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*Suite for Cello
and Viola da Gamba*

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Suite for cello and viola da gamba was first performed by Christopher Terepin (cello, viola da gamba) and the composer (piano) at King's College London in November 2017.

Duration: 15' ca

MOVEMENTS

1. Overture – cello and piano
2. Berceuse – viola da gamba and piano
3. Nocturne – cello and piano
4. Aria – viola da gamba and piano
5. Recitative – cello and piano
6. Moto Perpetuo – viola da gamba and piano
7. Theme and variations – cello and piano

COMPOSER'S NOTE

In this piece I sought to find a close interaction between the physical movements and gestures involved in performance and musical shapes and gestures. To achieve this, I collaborated closely with the cellist Christopher Terepin, experimenting with various types of performance techniques and discussing how a musical composition could complement and challenge these. To further emphasise movement and gesture, I chose to write a piece that alternates between these two instruments. I chose not to create any particular opposition between the two instruments or to emphasise their historical distance, focusing instead on their distinct physical and sonic characteristics. I did however engage with historical models elsewhere, through the piece's structure as a suite where each movement references a different genre to varying degrees.

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1. Overture

Violoncello

$\text{♩} = 60$

ff

Piano

$\text{♩} = 60$

ff

Ped.

Vc.

$\text{♩} = 180$ **Frantic and undignified**

pp capricious *mp* *p* nervous

Pno.

$\text{♩} = 180$ **Frantic and undignified**

mp *pp* *mp* *pp*

Ped.

Vc.

espress. *mf*

Pno.

p *mp*

9

Vc. *p* playful *f* *mf* severe

Pno. *p* *f*

sul tasto *sul pont.* *norm.*

Ped.

12

Vc. *p* frantic *gliss.*

Pno. *8va* *ff*

sul pont. *norm.*

15

Vc. *ff* extreme *gliss.* *0 0* *0 0* *l.v.*

Pno. *(8)* *3* *3* *pp*

♩ = 60 Come Primo

8va

Ped.

2. Berceuse

 $\text{♩} = 72$

19 Viola da Gamba

VdG. $\text{♩} = 72$ *p espress.* 3

Pno. *f* *legatiss.* *p* *f*

Ped.

VdG. 3 *p* *mp*

Pno. *mp* *f*

VdG. 3 *p* *mf*

Pno. *p* *mf* *p*

31

VdG.

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

Pno.

mf *pp* *mp*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 31 through 35. The VdG. part is in 12/8 time and features a melodic line with triplets and slurs. Dynamics are marked as p, mf, p, mp, p, mf, and mp. The Pno. part is in 12/8 time and features a bass line with chords and slurs. Dynamics are marked as mf, pp, and mp.

36

VdG.

f *mp* *mf*

Pno.

pp *p* *pp*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 36 through 39. The VdG. part is in 12/8 time and features a melodic line with slurs. Dynamics are marked as f, mp, and mf. The Pno. part is in 12/8 time and features a bass line with chords and slurs. Dynamics are marked as pp, p, and pp.

40

VdG.

p *mp* *p* *f* secco

Pno.

f

Detailed description: This system contains measures 40 through 43. The VdG. part is in 12/8 time and features a melodic line with triplets and slurs. Dynamics are marked as p, mp, p, and f, followed by a 'secco' marking. The Pno. part is in 12/8 time and features a bass line with chords and slurs. Dynamic is marked as f.

3. Nocturne

♩ = 60 Weightless

Violoncello harm. gliss.

Vc. 44 IV/III IV III IV III II

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

♩ = 60 Weightless

Pno. *pp* 8va l.v.

u.c. Ped.

Vc. 47

p *mf* *p*

Pno. 8va *pp*

Ped.

Vc. 49 IV

mf *pp*

Pno. (8) *pp* 6 3

mf 8vb

51 III II III II I

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

Pno. *pp* *8va*

53

Vc. *p* II

Pno. (8)

54 III IV harm. gliss.

Vc. *mf*

Pno. (8) *pp* *pp*

8vb *mf* *8vb* *mf*

55

Vc. *p*

Pno. (8) 6 3

Detailed description: The image shows a page of a musical score for Violoncello (Vc.) and Piano (Pno.). The page is numbered 7 in the top left corner. The score is divided into four systems, each corresponding to a measure number (51, 53, 54, 55).
System 1 (Measure 51): The Vc. part has a melodic line with fingerings III, II, III, II, and I. Dynamics are *p*, *mp*, *p*, and *mf*. The Pno. part has a *pp* dynamic and an *8va* instruction. The right hand plays a series of chords, while the left hand plays a continuous eighth-note pattern.
System 2 (Measure 53): The Vc. part continues the melodic line with a *p* dynamic and a fingering of II. The Pno. part continues with the *pp* dynamic and an *8va* instruction. The right hand plays a series of chords, while the left hand plays a continuous eighth-note pattern.
System 3 (Measure 54): The Vc. part has a *mf* dynamic and fingerings III and IV. It includes a 'harm. gliss.' instruction. The Pno. part has *pp* dynamics in both hands. The right hand plays a series of chords, while the left hand plays a continuous eighth-note pattern. There are *8vb* and *mf* markings in the left hand.
System 4 (Measure 55): The Vc. part has a *p* dynamic. The Pno. part has an *8vb* and *mf* marking. The right hand plays a series of chords, while the left hand plays a continuous eighth-note pattern. There are '6' and '3' markings in the right hand.

57 I *mf* II

Vc.

Pno. *pp* *pp* *f* *8vb*

harm. gliss. III

58 *f* *pp* *pp* *mf* *8vb* *mf* *8vb*

Pno.

59 *mp*

Pno.

60 *mp* *f* III

Vc.

Pno. *pp*

61 harm. gliss.

Vc.

Pno.

mp *mf* *f*

8^{vb} 8^{vb}

62

Pno.

f *pp*

6 3

8^{vb}

64

Vc.

p *mp* *p*

harm. gliss.

Pno.

8^{va} 8^{vb} 8^{vb} 8^{vb} 8^{vb}

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

Rel.

4. Aria

♩ = 80

67 Viola da Gamba

VdG. *fp pesante* *f* *p* *mf* *p* *mp*

♩ = 80

Pno. *mf* *pp* *mp* *pp* *p > pp*

u.c.
Ped.

70

VdG. *p* *mp* *pp* *mp*
lugubrious

Pno. *p*
t.c.
8^{vb}

75

VdG. *pp* *mp* *mf* *fp* *open*

Pno. (8)

79

VdG.

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

Pno.

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

u.c. Ped. t.c.

8va

83

VdG.

mp *mf* *f*

Pno.

mf *pp*

u.c. Ped.

sul pont.

87

VdG.

norm. *mp* *pp* *mp* *mf* *fp.* open

Pno.

p

t.c.

91

VdG.

f *mp* *fp* *mf*

Pno.

mf *pp* *f* *p*

8va

Ped.

Measures 91-94. VdG. part: 91 (3/4, *f*), 92 (2/4, *mp*), 93 (3/4, *fp*), 94 (4/4, *mf*). Pno. part: 91 (3/4, *mf*), 92 (3/4, *pp*), 93 (3/4, *f*), 94 (4/4, *p*). Includes an 8va marking and a Pedal (Ped.) marking.

95

VdG.

ff

Pno.

f *pp*

sul pont.

Ped.

Measures 95-97. VdG. part: 95 (3/4, *ff*), 96 (2/4, *ff*), 97 (3/4, *ff*). Pno. part: 95 (3/4, *f*), 96 (3/4, *pp*), 97 (3/4, *pp*). Includes a sul pont. marking and a Pedal (Ped.) marking.

98

VdG.

norm.

mf *f*

Pno.

mp

Ped.

Measures 98-101. VdG. part: 98 (3/4, *mf*), 99 (4/4, *f*), 100 (2/4, *f*), 101 (4/4, *f*). Pno. part: 98 (3/4, *mp*), 99 (4/4, *mp*), 100 (2/4, *mp*), 101 (4/4, *mp*). Includes a norm. marking and a Pedal (Ped.) marking.

101 → sul pont.

VdG. *ff* *f* *ff* >

Pno. *f* *pp* *f* *ff*

increase vib. decrease vib.

105

VdG. *pp*

Pno. *pp* *8va* *u.c.* *Ped.*

107 poco rit.

VdG. *poco rit.*

Pno. *(8)* *poco rit.*

5. Recitative

♩ = 72

109 Violoncello

Vc.

ff *p* *pp*

IV

♩ = 72

8^{va}

Pno.

ff *pp*

6 3 3 3

t.c.

111

Vc.

< p > *pp* *p > pp* *mp >* *pp < f*

(8)

Pno.

ff

117

Vc.

III

pp *< p >* *pp* *p > pp* *II* *mp > pp* *<*

I

Pno.

pp

b)

123

Vc. *p* > *pp* *mf* *pp* *gliss.* II I

Pno. *ff* *pp* *silently depress keys* 6 *sostenuto pedal*

128

Vc. *p* *pp* *p* > *pp* *gliss.* II III

Pno. 5 3 *ff* *pp* 6 *silently depress keys*

131

Vc. *gliss.* *mf* *pp* *gliss.* *mf* >

Pno. 5 3 3 3 6 *mp* *pp* *sos. ped.*

134

Vc. *gliss.* *p* *ff* *pp* *mf* *gliss.*

Pno. *3* *ff* *pp* *mp* *3* *3* *3*

8va

8vb

137

Vc. *pp* *mf* *pp* *mf* *ff*

Pno. *pp* *ff* *pp*

8va

8vb

Ped.

140

Vc. *ff* *p* *pp* *IV*

Pno. *ff* *pp* *6*

142

Vc.

III

p

pp

II

gliss.

gliss.

Pno.

5

6

3

3

145

Vc.

gliss.

gliss.

mp

pp

mp

pp

mp

pp

Pno.

mp

ff

pp

3

6

5

Ped.

148

Vc.

mf

pp

f

pp

ff

p

mp

p

mp

Pno.

ff

p

3

3

151

Vc.

Pno.

ff *mp*

6

3

3

ff *mp*

154

Vc.

Pno.

ff *mf* *ff*

6

6

ff *mf* *ff*

156

Vc.

Pno.

ff

6

6

ff

Ped.

159

Vc.

Pno.

pp *pp* *8va*

3

3

3

pp

u.c.

6. Moto Perpetuo

♩ = 100 **Agitato**

162

Pno. *p* very rhythmic and precise

t.c.

165

Pno.

Red.

168 Viola da Gamba

VdG. *mf* appassionato

Pno. *f* *p*

171

VdG. *mp* *mf*

Pno.

174

VdG.

fp *mf*

Pno.

Violoncello (VdG.) part: 3/4 time, half note G2. 4/4 time, half note G2. Dynamics: *fp*, *mf*.

Piano (Pno.) part: 3/4 time, eighth notes. 4/4 time, eighth notes. Dynamics: *fp*, *mf*.

176

VdG.

f *mp* *f*

Pno.

f *p*

Ped.

Violoncello (VdG.) part: 3/4 time, half note G2. 5/4 time, half note G2. 4/4 time, half note G2. Dynamics: *f*, *mp*, *f*.

Piano (Pno.) part: 3/4 time, eighth notes. 5/4 time, eighth notes. 4/4 time, eighth notes. Dynamics: *f*, *p*.

Pedal point (Ped.) marked in the 5/4 and 4/4 sections.

178

VdG.

p *f*

Pno.

f

Ped.

Violoncello (VdG.) part: 4/4 time, half note G2. 2/4 time, half note G2. 4/4 time, half note G2. Dynamics: *p*, *f*.

Piano (Pno.) part: 4/4 time, eighth notes. 2/4 time, eighth notes. 4/4 time, eighth notes. Dynamics: *f*.

Pedal point (Ped.) marked in the 4/4 section.

181

VdG.

Pno.

p *mf* *fp*

p *f* *mp f* *mp*

Ped.

184

VdG.

Pno.

f *p*

sul tasto

187

VdG.

Pno.

f *p*

p espress. *p*

Ped.

190

Pno.

Ped.

193 norm.

VdG.

mf *mp*

Pno.

f p f p

196

VdG.

mf *fp*

Pno.

f p f

199

VdG.

mf f mp f

Pno.

p f

Ped.

Ped.

202

VdG.

Pno.

p *f* *p*

Ped.

206

VdG.

Pno.

Ped.

210

VdG.

Pno.

8^{va}
Ped.

214

VdG.

Pno.

ff *ff*

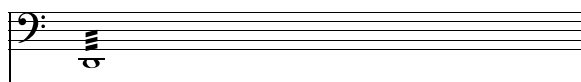
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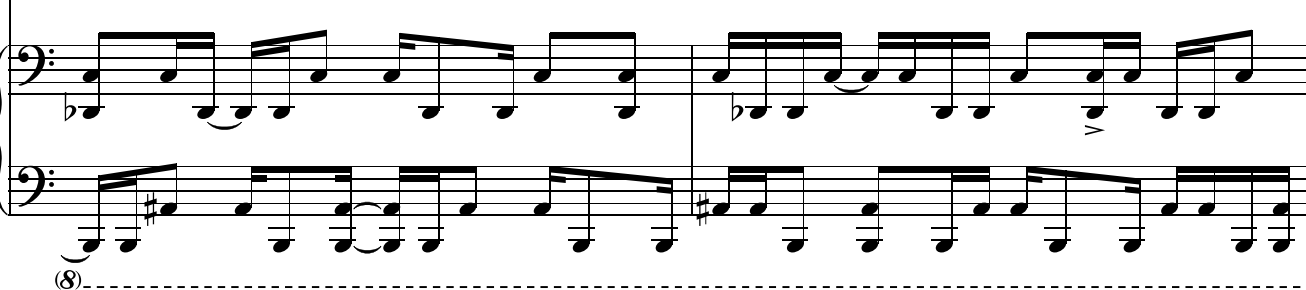
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VdG. 

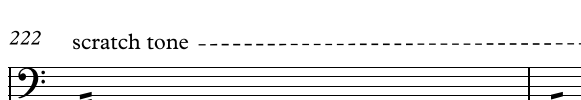
Pno. 
ff
8vb

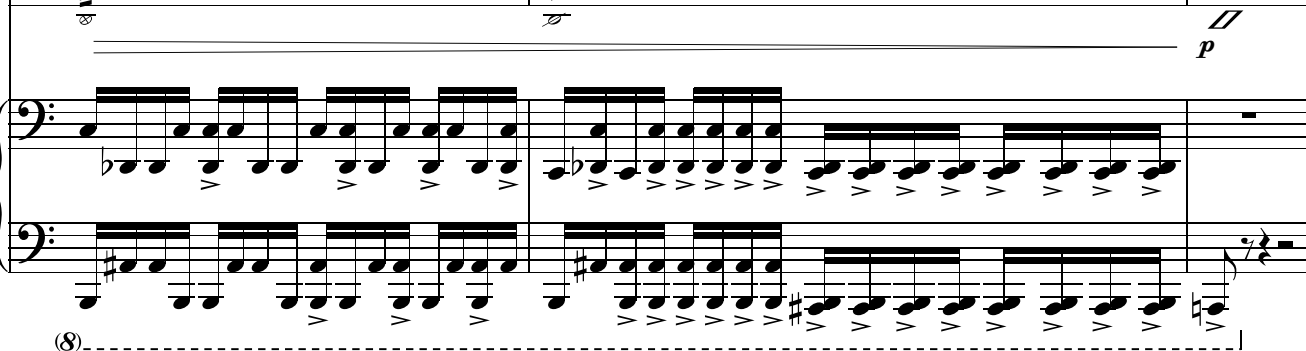
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VdG. 

Pno. 
(8)

222

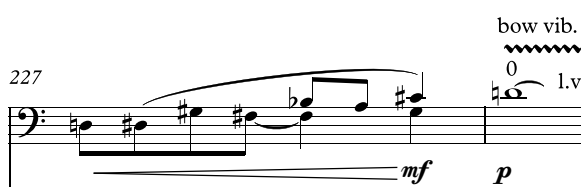
VdG. 
 scratch tone -----> low pressure, 'dirty' sound
p

Pno. 
(8)

225

VdG. 
p *mf* *p*

227

VdG. 
mf *p*
 bow vib. 
 0 l.v.
poco rit.

Pno. 
mf *mp* *p* *pp*
Ped.

7. Theme and Variations

♩ = 40
Cello
0 col leg. saltando

230

VdG.

f *p*

Pno.

p *f*

8^{vb}

233

VdG.

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

Pno.

l.v. *p* *pp* *p* *pp*

u.c. Ped.

235

norm., saltando

VdG.

pp *p* *pp* *p*

Pno.

sim. *p* *pp* *p* *pp*

Ped.

237

VdG.

pp *mp* *pp* *mp*

Pno.

p *pp* *p* *pp* *p*

Ped.

239

VdG. *pp* *p* *pp* < *mp*

Pno. *pp* *p*

Ped.

241

VdG. *pp* *mp* *pp* *p* col leg.

Pno. *(p)* *mf* *mf* *p*

243

VdG. *mp* *pp* *mp*

Pno. *p* *mp*

♩ = 60
arco, sul. pont.

Ped.

247

VdG. *pp* *mp* *mf* molto sul pont.

Pno. *mf*

Ped.

251 norm. $\text{♩} = 75$ sul pont.

VdG. *mp* *pp* *p* *p*

Pno. *mp* *sf* Ped.

254 heavy pressure sim.

VdG. *mp* *p* *mp*

Pno. *sf* *sf*

258

VdG. *p* *mf*

Pno. *f*

♩ = 90
norm.

261

VdG.

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

♩ = 90 gradually bring out top line -----

8^{va}

Pno.

mp

266

VdG.

f *p* *f* *p* *rit.*

f *rit.*

(8)

Pno.

pp *p*

f Ped.

270

VdG.

p sul tasto on III, match the timbre of the harmonics

(8)

Pno.

mf *mp* *p*

$\text{♩} = 60$ molto accel. $\text{♩} = 150$ Explosive
norm., very resonant

276

VdG.

pp *fff*

Pno.

pp *ff*

t.c. Ped.

281

VdG.

Pno.

Ped.

286

VdG.

Pno.

Ped.

292

VdG.

Pno.

Red.

298

VdG.

Pno.

Red.

8va-1

304

VdG.

Pno.

Red.

♩ = 50 Resonant

VdG. 310 $8^{va} \sim 10$ 0 0

Pno. mf l.v.

8^{vb}

Ped.

Tempo primo ♩ = 40

VdG. 314 l.v.

p p p

Pno. *on the beat* pp p

(8) 8^{vb} Ped.

Tempo primo ♩ = 40

VdG. 318 p f

Pno. mp mf f

8^{vb}