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Seating plan:

The seating should be spread out as much as convenient, but the cellists can be seated close to each other.

B quartet tuned to a'=430Hz | M quartet tuned to a'=442Hz

vcB | vcM

vaB vaM

v2B v2M

v1B v1M

Performance note

The "B" (Baroque) quartet is tuned exactly a quarter-tone lower than the "M" (Modern) quartet. E.g. if the M quartet is tuned to a'=442 Hz, the B quartet should be tuned to a'= 430 Hz.

The repeat in bars 213-234 is optional.

Vibrato should be avoided throughout the piece..

Accidentals apply till the end of the bar. However, they are occasionally repeated to facilitate sight-reading.

Glissandi The glissandi should be played evenly. Note-stems in the middle of glissandi are for orientation only, they

are not to be emphasized in any way.

tenuto, play note to the full length (only, no accent is intended).

o al niente, let the sound disappear completely.

Quarter-tone sharp and flat, respectively.

† Play slightly (less than eight of tone) sharp or flat to finetune the (equally-tempered) pitch to the

corresponding harmonically pure pitch (major third or minor seventh).

Diamond-shape note heads indicate harmonics. Harmonics on open strings are written to be played at low positions for notational reasons, but can (and for sonority probably should) be played at high positions.























