

A set of 6 Fugues

Mandolin II

for Mandolin Quartet Mandolin I - Mandolin II - Mandola - Guitar in a variety of musical styles

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NOT TO BE TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY



Swing Sonatina revisited

The opening theme is reminiscent of a Glen Miller piece

The second theme (first heard at bar 25) is a re-working of a fugue subject which I wrote for a three movement piece for two violins and piano in the 1970s, called Swing Sonatina.

Thanks to Alec Templeton for the guitar chords ('borrowed' from his piece 'Bach Goes to Town')

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(No I never said they were totally original !! - and anyway, as Charles Caleb Colton said, *'Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery'*)



























El Condor - passing reference

Agentle Ragtime piece

The opening came to me after listening to 'El Condor Pasa' by Simon and Garfunkel on the radio.

There's sort of a reference to a fugue by Bach in the second mandolin part. Can you spot it?



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Number 2 - El Condor ...passing reference?





Hootenanny Hoedown - with turkey

A Scottish / Appalachian flavour to this one It would be more properly callrd a 'Fughetta' The middle section is not excatly original ! Hot Cross Buns, anyone ?



Fugues just for Fun Number 3 - Hootenanny Hoedown with turkey





Where's that turkey

















Neapolitan Waltz

also called Spaghetti Fughetti

or - thanks to Bertram Henze - Fughetti Bolognese

I suppose, being Neapolitan, it should have been the 6th (!!?*)

My wife, June, and I had the first waltz to this tune on

Sunday 20th January 2013.



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Number 4 - Neapolitan Waltz





Bell Hornpipe

I had the idea of using the Westminster chimes as a fugue subject but also had of the sound of a hornpipe in my head, and so decided to combine the two. The rather clangy bell section in the middle is deliberate as bells are often a little discordant, but it also gives the opportunity for the bell like quality of the mandolin to be used to good effect.



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Number 5 - Bell Hornpipe





Initials

The final piece of the set is in the style of a Baroque fugue the opening three notes of the fugue subject are my initials

A D B



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Number 6 - Initials (ADB)

