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# Asteletsa

for (contra)bass clarinet

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**Performance note**

♯ ♭ a quarter-tone sharp and flat respectively.

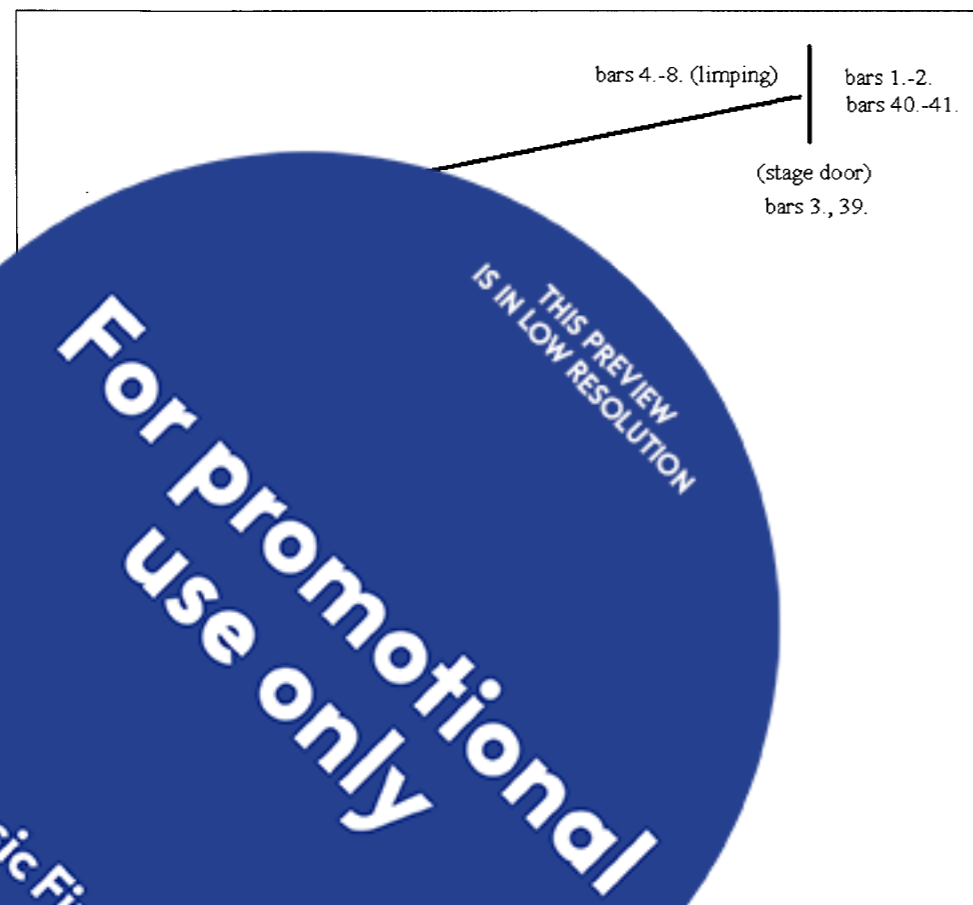
The piece starts behind an open stage door, where the the first two and the last two bars are played. The player is not seen before the bar 3 or after the bar 39, and is only *partially* seen (from back) in the bars 3 and 39.

bars:

- 1., 41. A shrilling, loud multiphonic of free choice, but must be the same in both bars.
- 3., 39. Small glissandi on the *a* (fermata lunga - all fermatas in this piece are long!).
- 7., 9., 33., 35. A low, rich and loud multiphonic of free choice, but must be the same in all these bars.
- 4.-8. Limping backwards toward the opposite side of the stage the player is seen from the side by the audience.
- 11., 31. The shuffle should be clearly heard by the audience. The bars 10.-11. (and 31.-32.) are repeated as many times as necessary (back to the audience) until the player arrives to the desired place on the stage (center).
- 12.-13. The turning speed should follow the *rall.* of the music. (Correspondingly *accel.* in bars 28.-30.)
- 14.-15. Rushing to the front stage, as close to the audience as possible (and safe).
- 19-20., 21-23. Very quick, jerky turn just before and after the low *B<sup>b</sup>* - as if first having forgotten to play that note.
- 27.-28. Move back (all the time facing the audience) to the center of stage.

All the movements should be consistent with the character of the music. E.g. the limping should be in the rhythm of the music in bars 4.-8. and 35.-38, the curtsy should accompany the glissando in bars 17 and 25, etc.

Suggested itinerary (can be different, depending on the performance situation):



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1  $\text{♩} = 40$   $\text{♩} = 80$   
*(gliss. frenetico)*  
**ff** behind stage door  
**f** in the doorway (partially seen)  
limp backwards to stage...  
stop! **ff** *mp* three timid steps...stop! **ff** *esitante*  $\text{♩} = 80$  *risoluto* 10 **f** (don't walk)

11  $\text{♩} = 60$   $\text{♩} = 60$   $\text{♩} = 80$   
(repeat as necessary)  
*poco rall...* *piu rall...* *minaccioso* *dolce espressivo*  
**p** **f** *mp* **ff** **p** **ff**  
walk toward stage center with short shuffling steps  
slowly turn clockwise 360° (remain back to the audience)  
turn back 180° "rall." (face the audience)  
briskly walk toward the audience  
rise on tiptoe... ..back down  
deep curtsy  
turn right 90°...

19 *libero ma frenetico*  $\text{♩} = 80$   $\text{♩} = 60$   
**ff** *come prima*  
...and back  
turn briskly 90° to the right  
...and back  
briskly 90° to the right  
...and quickly back  
turn 90° to the right...  
...and back (facing audience)  
deep curtsy

26 *dolce esp.*  $\text{♩} = 40$   $\text{♩} = 80$   
*accel.* *piu accel.* *risoluto* (repeat as necessary) 33 *esitante*  
*mp* **f** **p** **f** **ff** *mp*  
slowly turn clockwise 180° (turn back to audience)  
turn counterclockwise 360° (back again to audience)  
walk toward back stage... stop! with short shuffling steps  
three timid steps...stop!

$\text{♩} = 40$   
stop at the door  
in the doorway (partially seen)  
behind stage door **ff** *(gliss. frenetico)*

