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Bagatelles
for String Quartet

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Bagatelles for string quartet is a continuous project I began in 2006. These works are brief glimpses through interstices of my life at specific times. For me they symbolize the joy of inspiration, exploration, and creation; the art and craft of composition.

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Bagatelle #1

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Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

5

*sul tasto and at
the tip of the bow*

ord.

pp

*sul tasto and at
the tip of the bow*

p

mp

pp

p

Pizz.

non vib.

vib. ord.

mp

pp

p

sub. p

f

11

mf>p

rubato

ord.

mf

Arco

sul tasto and at the tip of the bow

mf>p

mf>p

mf>p

rubato

3

sul E

f

mp

p

mf>p

Arco

sul tasto and at the tip of the bow

mf>p

f

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Bagatelle #2

$\text{♩}=52$

with mute

Violin 1

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Violin 2

Viola

Cello

9

Musical score for Bagatelle #2, page 1, measures 9-16. The score consists of four staves: Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, and Cello. The key signature changes between measures. Measure 9 starts with a dynamic of *mf*, followed by six pairs of eighth-note patterns: *pp*, *mf*, *pp*, *mf*, *pp*, *mf*, *pp*. Measure 10 begins with *sul tasto* and includes six groups of three-note patterns with grace notes. Measures 11-16 show a continuous pattern of six groups of three-note patterns with grace notes, each group consisting of a grace note, a note with a downward arrow, and a note with an upward arrow.

17

sul tasto

with metal practice mute

mf

5

Musical score for Bagatelle #2, page 2, measures 17-23. The score continues with the same four staves. Measure 17 starts with a dynamic of *mf*, followed by six groups of three-note patterns with grace notes. Measure 18 begins with *sul tasto* and includes six groups of three-note patterns with grace notes. Measures 19-23 show a continuous pattern of six groups of three-note patterns with grace notes, each group consisting of a grace note, a note with a downward arrow, and a note with an upward arrow.

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Bagatelle #3

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Violin I **Violin II** **Viola** **Cello**

7

15

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Instrumentation: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello

Tempo: ♩ = 72

Dynamic Markings:

- Violin I: f, mp, f
- Violin II: f, mp, f
- Viola: p, fp, fp
- Cello: p, fp, fp

Performance Instructions:

- Violin I: 3rd measure dynamic mp, 5th measure dynamic f.
- Violin II: 3rd measure dynamic mp, 5th measure dynamic f.
- Viola: 3rd measure dynamic fp, 5th measure dynamic fp.
- Cello: 3rd measure dynamic fp, 5th measure dynamic fp.

Measure 7:

- Violin I: dynamic p, dynamic f (slurs), dynamic pp.
- Violin II: dynamic p, dynamic p, dynamic p, dynamic f.
- Viola: dynamic p, dynamic f, dynamic p.
- Cello: dynamic pp, dynamic p, dynamic f, dynamic p.

Measure 15:

- Violin I: dynamic mp, dynamic arco, dynamic 3.
- Violin II: dynamic mp, dynamic arco, dynamic 3.
- Viola: dynamic sub. p, dynamic sub. p.
- Cello: dynamic pizz., dynamic mp, dynamic pizz.

22 *stringendo* - A Tempo

30

36 *dim. poco a poco*

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47

dim. poco a poco

mf

dim. poco a poco

mfp

dim. poco a poco

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60

mf

dim. poco a poco

mf

dim. poco a poco

sul tasto

n

n

n

n

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