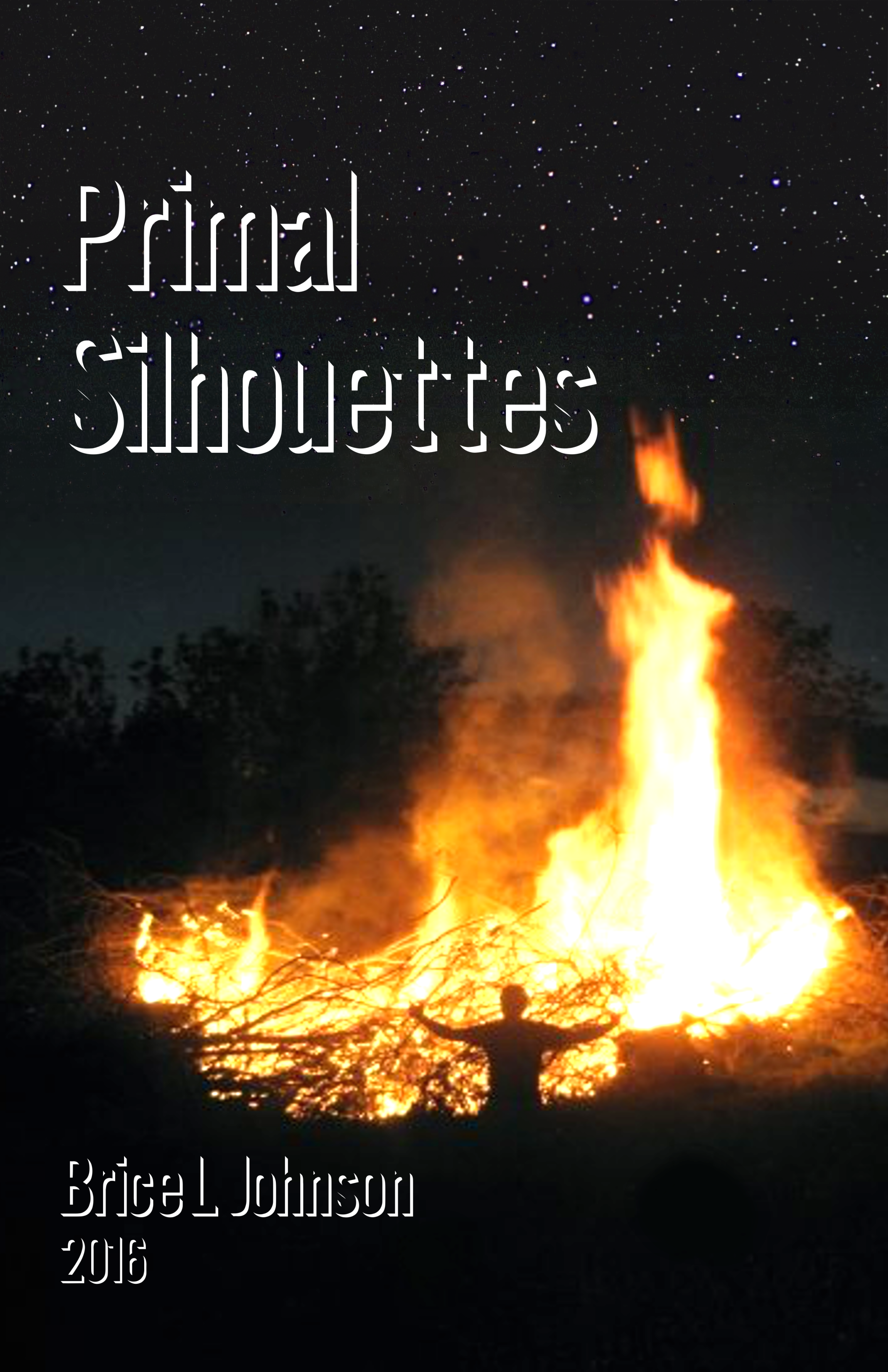




Primal Annoyances

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Primal Silhouettes

for Orchestra

Instrumentation:

2 Flutes
2 Oboes
2 Clarinets in B (1 doubling Bass Clarinet)
2 Bassoons
Contrabassoon

4 Horns in F
2 Trumpets in C
2 Trombones
Bass Trombone

Timpani
2 Percussion
 1. Chimes, Glockenspiel, Tam-Tam,
Crash Cymbal, Low Drum
 2. Bass Drum, Tam-Tam,
Suspended Cymbal

Strings

Performances Notes:

1. Time-based notation is approximate and conductor should cue entrances of instruments with right hand and the passage of time with the left hand.
2. Where indicated, string players should mute their instruments with multiple fingers to avoid any harmonic partial, and should only produce the sound of the bow scratching the string.
3. Pitch clusters are to be played divisi as indicated, the number of parts should be spread equally between each string section.
4. String Chords with X note-heads only help to indicate that those notes are muted, but not to be played in clusters.
5. Items in boxes are to be repeated until indicated.
6. Held pitches with no value may be held for up to one breath or one bow, except for percussion which is given durations in *senza misura* with a line that ends. Note: bowed percussion should also consider duration to be one bow.
7. Dynamic markings in strings passages that are muted need to be adjusted to obtain a volume that is comparable to the dynamic indicated. (muted *mf* may only sound at regular *mp* or softer)
8. The final 10-15 seconds should primarily be a bass drum solo with the noise from the rest of the orchestra slowly fading. Allow the bass drum and timpani to ring as long as desired.

About this Piece:

Primal Silhouettes is a work commissioned and premiered by the Fort Smith Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of John Jeter. It is a work that explores the inner brutality of humanity's most basic instincts and presents the withstanding question: are we all just animals or can we somehow rise above?

While our sophisticated societal structure and amazing feats of ingenuity have put us into a role as the dominant species on earth, I find it fascinating that we still exhibit many primitive animalistic characteristics. With all that we have accomplished, there remains the basic desires for sustenance, security, curiosity, power, and procreation. We believe that our survival is established on these principles, but unfortunately our race has done some very brutal things to establish itself as the "fittest."

While there is hope for humanity, it may not come in our innate goodness toward one another. As we have seen throughout history there are shadows looming over the peace that we claim to desire, and those shadows come in human form. So, it makes sense that there is only hope in something transcendent, something that can literally save us from ourselves. Many have searched for it, and many more have claimed to find it. My searchings have lead me to believe in a book, which chronicles our desperate attempt to overcome our shortcomings over and again, and yet we continue to fall short. It isn't until a redeemer comes to take away our suffering on a tree that we realize that our desire for ourselves has been the problem all along. That the shadows of our humanity can truly only be removed through the redemption awaiting us in a savior.

This piece seems to progress from the basic primordial ooze of sound composition, to the rich complexity brought by polyphony, and eventually to the finality that only tonal order can bring us, albeit somewhat obscured by where we have been. In this way, I have chronicled my own path in life, and I have sought to bring about a redemptive narrative parallel to my own, where my old self is but a silhouette of the new.

Primal Silhouettes

for Orchestra

Brice L. Johnson

*) - Strings are played muted with hand, so that only string noise is heard.
 **) - Notes are indicated as a divisi cluster, each player should choose a pitch as indicated.
 ***) - Pitches move toward a muted string and back to pitch, repeat at any speed until indicated.
 ****) - Indicates increased pressure of superball mallet on BD head.

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0:18 0:21 0:24 0:27 0:30 0:33

Fl. 1 2 *f* *ord.* *mp* *f*

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1 2 *mf*

B. *mp*

Bsn. 1 2 *cresc. poco a poco*

C. *cresc. poco a poco*

0:18 0:21 0:24 0:27 0:30 0:33

Hn. 1 2

3 4

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2

B.

Timp. *mp*

Perc. 1 L.V. *p* Chimes

2 BD *mp* Tam-Tam 1-2 sec.

1-2 sec.

0:18 0:21 0:24 0:27 0:30 0:33

Vln. I *mf*

Vln. II *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Cb. *mf*

7 8 9 10 11 12

0:36 0:39 0:42 0:45 **A** Aggressive and Tribal ♩ = 90

Fl. 1 2 *ord.* *fp* *flz.* *f*

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2 *f*

C 1 2 *f*

0:36 0:39 0:42 6 4

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2 B

Timp. 1-2 sec.

Perc. 1 2

0:36 0:39 0:42 6 4 **A** Aggressive and Tribal ♩ = 90

Vln. I *pp* *8^{va}*

Vln. II *p*

Vla. *p*

Vc. *n*

Cb. *n*

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2

C 1 2

flz.

mf

fp

sfz

ord.

flz.

f

solo

p

mf

p

solo

f

Hn. 1 2

3 4

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2

B 1 2

pp

pp

sfz

sfz

Timp.

Perc. 1 2

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

pp

n

mp

n

p

n

p

n

sfz

17

18

19

20

Fl.

1

2

Ob.

1

2

Cl.

1

2

Bsn.

1

2

C

Hn.

1

2

3

4

Tpt.

1

2

Tbn.

1

2

B

Timp.

Perc.

1

2

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

21

22

23

24

Fl. 1 2 *mp* *ord.* *sfz* *sfz* *p* 3

Ob. 1 2 *mp*

Cl. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2 *cresc.*

C 1 2 *cresc.*

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tpt. 1 2 *mp* 3 1. *mp*

Tbn. 1 2 *p* 2. *cresc.*

B 1 2 *p* *cresc.*

Timp. *p* *cresc.*

Perc. 1 2 *p*

Vln. I *f*

Vln. II *f*

Vla. *cresc. poco a poco* *f*

Vc. *cresc. poco a poco* *f*

Cb. *cresc. poco a poco* *f*

24

25 26 27 28 29

B

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2

C

p *f* *p* *mf* *f* *mp* *f*

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2

B

pp *f* *mp* *f* *mp*

Timp.

Perc. 1 2

Tam-Tam Choke

p *sfz* *mf*

B

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

unis. non-div. non-div. non-div.

p *f* *f* *f* *p*

30

31

32

33

34

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1 B

Bsn. 1 2 C

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2 B

Timp.

Perc. 1 2

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

35 36 37 38 39 40

mf *sfz* *sfz* *mp* *mp* *mp*

p *mp* *mp* *mp* *mp* *mp*

mf *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

sfz *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

p *p* *p* *p* *p* *p*

sfz *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

p *p* *p* *p* *p* *p*

sfz *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

unis. *unis.* *unis.* *unis.* *unis.* *unis.*

non-div. *non-div.* *non-div.* *non-div.* *non-div.* *non-div.*

f *p* *p* *p* *p* *p*

mp *mp* *mp* *mp* *mp* *mp*

This musical score page contains measures 41 through 46 of a symphony. The instrumentation includes Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Horn (Hn.), Trumpet (Tpt.), Trombone (Tbn.), Tuba (B.), Timpani (Timp.), Percussion (Perc.), Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), Violoncello (Vc.), and Contrabass (Cb.).

Measures 41-46:

- Flute (Fl.):** Measures 41-44 feature a melodic line with dynamics *mp*, *cresc.*, and *f*. Measure 45 has a *p* dynamic, and measure 46 has a *f* dynamic.
- Oboe (Ob.):** Measures 41-44 feature a melodic line with dynamics *f*, *mp*, and *f*. Measure 45 has a *mp* dynamic, and measure 46 has a *f* dynamic.
- Clarinet (Cl.):** Measures 41-44 feature a melodic line with dynamics *f*, *mp*, and *f*. Measure 45 has a *mp* dynamic, and measure 46 has a *f* dynamic.
- Bassoon (Bsn.):** Measures 41-44 feature a melodic line with dynamics *f*, *mp*, and *f*. Measure 45 has a *mp* dynamic, and measure 46 has a *f* dynamic.
- Horn (Hn.):** Measures 41-44 feature a melodic line with dynamics *f*, *mp*, and *f*. Measure 45 has a *mp* dynamic, and measure 46 has a *f* dynamic.
- Trumpet (Tpt.):** Measures 41-44 feature a melodic line with dynamics *f*, *mp*, and *f*. Measure 45 has a *mp* dynamic, and measure 46 has a *f* dynamic.
- Trombone (Tbn.):** Measures 41-44 feature a melodic line with dynamics *f*, *mp*, and *f*. Measure 45 has a *mp* dynamic, and measure 46 has a *f* dynamic.
- Tuba (B.):** Measures 41-44 feature a melodic line with dynamics *f*, *mp*, and *f*. Measure 45 has a *mp* dynamic, and measure 46 has a *f* dynamic.
- Timpani (Timp.):** Measures 41-44 feature a melodic line with dynamics *f*, *mp*, and *f*. Measure 45 has a *mp* dynamic, and measure 46 has a *f* dynamic.
- Percussion (Perc.):** Measures 41-44 feature a melodic line with dynamics *f*, *mp*, and *f*. Measure 45 has a *mp* dynamic, and measure 46 has a *f* dynamic.
- Violin I (Vln. I):** Measures 41-44 feature a melodic line with dynamics *f*, *mp*, and *f*. Measure 45 has a *mp* dynamic, and measure 46 has a *f* dynamic.
- Violin II (Vln. II):** Measures 41-44 feature a melodic line with dynamics *f*, *mp*, and *f*. Measure 45 has a *mp* dynamic, and measure 46 has a *f* dynamic.
- Viola (Vla.):** Measures 41-44 feature a melodic line with dynamics *f*, *mp*, and *f*. Measure 45 has a *mp* dynamic, and measure 46 has a *f* dynamic.
- Violoncello (Vc.):** Measures 41-44 feature a melodic line with dynamics *f*, *mp*, and *f*. Measure 45 has a *mp* dynamic, and measure 46 has a *f* dynamic.
- Contrabass (Cb.):** Measures 41-44 feature a melodic line with dynamics *f*, *mp*, and *f*. Measure 45 has a *mp* dynamic, and measure 46 has a *f* dynamic.

C

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1 B

Bsn. 1 2 C

p

p

pp

mp

p

pp

n

mp

n

mp

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2 B

Timp.

Perc. 1 2

C

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

norm.

pont.

norm.

p

mf

norm.

pont.

norm.

p

mf

norm.

harm. gliss.

pp

pont.

norm.

n

mf

n

mf

f

n

mf

47

48

49

50

51

52

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1 B

Bsn. 1 2 C

1. *mp*

p *mf* 3

p *cresc.* 3

mp

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2 B

1. *mp*

Timp.

Perc. 1 2

Glock. *mp*

Vln. I

Vln. II non-div. *f*

Vla. *multo pont.* *mf* non-div. *f*

Vc. non-div.

Cb. *f*

53

54

55

56

57

D

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1

B. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2

C. 1 2

Hn. 1 2

3 4

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2

B. 1 2

Timp.

Perc. 1 2

p *cresc.* *mf*

mf *mf*

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

sfz *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

D

div.

n *f*

unis. *n* *cresc.* *n* *cresc.*

unis. *n* *cresc.*

unis. *n* *cresc.*

pizz. *n* *cresc.*

58 59 60 61 62

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1 B

Bsn. 1 2 C

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2 B

Timp.

Perc. 1 2

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

67 68 69 70 71

Fl.

1
2

Ob.

1
2

Cl.

1
B

Bsn.

1
2
C

Hn.

1
2
3
4

Tpt.

1
2

Tbn.

1
2
B

Timp.

Perc.

1
2

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

72

73

74

75

76

-15-

1
Fl.

2

1
Ob.

2

1
Cl.

2

1
Bsn.

2

C

1
Hn.

2

3
4

1
Tpt.

2

1
Tbn.

2

B

Timp.

1
Perc.

2

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

n *cresc.*

f

p

mf

p

mf

dim.

p

mf

mp

f

mp

f

77

78

79

80

81

82

E

[illegible]

***) - Strings are muted with left hand, only string noise is heard.**

****)- Pitch cluster is played divisi, each player choosing an indicated pitch**

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2

C

Hn. 1 2

3 4

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2

B

Timp.

Perc. 1 2

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

89 90 91 92 93 94

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1

B

Bsn. 1 2

C

Hn. 1 2

3 4

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2

B

Timp.

Perc. 1 2

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

95

96

97

98

99

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1 B

Bsn. 1 2 C

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2 B

Timp.

Perc. 1 2

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

100 101 102 103 104

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1 B

Bsn. 1 2 C

p

cresc.

1.

cresc.

2.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2 B

2.

pp

pp

cresc.

Timp.

Perc. 1 2

pp

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

pp

105

106

107

108

109

1 Fl.
 2 Fl.
 1 Ob.
 2 Ob.
 1 Cl.
 B Cl.
 1 Bsn.
 2 Bsn.
 C
 1 Hn.
 2 Hn.
 3 Hn.
 4 Hn.
 1 Tpt.
 2 Tpt.
 1 Tbn.
 2 Tbn.
 B Tbn.
 Timp.
 1 Perc.
 2 Perc.
 Vln. I
 Vln. II
 Vla.
 Vc.
 Cb.

110 111 112 113 114

This page of the musical score is divided into several systems of staves. The first system includes Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.), Bassoon (Bsn.), and Cello (C). The second system includes Horns (Hn.), Trumpets (Tpt.), and Trombones (Tbn.). The third system includes Timpani (Timp.), Percussion (Perc.), Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), Violoncello (Vc.), and Contrabass (Cb.).

The score is written in 2/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The woodwinds and brass sections are marked with dynamics such as *f* (forte), *pp* (pianissimo), and *mf* (mezzo-forte). The percussion section is marked with *cresc. poco a poco* (crescendo, little by little). The string section is marked with *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *cresc. poco a poco* (crescendo, little by little).

The score is a page from a larger work, as indicated by the page number 10 in the bottom right corner.

119

120 121 122 123 124

***) - As before, the muted string should be used, but the pitches are indicated as X note-heads**

125 126 127 128 129 130

This image shows a page of a musical score, likely for a symphony. The score is written for a large ensemble of instruments, including:

- Flutes (Fl.):** Two parts, 1 and 2.
- Oboes (Ob.):** Two parts, 1 and 2.
- Clarinets (Cl.):** Two parts, 1 and 2.
- Bassoons (Bsn.):** Two parts, 1 and 2.
- Horns (Hn.):** Four parts, 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- Trumpets (Tpt.):** Two parts, 1 and 2.
- Trombones (Tbn.):** Two parts, 1 and 2.
- Timpani (Timp.):** One part.
- Percussion (Perc.):** Two parts, 1 and 2.
- Violins (Vln.):** Two parts, I and II.
- Viola (Vla.):** One part.
- Violoncello (Vc.):** One part.
- Contrabass (Cb.):** One part.

The score includes various musical notations, including notes, rests, and dynamic markings such as *p* (piano), *mf* (mezzo-forte), *f* (forte), *sfz* (sforzando), and *pp* (pianissimo). A large, diagonal watermark reading "Not For Performance" is overlaid across the entire page.

1
Fl. *pp* *mf*

2 *mf* *pp* *mf*

1
Ob. *n*

2 *n* *mf* *n* *mf*

1
Cl. *n* *mf*

B *n* *mf*

1 *p* *mf* *p*

2 *mf* *pp*

C *mf* *pp*

1
Hn. *pp* *mf*

2 *pp* *mf*

3 *pp* *mf*

4 *pp* *mf*

1
Tpt. *pp* *mf*

2 *pp* *mf*

1 *pp* *mf*

2 *pp*

B

Timp.

Perc. 1

2

Vln. I *mp*

Vln. II *sfz*

Vla. *sfz*

Vc. *sfz*

Cb. *sfz*

144 145 146 147 148 *sfz* 149 150

151 152 153 29 154 155 156

This page contains measures 157 through 162 of a musical score. The instrumentation includes:

- Flute (Fl.):** Two staves.
- Oboe (Ob.):** Two staves.
- Clarinet (Cl.):** One staff.
- Bassoon (Bsn.):** Two staves.
- Horn (Hn.):** Four staves.
- Trumpet (Tpt.):** Two staves.
- Trombone (Tbn.):** Three staves.
- Timpani (Timp.):** One staff.
- Percussion (Perc.):** Two staves.
- Violins (Vln.):** First and Second staves.
- Viola (Vla.):** One staff.
- Cello (Vc.):** One staff.
- Contrabass (Cb.):** One staff.

The score features various musical notations including notes, rests, slurs, and dynamic markings such as *cresc.*, *f*, *p*, *mf*, *sfz*, and *fp*. A watermark "Not For Performance" is visible across the center of the page.

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1 B

Bsn. 1 2 C

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2 B

Timp.

Perc. 1 2

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

163 164 165 166 167 168

G Exploding

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1 B

Bsn. 1 2

C

3 8

2 4

Hn. 1 2 3 4

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2 B

Timp.

Perc. 1 2

3 8

2 4

G Exploding

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

3 8

2 4

1
Fl.

2

1
Ob.

2

1
Cl.

B

1
Bsn.

2

C

(3+2)

3

3

3

3

7

fp

fp

5
8

2
4

1
Hn.

2

3
4

1
Tpt.

2

1
Tbn.

2

B

Timp.

1
Perc.

2

3

3

3

3

fp

fp

fp

fp

p

f

5
8

2
4

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

3

3

3

3

6

3

173

174

175

176

177

1
Fl.

2

1
Ob.

2

1
Cl.

B

1

Bsn. 2

C

2

1
Hn.

2

3

4

1
Tpt.

2

1
Tbn.

2

B

Timp.

1
Perc.

2

1
Vln. I

2
Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

178

179

180

181

Musical score for measures 182-186. The score is written for a woodwind and brass section, strings, and percussion. The woodwind section includes Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.), Bassoon (Bsn.), and Horn (Hn.). The brass section includes Trumpet (Tpt.), Trombone (Tbn.), and Tuba (Tub.). The string section includes Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), Violoncello (Vc.), and Double Bass (Cb.). The percussion section includes Timpani (Timp.) and Percussion (Perc.).

The score is in 5/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked "Allegretto". The score includes dynamic markings such as *f* (forte), *mp* (mezzo-piano), and *ff* (fortissimo). The score also includes articulation marks such as accents and slurs.

The score is divided into measures 182, 183, 184, 185, and 186. The score includes a large "5/8" time signature change at the beginning of measure 183.

This image shows a page from a musical score, likely for a symphony orchestra. The score is written for multiple instruments, including woodwinds (Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Cello), brass (Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba), percussion (Timpani, Snare Drum, Bass Drum), and strings (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, Contrabass). The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings like 'sfz' (sforzando) and 'fp' (fortissimo). A large, faint watermark 'Not For Performance' is visible across the page.

This image shows a page of a musical score, likely for a symphony, featuring multiple staves for various instruments. The instruments listed on the left include Fl. (Flute), Ob. (Oboe), Cl. (Clarinet), Bsn. (Bassoon), C. (Cello), Hn. (Horn), Tpt. (Trumpet), Tbn. (Trombone), Timp. (Timpani), Perc. (Percussion), Vln. I (Violin I), Vln. II (Violin II), Vla. (Viola), Vc. (Violoncello), and Cb. (Contrabass). The score is written in a standard musical notation with various dynamics (mp, f, p) and includes a large watermark reading "Not For Performance". The page is numbered 196, 197, 198, and 199 at the bottom.

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

1

Cl. B

Bsn. 1 2

C

Hn. 1 2

3 4

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2

B

Timp.

Perc. 1

2

L.V.

BD

mf

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

I Collapsing 10-15"

senza misura

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1

B

Bsn. 1 2

C

Hn. 1 2

3 4

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2

B

Timp.

Perc. 1

2

superball mallet

sfz

mf

f

p

pp

Ped. Gliss.

Tam-Tam

L.V.

n

I Collapsing 10-15"

senza misura

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

ff

p

p

p

p

(1, 2... 8)

(1, 2... 7)

(1, 2... 5)

(1, 2... 8)

(1, 2... 4)

*) - Widening vibrato leads to rapid glissandi, eventually leading into divisi cluster

**) - pitch eventually trails off to blowing through the instrument with no pitch (only held for single breath).

