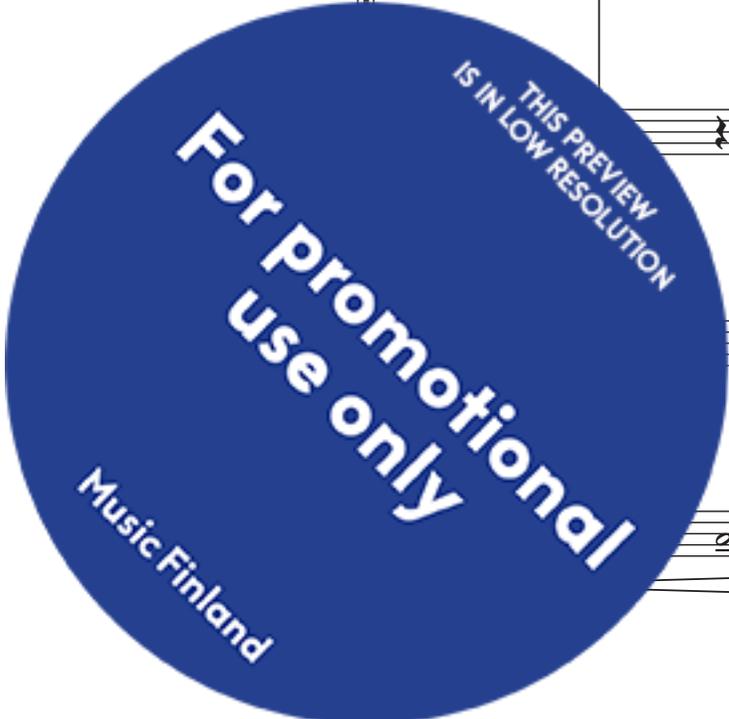


Syrup

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Viscous $\text{ca. } 63$
narrating

The musical score is arranged in three systems. The first system includes parts for Horn 1, Horn 2, and Horn 3. The second system includes parts for Trumpet 1, Trumpet 2, and Trumpet 3. The third system includes parts for Trombone 1, Trombone 2, and Trombone 3. The score is written in 4/4 time and features a variety of dynamic markings such as *mf*, *f*, *p*, *mf*, *pp*, *fp*, *ppp*, and *ff*. It also includes articulation marks like accents and slurs. The key signature changes from one flat to two flats during the piece.



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A

1

Hn in F 2

3

1

Tpt in Bb 2

3

1

Tbn. 2

narrating

p cresc. poco a poco

p

mf

pp

pp softly

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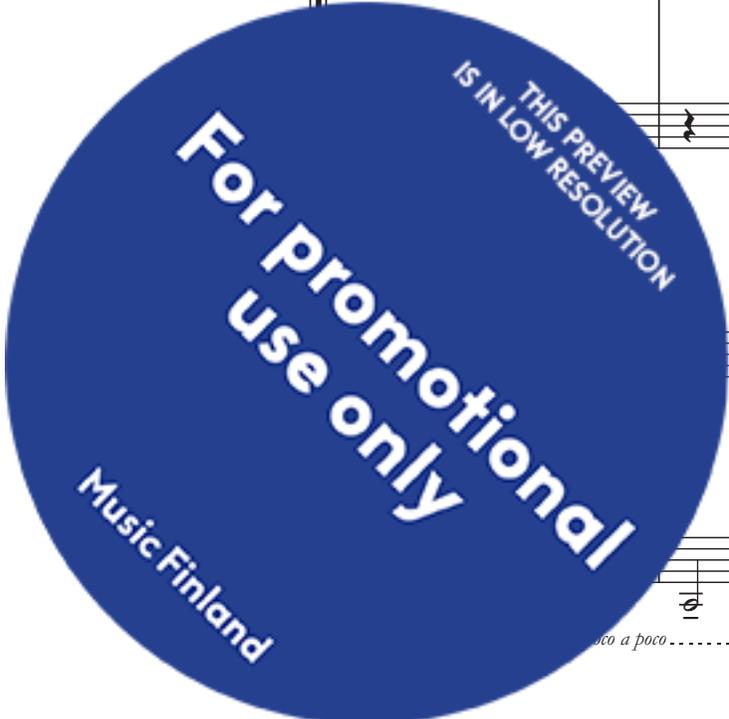
p

p cresc. poco a poco

ff

p

ff



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B Vulnerable

1 *mf* *f* *mp* *mp* *f* *mp*

Hn in F 2 *p echo* *mp* *mf* *p* *mp* *mf* *p*

3 *mp* *mf* *pp* *mp* *mf* *p* *mp* *mf* *p*

1 *ffp* *ppp* *mp* *mf* *p* *mp* *mf* *p*

Tpt in Bb 2 *ffp* *ppp* *mp* *mf* *p* *mp* *mf* *p*

3 *ffp* *ppp* *mp* *mf* *p* *mp* *mf* *p*

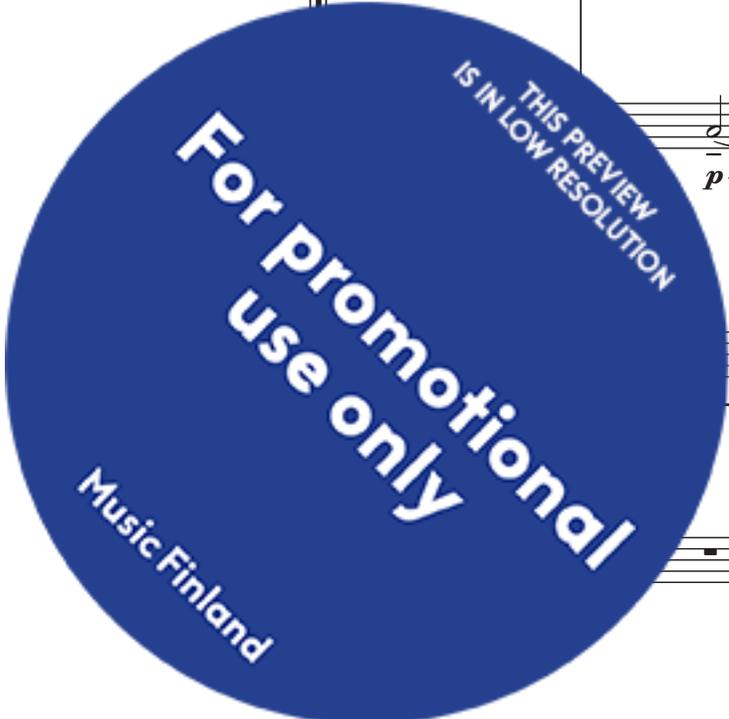
1 *ffp* *ppp* *p* *mf* *p* *mp* *mf* *p* *mp* *mf* *p*

Tbn. 2 *ffp* *ppp* *p* *mf* *mp* *mf* *p*

1 *p* *mf* *p*

2 *mf*

3 *mp* *longing* *mf*



19 *longing* [C]

Hn in F 2

1 *mp* *f* *mf* *mp* *mf* *ff* *mf* *p*

2 *mp* *f* *mf* *mp* *mf* *ff* *mf* *p*

3 *mp* *f* *mf* *mp* *mf* *ff* *mf* *p*

Tpt in Bb 2

1 *mp* *f* *mf* *mp* *mf* *ff* *mf*

2 *mp* *f* *mf* *mp* *mf* *ff* *mf*

3 *mf* *p* *mf* *mp* *mf* *ff* *mf*

Tbn. 2

1 *cutely* *mp* *longing* *mf* *ff* *mf*

2 *cutely* *mp* *longing* *mf* *ff* *mf* *p*

3 *longing* *mf* *ff* *mf*

4 *longing* *ff* *mf* *p*

5 *longing* *ff* *mf* *p*



25

1 *mf* *f* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *ff*

Hn in F 2 *p* *mf* *ff*

3 *mf* *p* *mf* *ff*

1 *p* *mf* *mf* *ff*

Tpt in Bb 2 *p* *p* *mf* *ff*

3 *p* *mf* *ff*

1 *p* *p* *f* *p*

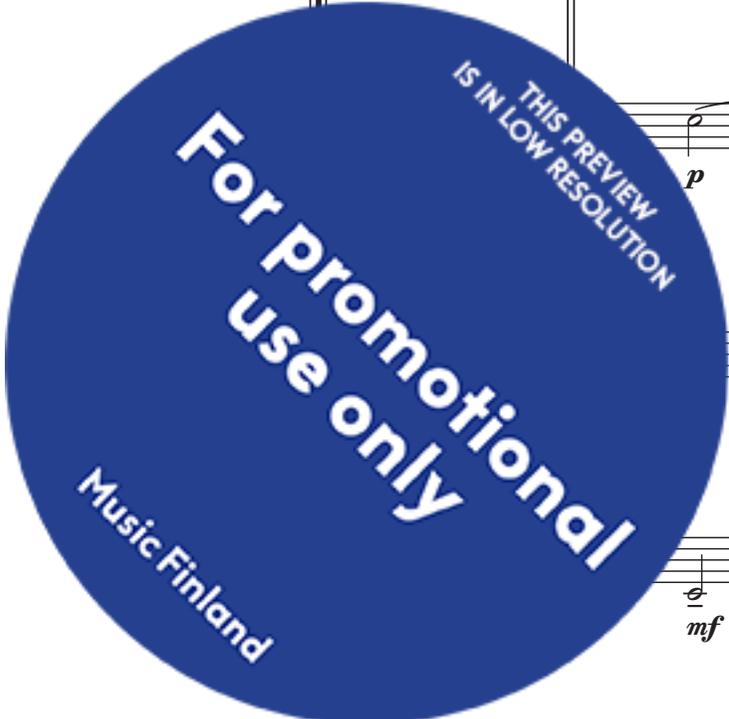
Tbn. 2 *mp* *pp* *p* *ff*

3 *p* *mf* *ff*

1 *p* *f* *mf* *ff*

2 *mf* *f* *mf* *ff*

nostalgic *3* *3* **D**



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gently **E**

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Hn in F 2

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1

Tpt in Bb 2

3

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Tbn. 2

1

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38

Hn in F 1

Hn in F 2

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Tpt in Bb 1

Tpt in Bb 2

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Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

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with wit

mf

f

f

destinate

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f > mp

with wit

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f

f

destinate

with wit

mf

f

f

destinate

with wit

destinate

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ff

with wit

p

f > p

mp sub.

ff

with wit

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f

ff

destinate

destinate

p cresc. poco a poco

destinate

f

p cresc. poco a poco

destinate

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destinate

cresc. poco a poco

destinate

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destinate

cresc. poco a poco

destinate

cresc. poco a poco



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G Vast

1

Hn in F 2

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1

Tpt in Bb 2

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Tbn. 2

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