

Shadows on Shadows

for

solo double bass & string ensemble

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Instrumentation

Solo Double Bass with C extension

2 Violins

2 Violas

2 `Cellos

Notes

- Double bass harmonics sound an octave lower than written.
- mst: *molto sul tasto*.
- msp: *molto sul ponticello*.
- The double sharp G and A cluster in the double bass part should always be played *molto sul ponticello*.
- Half harmonics are played with the fingers half down.

Duration

Approximately 13 minutes.

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Freely $\text{♩} = \text{c.}56$

Contrabass

mf *msp* *f* *mf* *f* *msp* *mf* *nat.* *f*

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola 1

Viola 2

Violoncello 1

Violoncello 2

Cb.

nat. *mf* *espress.*

poco accel.

f

nat. *mf* *f*

msp

msp

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poco meno mosso
glass-like

Cb.

nat. *mf* *f* *mf*

f *subito p* *f* *p* *f*

nat. *mf* *f* *mf*

msp

msp

msp

sp

mst

A

$\text{♩} = \text{c.}60$
lcy

Score for Cb., Vln., Vla., and Vc. with mst. (military snare) and lcy (lute).

Cb. (Contrabass): *p*, *f* nat., *p*, *p*. (no accent), *espress.*

Vln. (Violins): *p sul tasto*

Vla. (Violas): *p sul tasto*

Vc. (Violoncellos): *p sul tasto*

Tempo: $\text{♩} = \text{c.}60$

Rehearsal mark: A

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Cb. *p* *mp* 9

Vln. *cresc.*

Vln. 3:2 *cresc.* 3 3 3

Vla. *cresc.*

Vla. 3:2 *cresc.* 3:2 3

Vc. *cresc.*

Vc. *cresc.*

Detailed description of the musical score: The score is written for a chamber ensemble. The Contrabass (Cb.) part is in the bottom staff, starting with a piano (*p*) dynamic and moving to mezzo-piano (*mp*) by measure 11. It features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes with slurs. The Violins (Vln.) and Violas (Vla.) parts are in the middle staves, both marked with a crescendo (*cresc.*) from measure 10. They play a melodic line with slurs and some triplet markings (3:2). The Violas/Celli (Vc.) parts are in the top staves, also marked with a crescendo (*cresc.*) from measure 10. They play a more sustained melodic line with slurs. The score is divided into four measures, with measure numbers 9, 10, 11, and 12 indicated by vertical bar lines. A final measure number '9' appears at the end of the Cb. staff in measure 12.

13

Cb. *mf* *14:12* *f*

Vln. *mf cresc.* *f cresc.*

Vln. *mf cresc.* *f cresc.*

Vla. *mf cresc.* *f cresc.*

Vla. *mf cresc.* *f cresc.*

Vc. *mf cresc.* *f cresc.*

Vc. *mf cresc.* *f cresc.*

B

Lightly

17

Cb. *ff* *sul tasto* *II 2* *III 4* *IV 1* *pizz.* *p* *gliss.*

Vln. *ff* *sub. pp* *sul tasto* *III* *II 4*

Vln. *ff* *sub. pp* *sul tasto*

Vla. *ff* *sub. pp* *sul tasto* *pp* *3*

Vla. *ff* *pp* *sul tasto* *3*

Vc. *ff* *pp* *sul tasto*

Vc. *ff* *pp* *sul tasto*

ff *pp*

24

Cb.

Vln.

Vln.

Vla.

Vla.

Vc.

Vc.

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

30

Cb. *mf* *cresc.*

Vln. *poco mf* *cresc.*

Vln. *poco mf* *cresc.*

Vla. *poco mf* *cresc.*

Vla. *poco mf* *cresc.*

Vc. *poco mf* *cresc.*

Vc. *poco mf* *cresc.*

The musical score consists of seven staves. The first staff is for Cb. (Contrabass), the second and third for Vln. (Violins), the fourth and fifth for Vla. (Violas), and the sixth and seventh for Vc. (Violoncellos). The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The score is divided into two systems of three measures each. The first system (measures 30-32) is marked with *mf* and *poco mf*. The second system (measures 33-35) is marked with *cresc.*. The Vln. and Vla. parts feature triplets in measures 31 and 34. The Vc. parts feature long, sustained notes in measures 30 and 33.

C Glacial $\text{♩} = c.56$ **D** $\text{♩} = 60$ ($\text{♩} = 120$)

36

Cb.

f

p arco

Vln.

8^{va} molto sul tasto (a tempo) (loco) sul tasto

f *pp* *p*

Vln.

f *pp* *p* sul tasto

Vla.

3 *f* *pp* (a tempo) sul tasto 3 *p*

Vla.

3 *f* *pp* (a tempo) sul tasto s.p. *p*

Vc.

f *pp* (a tempo) sul tasto *p*

Vc.

f *pp* (a tempo) sul tasto *p*

47

Cb.

Vln.

Vln.

Vla.

Vla.

Vc.

Vc.

mp

mf

poco sul tasto

nat.

mp

mf

poco sul tasto

nat.

mp

mf

poco sul tasto

nat.

pizz.

arco

pizz.

mp

mf

poco sul tasto

nat.

mp

mf

poco sul tasto

nat.

molto legato

55

Cb. *cresc.*

Vln. *cresc.* 10:6 7:4 9:8

Vln. *cresc.* 6:4

Vla. *cresc.* *espress.* 5 3

Vla. *nat. arco* *cresc.* 3:2

Vc. *cresc.*

Vc. *cresc.* 3

The musical score is written for a string ensemble. The Cello (Cb.) part is in the top staff, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The Violin (Vln.) parts are in the second and third staves, both in treble clef. The Viola (Vla.) parts are in the fourth and fifth staves, both in alto clef. The Violoncello (Vc.) parts are in the sixth and seventh staves, both in bass clef. The score is divided into measures 55 through 60. Measure 55 is marked with a '55' and a 'cresc.' instruction. Measure 56 is marked with a 'cresc.' instruction. Measure 57 is marked with a 'cresc.' instruction. Measure 58 is marked with a 'cresc.' instruction. Measure 59 is marked with a 'cresc.' instruction. Measure 60 is marked with a 'cresc.' instruction. The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, and dynamic markings. The key signature is one flat, and the time signature is 3/4.

E (a tempo $\text{♩} = 60$)

61

Cb.

ff

Vln.

14:12

ff

ppp (sempre staccato)

sul tasto
spiccato, tip of the bow

Vln.

ff

ppp (sempre staccato)

sul tasto
spiccato, tip of the bow

Vla.

ff

ppp

sul tasto

Vla.

ff

3:2

Vc.

ff

Vc.

ff

Detailed description of the musical score: The score is for measures 61 to 64. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The time signature is 3/4. The Cb. part starts in measure 61 with a half note F# and a half note G, followed by a half rest. The Vln. part starts in measure 61 with a 14:12 ratio and a half note F#, followed by a half note G. The Vla. part starts in measure 61 with a half note F# and a half note G, followed by a half rest. The Vc. part starts in measure 61 with a half note F# and a half note G, followed by a half rest. The Vc. part also has a 3:2 ratio in measure 61. The dynamics are ff for Cb., Vln., Vla., and Vc. in measure 61. In measure 62, the Vln. part has a ppp (sempre staccato) dynamic. In measure 63, the Vln. part has a ppp (sempre staccato) dynamic. In measure 64, the Vln. part has a ppp (sempre staccato) dynamic. The performance instructions 'sul tasto spiccato, tip of the bow' are written above the Vln. part in measures 62 and 63. The instruction 'sempre staccato' is written below the Vln. part in measures 62 and 63. The instruction 'sul tasto' is written above the Vla. part in measure 63.

Score for Cello (Cb.), Violins (Vln.), Viola (Vla.), and Violoncello (Vc.).

The score is written for five staves, grouped by a brace on the left. The instruments are Cb., Vln., Vln., Vla., and Vc. (bottom two staves).

Key markings and dynamics include:

- pp** (pianissimo) and **ppp** (pianississimo) dynamics.
- sul tasto** (on the fingerboard) marking for the second Viola.
- (spiccato, tip of the bow)** marking for the second Viola.
- 6** and **7** fingering numbers for the second Viola.

The score consists of five measures. The Cb. and Vc. parts are mostly rests. The Vln. parts feature rapid sixteenth-note passages. The Vla. parts include sustained notes and arpeggiated figures.

[illegible]

16

78

10:8

p *pp* *p* *pp* *mp* *p* *mp*

ppp

pp

ppp

ppp

pp

6:4

7:6

ppp

pp

sul tasto (gradually return to normal position by bar 114)

sul tasto (gradually return to normal position by bar 114)

Cb.

Vln.

Vln.

Vla.

Vla.

Vc.

Vc.

83

Cb.

Vln.

Vln.

Vla.

Vla.

Vc.

Vc.

mf

pp

mp cresc.

mf

pp

p

mp

pp

p

mp

mp

ppp

p

mp

mf

7:4

Score for measures 97-100, featuring Cb., Vln., Vla., and Vc. parts. The score is divided into four measures, with a key signature change from 4/4 to 3/2 in measure 100.

Measure 97: 4/4 time. Vln. and Vla. parts start with *mp* and *p* dynamics. Vc. parts start with *mp* and *p* dynamics.

Measure 98: 3/2 time. Vln. and Vla. parts continue with *mp* and *p* dynamics. Vc. parts continue with *mp* and *p* dynamics.

Measure 99: 3/2 time. Vln. and Vla. parts continue with *pp* dynamics. Vc. parts continue with *pp* dynamics.

Measure 100: 3/2 time. Vln. and Vla. parts continue with *mp* dynamics, marked *gradually increasing in warmth of tone.* Vc. parts continue with *mp* dynamics, marked *gradually increasing in warmth of tone.*

Instrument Parts:

- Cb. (Contrabass):** Silent throughout the measures.
- Vln. (Violin):** Starts with *mp* and *p* dynamics, then *pp* in measure 99, and *mp* in measure 100.
- Vla. (Viola):** Starts with *mp* and *p* dynamics, then *pp* in measure 99, and *mp* in measure 100.
- Vc. (Violoncello):** Starts with *mp* and *p* dynamics, then *pp* in measure 99, and *mp* in measure 100.

Dynamic Markings: *mp* (mezzo-piano), *p* (piano), *pp* (pianissimo).

Performance Instruction: *gradually increasing in warmth of tone.*

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Cb. *mf* *cresc.* *f* warm

Vln. *poco mf* *mf* *cresc.* *f* warm

Vln. *poco mf* *mf* *cresc.* *f* warm

Vla. *poco mf* *mf* *cresc.* *f* warm

Vla. *poco mf* *mf* *cresc.* *f* warm

Vc. *poco mf* *mf* *cresc.* *f* warm

Vc. *poco mf* *mf* *cresc.* *f* warm

3/2

I Free

(♩ = c.52)

21

III

Cb.

6-8 seconds

p molto espress.

continuously sustain F# whilst playing harmonics on the A string.

vary, ad. libitum, between poco sul ponticello and molto sul ponticello.

Vln.

8^{va}

Vln.

Vla.

Vla.

Vc.

Vc.

J Questioning, Quasi Vocalise

♩ = c.60

120

Cb.

Vln.

Vln.

Vla.

Vla.

Vc.

Vc.

p espress.

pp still

pp still

pp espress.

6:4

127

Cb. *mp* (warm)

Vln. *p* *pp* *espress.*

Vln. *p* *pp*

Vla. *ppp* *p* *pp*

Vla. *pp still* *ppp* *p* *pp*

Vc. *pp still* *ppp* *p* *pp*

Vc. *pp still* *pizz.* *p* *arco* *p* *pp*

$\text{♩} = c.72$

132

Cb.

pp

Vln.

pp

ppp

Vln.

pp

ppp

Vla.

pp

Vla.

pp

Vc.

pp

Vc.

pp

p *espress.*

1 3 4 1 4 2 4

7:4

4 2 3 4 3 1 4

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3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2

3:2 3:2 3:2 3:2

K

c.3 seconds c.5 seconds c.4 seconds

139 25

ethereal
p

Cb.

Vln.

pp legato
poco accel.
poco cresc.
mp

Vln.

pp legato
poco accel.
poco cresc.
mp

Vla.

pp molto sul tasto
gliss.
gliss.
poco accel.
poco cresc.
mp

Vla.

pp molto sul tasto
poco accel.
poco cresc.
mp

Vc.

pp
poco accel.
poco cresc.
p *mp*

Vc.

pp
poco accel.
poco cresc.
p *mp*

L

♩ = c.56

molto sul ponticello

fingers half down ('half harmonics')

147

Cb. *gliss.* *gliss.* *gliss.* sul ponticello sul tasto *poco pp*

Vln. *p still* sul tasto *3* *sim. 3*

Vln. *p still* sul tasto *3* *sim. 3*

Vla. *p still* sul tasto *3* *sim. 3*

Vla. *p still* sul tasto *3* *sim. 3*

Vc. *p still* sul tasto *3* *sim. 3*

Vc. *p still* sul tasto *3* *sim. 3*

155

Cb.

pp *espress.*

continuously sustain F# whilst playing harmonics on the A string.

Vln.

pp

colla parte

Vln.

pp

colla parte

Vla.

pp

Vla.

pp

Vc.

pp

Vc.

pp

8va