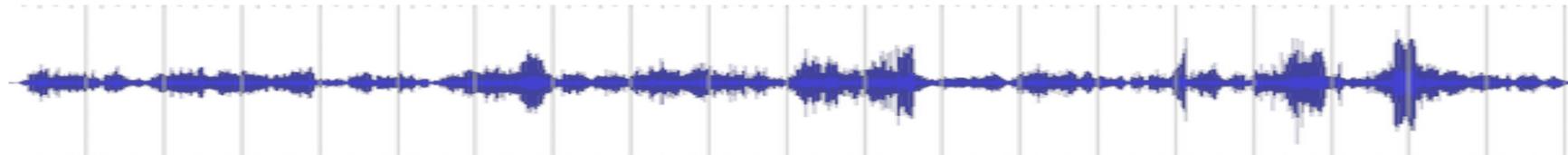
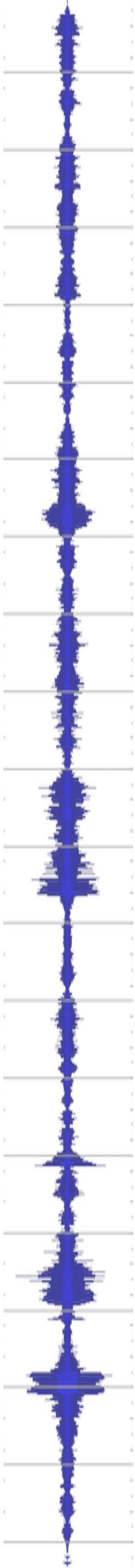


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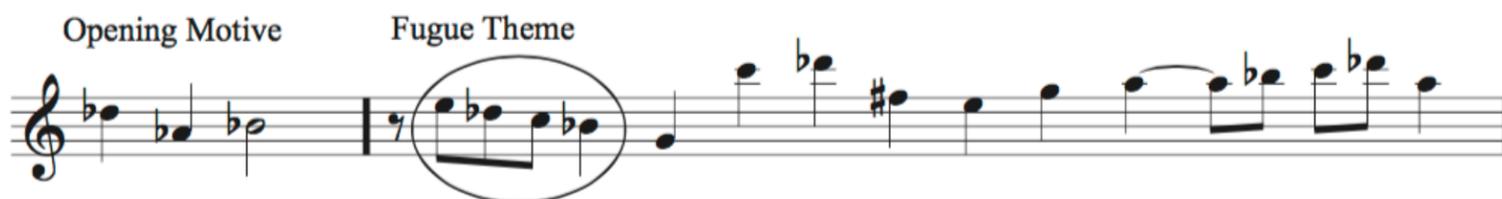
**String Quartet No.3  
(2018)**



## String Quartet No.3

- I. Andante
- II. Quasi Dolente
- III. Calmo
- IV. Con Forza

String Quartet No.3 is almost exclusively built from material related to the short opening motive and the Fugue theme depicted below:



The Fugue theme recurs frequently, in particular in a fugal *stretto* in the first movement, and as a unison background in the last movement. The circled notes in the Fugue theme constitute a motive that is used to build large sections in the first movement, as well as the foreground theme in the last one. Extending the motive from B-flat using the same interval sequence (augmented, minor and major second) defines the main musical scale used throughout the composition.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO PLAYERS

No extended techniques are required. All *pizzicato* notes should be un-damped (including open string *pizzicato*).

Duration: 15'

### COMPOSER'S NOTE

The **String Quartet No.3** is divided in four movements. A slow introduction progressively changes into a decisive section that, interrupted once by a dialog among the individual strings (a four voiced fugal *stretto*), finally erupts into a climax. The climax tapers down into the second movement, *Quasi dolente* (Almost sorrowful). This is a slow dramatic section lead by the Cello that closes the first part of the piece. The third movement, *Calmo* (Calm), is slow but relatively serene, beginning with duets, first Cello and first Violin, than second Violin and Viola, it closes into a luminous cord that opens up into the final movement, *Con Forza*. This is a fast paced, almost care free, dance-like section that takes the listener to the final statements closing the piece.

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# String Quartet No.3

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I. Andante ♩ = 78

Musical score for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Cello, measures 1-5. The score is in 4/4 time and begins with a key signature of one flat. The dynamics are marked *pp* (pianissimo) for all instruments. The Violin I part features a melodic line with triplets in measures 4 and 5. The Violin II part has a similar melodic line. The Viola and Cello parts provide harmonic support with pizzicato (pizz.) and arco (arco) markings.

Musical score for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Cello, measures 6-11. The score continues with dynamic markings of *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *p* (piano). The Violin I part has a melodic line with triplets and a crescendo leading to *mp* (mezzo-piano) in measure 10. The Violin II part has a similar melodic line. The Viola and Cello parts provide harmonic support with pizzicato and arco markings.

Musical score for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Cello, measures 12-17. The score continues with dynamic markings of *p* (piano) and *pp* (pianissimo). The Violin I part has a melodic line with triplets and a crescendo leading to *mp* in measure 15. The Violin II part has a similar melodic line. The Viola and Cello parts provide harmonic support with pizzicato and arco markings.

Piu veloce ♩ = 90

Musical score for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Cello, measures 18-20. The score begins with a tempo change to *Piu veloce* (faster) and a dynamic marking of *subito pp* (suddenly pianissimo). The Violin I part has a melodic line with a crescendo leading to *p* (piano) in measure 19. The Violin II part has a similar melodic line. The Viola and Cello parts provide harmonic support with *sempre p* (sempre piano) and arco markings.

2  
25

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *f* *f* *f*

A

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*p* *p* *p*

38

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

40

43

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*f* *f* *f* *f* *pp* *pp* *pp*

Tempo primo



4  
80

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*f*

*sfz*

*sfz*

*sfz*

3

3

3

3

3

3

3

3

3

3

3

86

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*ff*

*subito p*

*ff*

*ff*

*nervoso*

*ff*

*p*

C *cantabile*

95

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*cantabile*

*p*

*nervoso*

*p*

*cantabile*

100

105

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*nervoso*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

110

*mf*

*mf*

**D**

Vln. I *p* 115 120  
 Vln. II *cantabile* *p*  
 Vla. *nervoso* *p*  
 Vc. *p*

Vln. I 123 125 130  
 Vln. II *mp*  
 Vla.  
 Vc.

Vln. I 133 135 140 *accelerando*  
 Vln. II *p* *mp* *mf*  
 Vla. *mf*  
 Vc. *mf*

**E**

Tempo secondo (♩=90)

Vln. I 145  
 Vln. II *f*  
 Vla. *f*  
 Vc. *f*

6  
150

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

155

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Tempo primo (♩=156)

F

160

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

168

170

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

175 180

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

184 185 190

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*subito mf*

*mp*

*mf*

*mf*

*mp*

193 195 200

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*mp*

*p*

*p*

*mp*

*p*

201 205

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

**G**

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*mf*

*mf*

8  
209

Vln. I *mf*

Vln. II *mf*

Vla.

Vc.

217

Vln. I *f* 3

Vln. II *f*

Vla. *f*

Vc. *f*

H

224

Vln. I *ff*

Vln. II *ff*

Vla. *ff*

Vc. *ff*

230

233

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

235

240

242

Vln. I *p* *f*

Vln. II *p* *f*

Vla. *p* *f*

Vc. *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

252

Vln. I *sempre f*

Vln. II *p*

Vla. *p* *pp*

Vc. *p* *pp*

261

Vln. I *subito p* *pp* *f* *attacca*

Vln. II *p* *mf* *pp* *f*

Vla. *f* *p* *mf* *pp* *f*

Vc. *f* *p* *mf* *pp* *f*

II. Quasi dolente ♩ = 68

Violin I *mf*

Violin II

Viola *p*

Cello *p* *mf*

10

Vln. I *p*

Vln. II *p* *mp* *p*

Vla.

Vc. *p* *mp* *p*

15

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

**J**

21

Vln. I *mf*

Vln. II *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

25

28

Vln. I *p* *mf* *f*

Vln. II *p* *mf* *f*

Vla. *p* *mf* *f*

Vc. *p* *mf* *f*

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

K

Vln. I 12 36 40 *mf* *p*

Vln. II *p* *mf* *p*

Vla. *mf* *p*

Vc. *mf* *p*

Vln. I 44 45 50 *mp*

Vln. II *mp*

Vla. *mp*

Vc. *mp*

Vln. I 53 55 60 **L**

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

IV. Con Forza ♩ = 128

attacca

Vln. I *f* 62 65

Vln. II *sfz*

Vla. *sfz*

Vc. *f*

Vln. I 67 70 3

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Vln. I 72 75 M

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Vln. I 77 80

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc. pizz.

Vln. I 83 85

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc. arco

14  
89

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*mp* *mf* *f*

**N**

95

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*subito p*

100

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

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

105

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*p* *mf* *mf* *mf*

**O**

111 *p* 115<sup>b</sup>

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

117 120

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*subito f*

123 **P** 125

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*f*

127 130

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

16  
132

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

135

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

138

**Q**

*ff*

*ff*

*ff*

*ff*

*ritardando*

**Più lento** (♩ = c. 120)

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

143

145

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

**Più lento** (♩ = c. 112)

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

149

150

155

*p*

*p*

*p*

157

Vln. I *f* *p* *f*

Vln. II *p*

Vla. *p*

Vc.

164

Vln. I *p*

Vln. II *p*

Vla. *p*

Vc. *p*