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## **PROGRAM NOTES**

*Do What You Love* is an opera in one act, based on the American culture idea of doing what you love in life, following your passions or living the American dream. The libretto, which was generated by AI, presents the story of four main characters and one episodic character, each representing the worst outcome or highlighting vicious drives of following the motto *Do What You Love*. The opera is also a cliché version of historic opera, uniting typical baroque opera characters and styles with quasi AI Generated, cliché, stereotypical music.

#### Synopsis:

The Artist is preparing for a huge audition that he wants to participate in. It's a huge chance for his career. The accompanist helps him to prepare for it, even though he doesn't believe in the Artist's talent. He himself was pursuing a goal of being a great virtuoso, but failed to do so and he is an accompanist for untalented, rich, spoiled kids. During rehearsal, the vicious Servant comes to the chamber, she throws some sarcastic comments around about the Artist's performance. The Richman, father of the Artist and a man who has achieved everything in life and feel s quite lost about what to do next, enters the chamber. During his contemplation he comes to the conclusion that what he wants from life is satisfying his lust. At last to the chamber comes Manipulator, who is supposed to be judge in the Artist's audition. He is treacherous person, seeking to know desires of each character to use and exploit them. He applauds the Artist and offers great career. For Servant he offer a lot of wealth and gold, for the Richman he propose ways to satisfy his lust. In exchange he asks each character for their souls, that

they will sell in the Grand Waltz.

## **INSTRUMENTATION:**

Flute / Bass Flute
Clarinet in Bb / Bass Clarinet in Bb
Bassoon
Horn in F
Trombone
Harpsichord
Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Cello
Contrabass
+
Live Electronics

### Singers:

Servant – Dramatic Soprano The Artist – Contratenor Manipulator – Tenor Accompanist - Baritone Richman – Bass

Duration: ca. 30 min.

Score in C

# **SCENES**

Prelude	
Recitative	The Artist and Accompanist
Aria "Do what I love"	The Artist
Recitative II	Servant, The Artist, Accompanist, Richman
Duet "What do I love?"	Servant, Richman
Recitative III	Servant, The Artist, Manipulator, Richman
Aria "Do what I love"	The Artist, Manipulator
Recitative IV	Servant, The Artist, Manipulator, Richman
Finale "Do what I want"	Servant, The Artist, Manipulator, Richman
Epilogue	

## **PERFORMANCE NOTES**

### **Flute/Bass Flute**

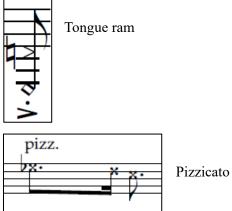
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Key clicks, suggested pitches, the loudest are preferred

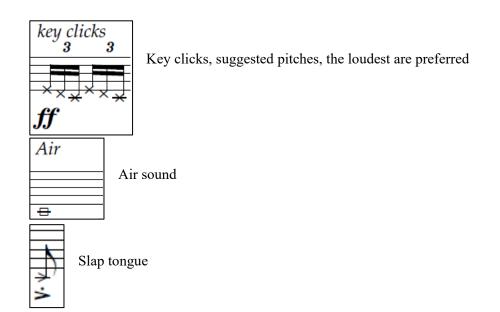


Air sound

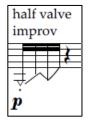


## **Clarinet in Bb/Bass Clarinet in Bb**

Bass Clarinet Part is written in Bass Clef and is uses German Notation.



## Horn in F



Improvise airy (half valve) sounds following the drawn outline



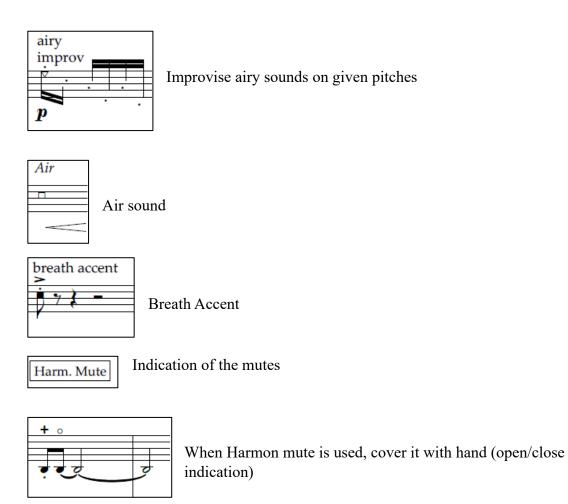
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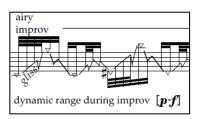


Breath accent

### Trombone

+ Harmon Mute



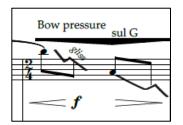


Improvise glissando on pitches and dynamics on given shape, change breath freely.

## Strings

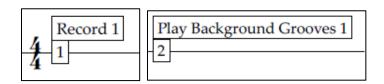


Mute strings with palm and play pizzicato.



Bow pressure

### **Live Electronics**



#### Connection:

- Connect one Omni Mic that catches audio from whole orchestra
- Signal from Max, sent through audio interface to mixer

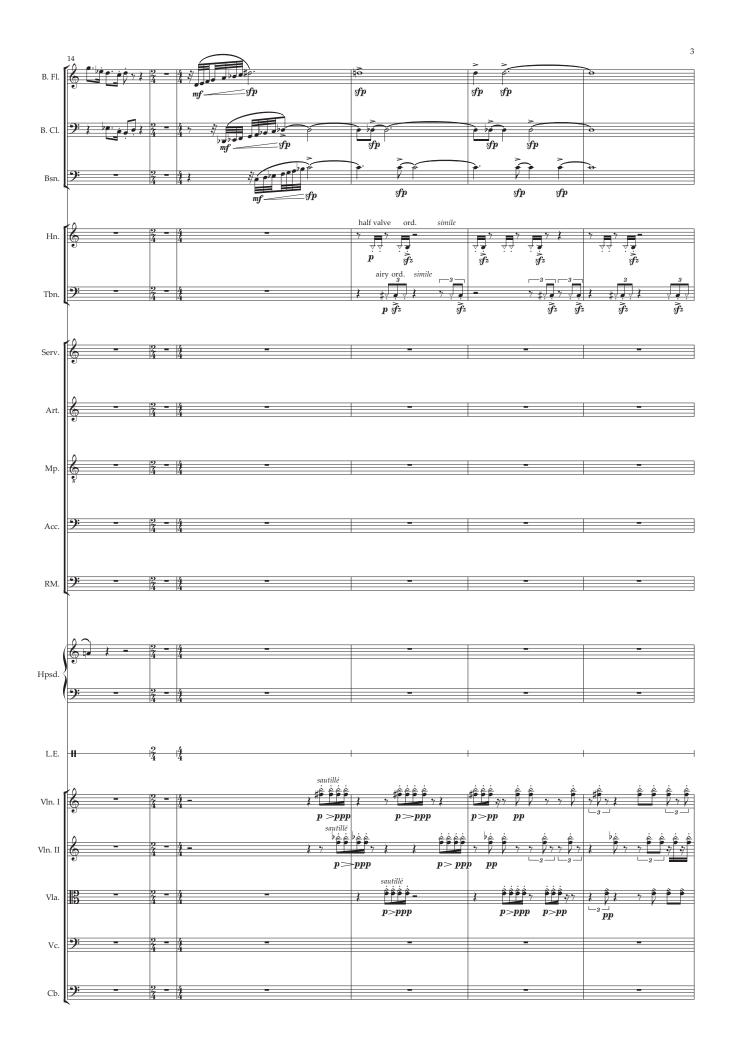
#### Manual

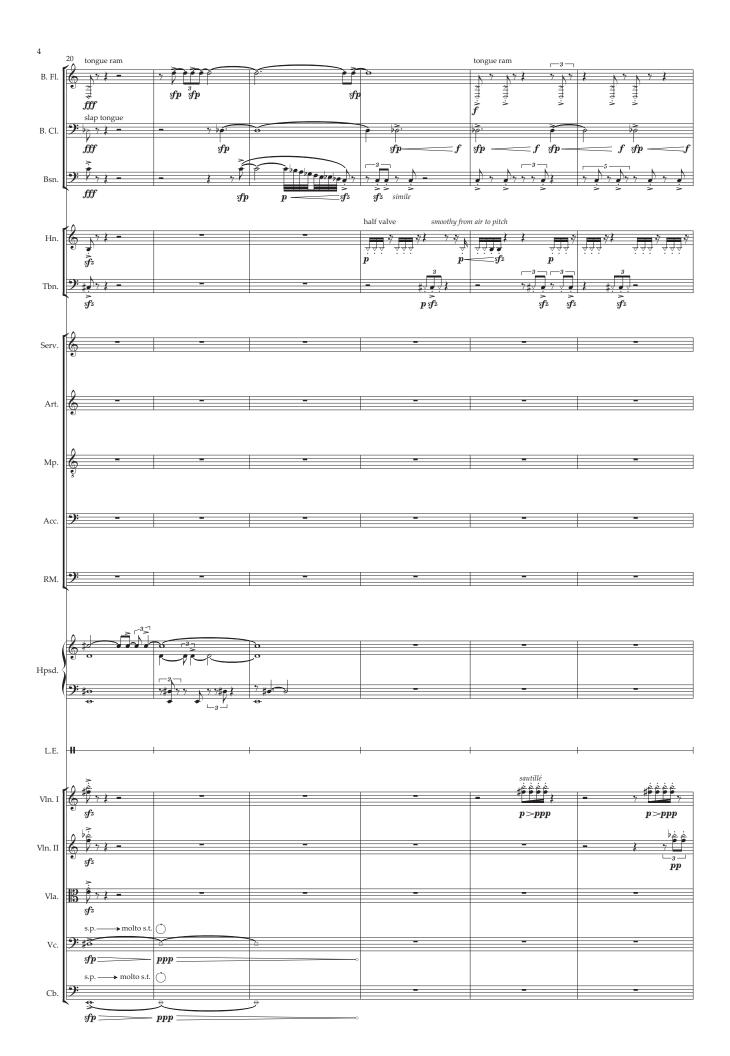
Each cue is triggered by hitting the spacebar. There are two main modules, the first of which randomly records fragments of music played by the orchestra during the Arias and Duets (classical, cliché movements of the opera) and the second that transforms sounds recorded to the buffers through [degrade], [detune] objects, peak notch filters and plays them as background, reminiscences of the classical an opera.

Electronic parts correspond to idea of playing with schematic opera idioms. Live recorded material is being processed and is corresponding to acoustic music material. In arias material I often glitched, detuned or defragmented. Electronic is doing the same thing but through signal processing. While electronic is being played during recitative, acoustic music material is being played not in time, with abstract aesthetics.









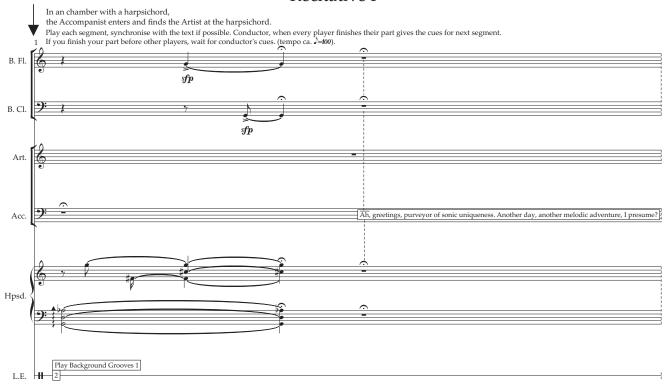


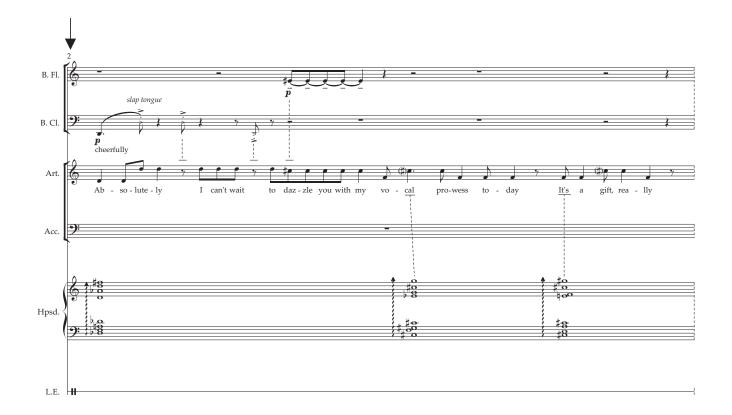


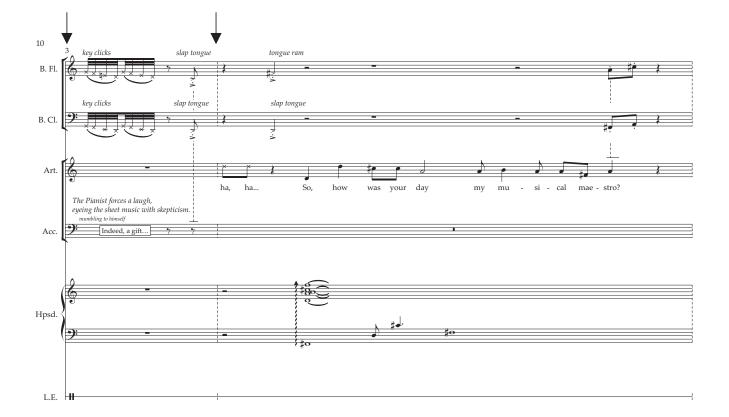


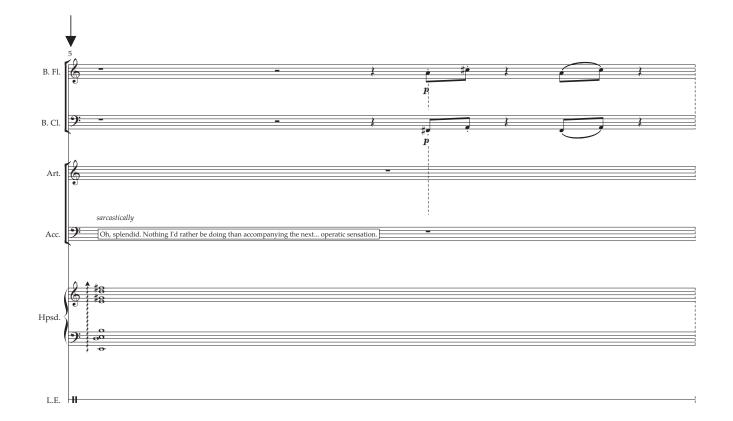


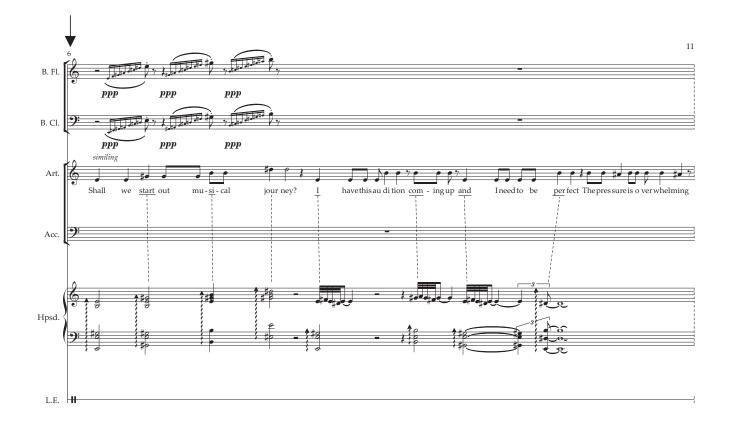
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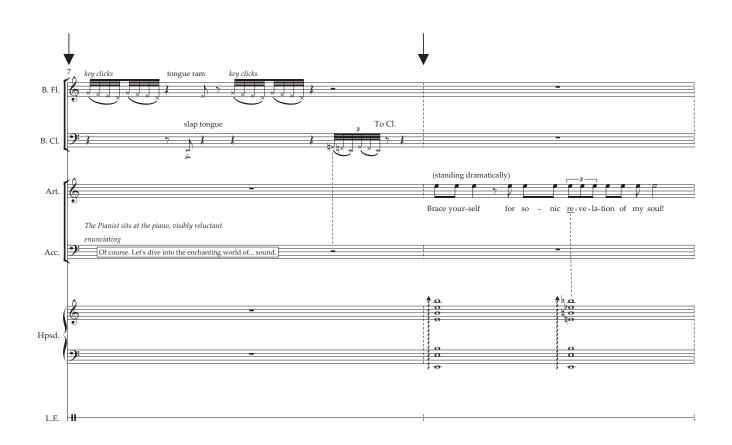


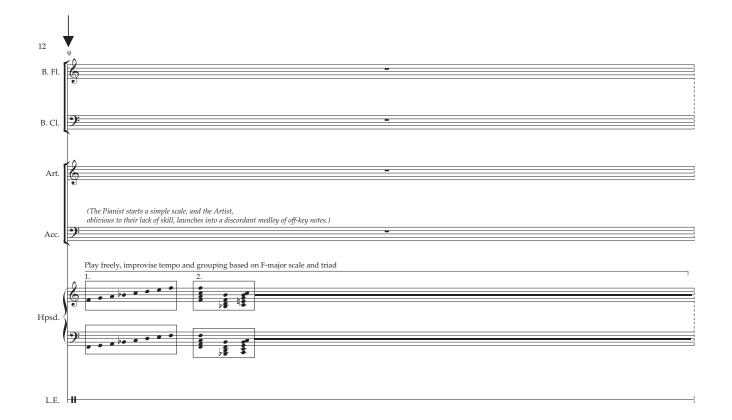




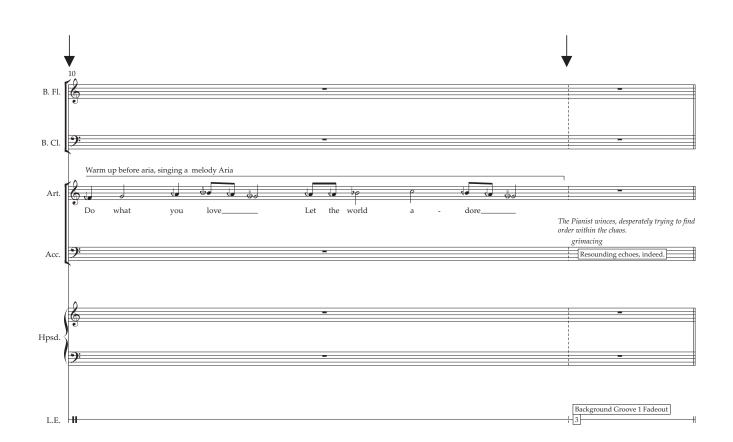












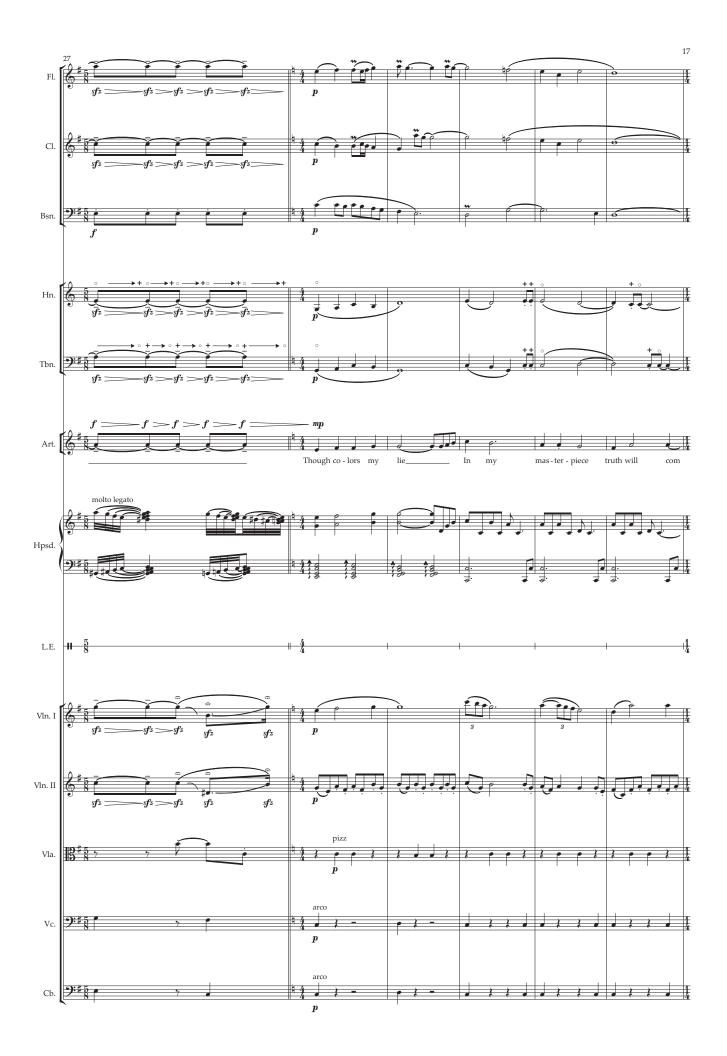
**Aria** "Do what you love"







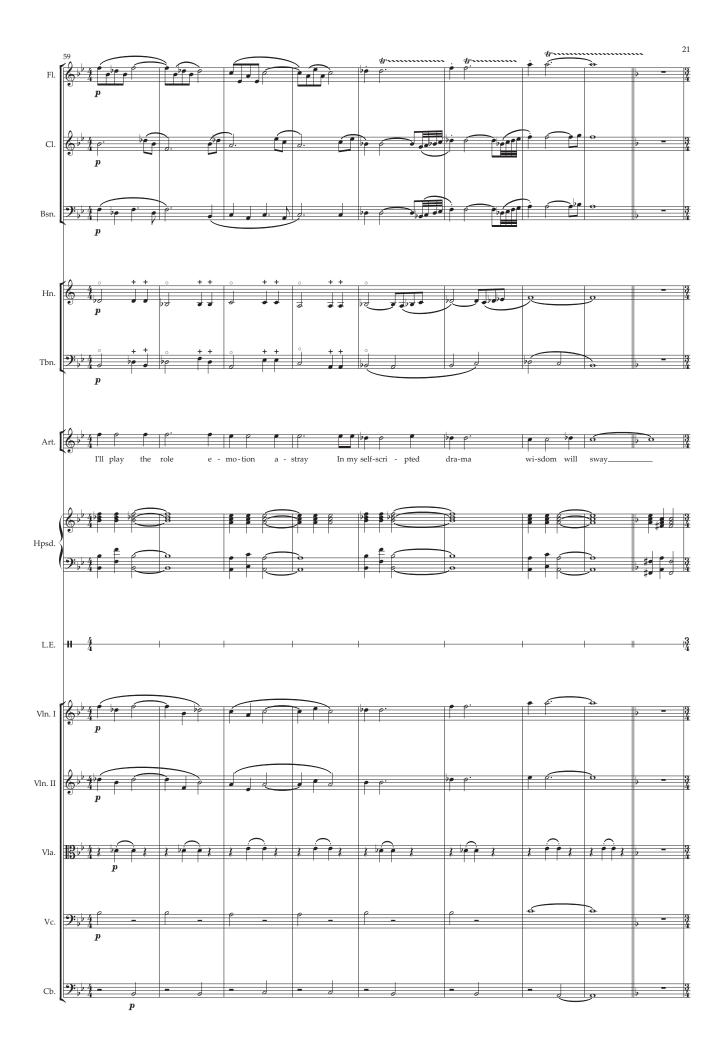








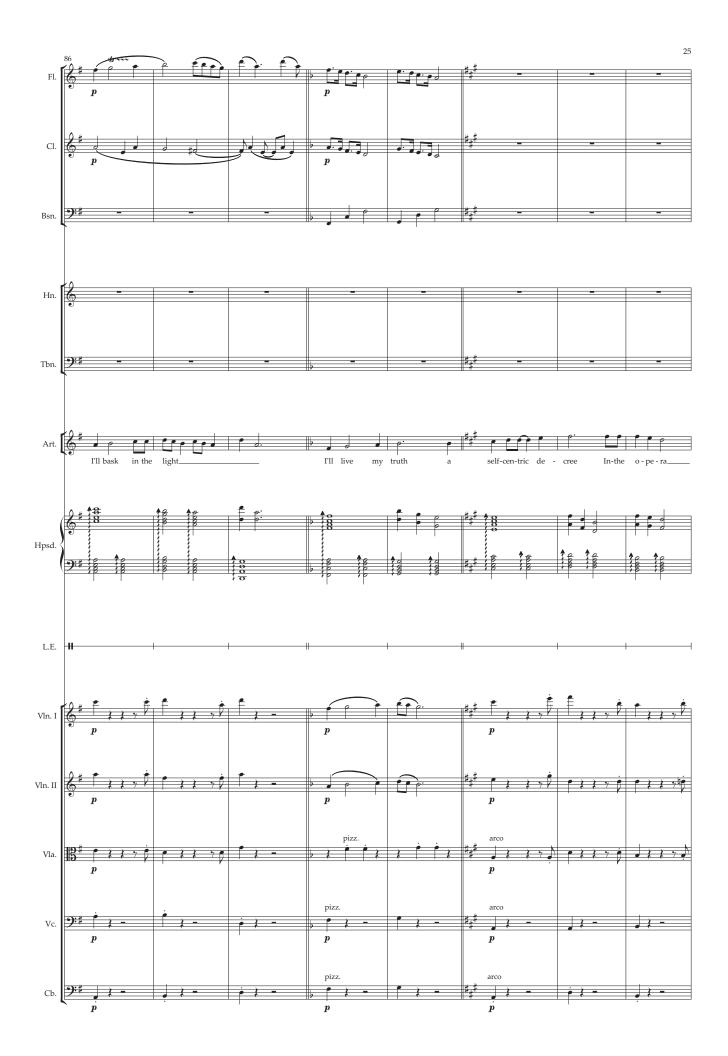


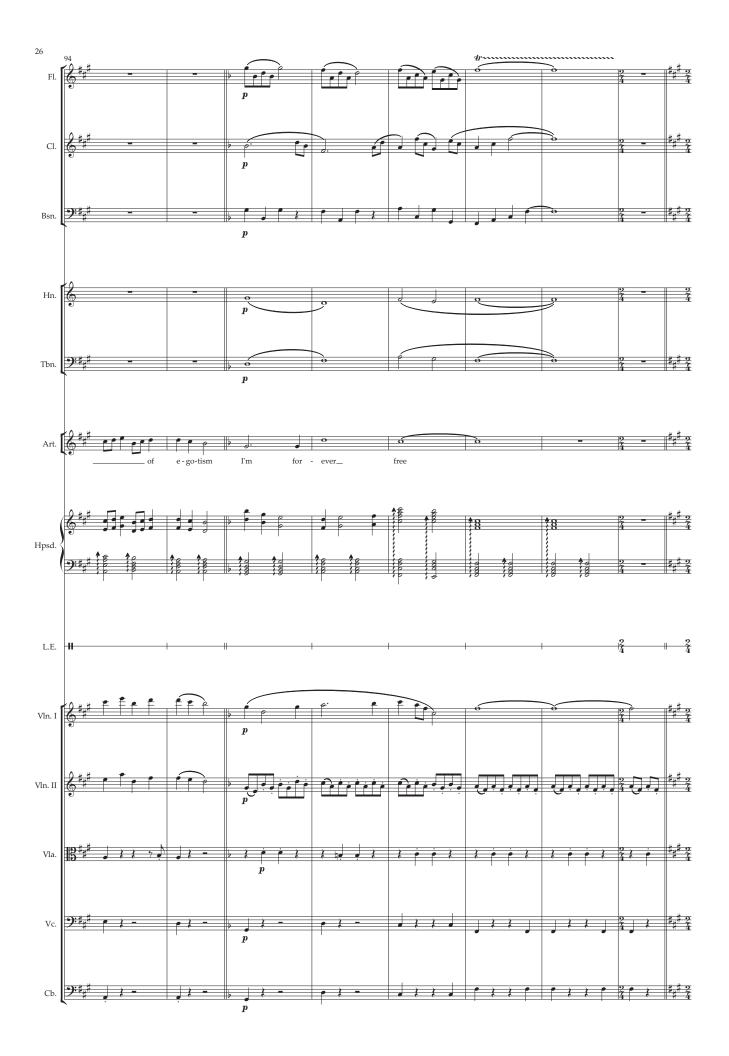


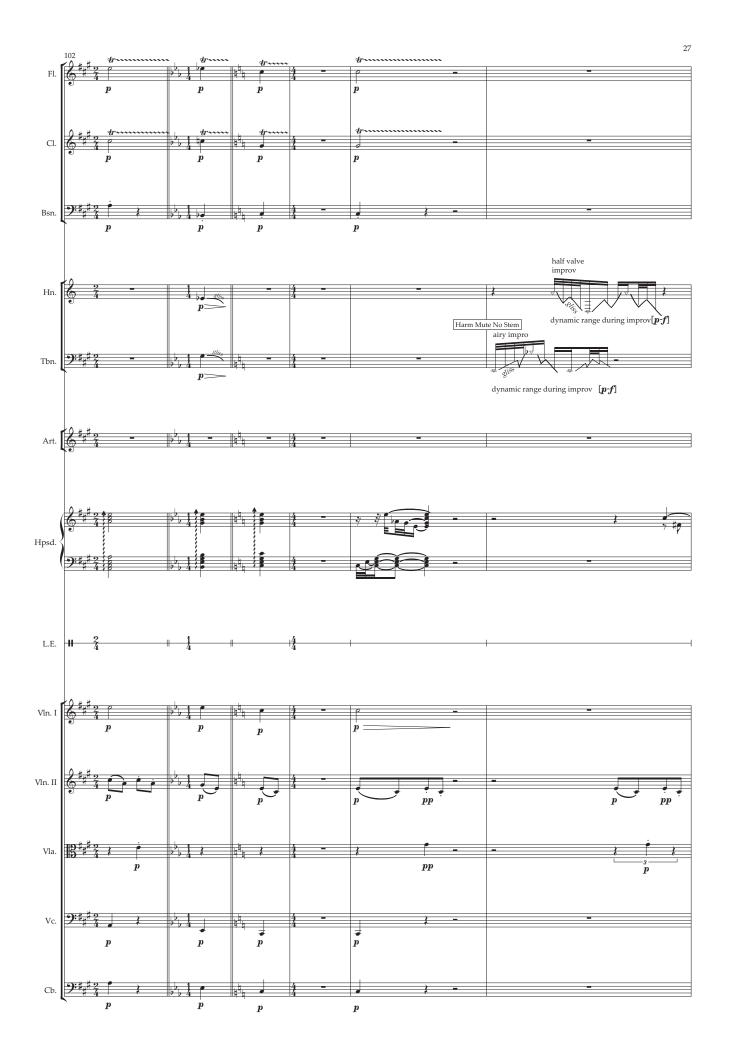




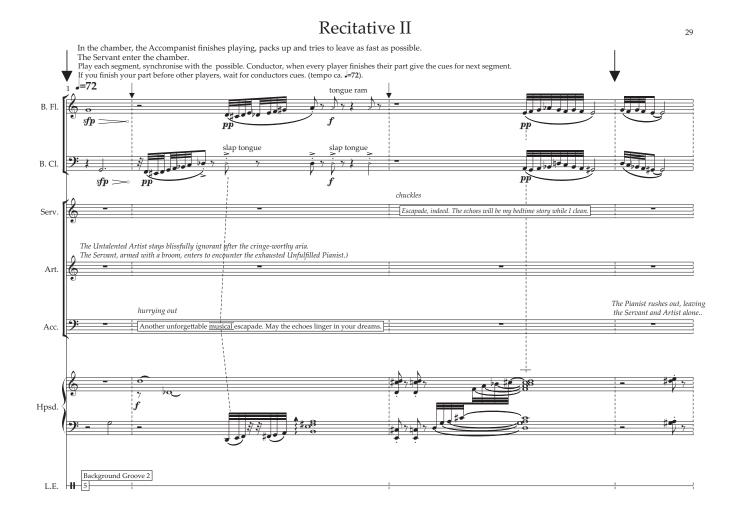


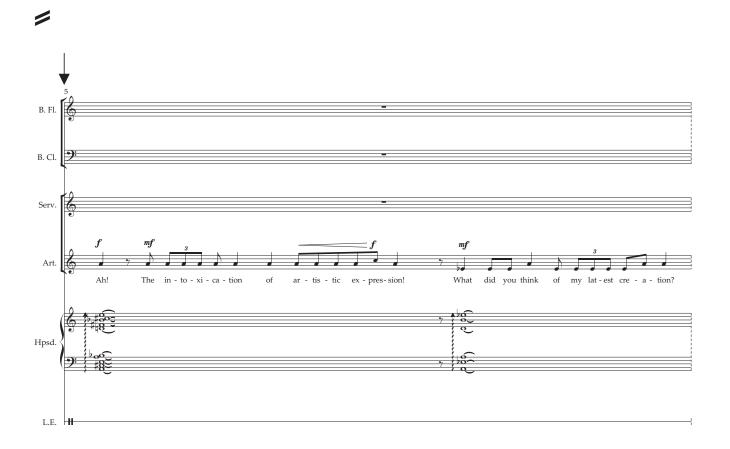


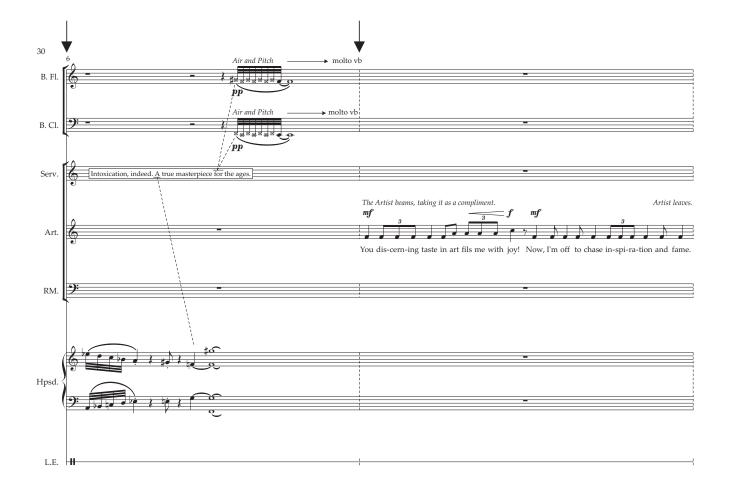




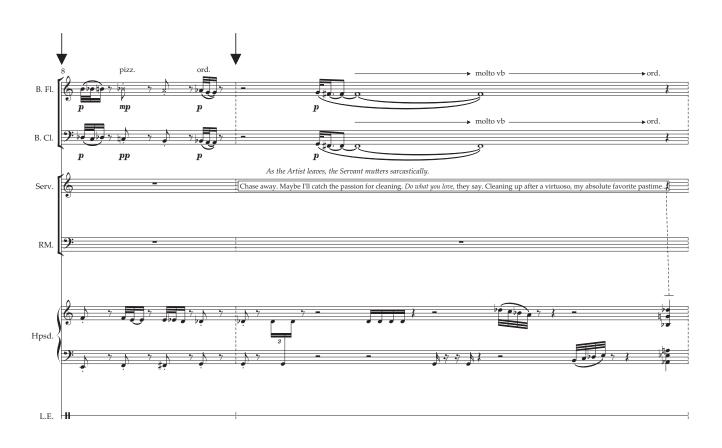


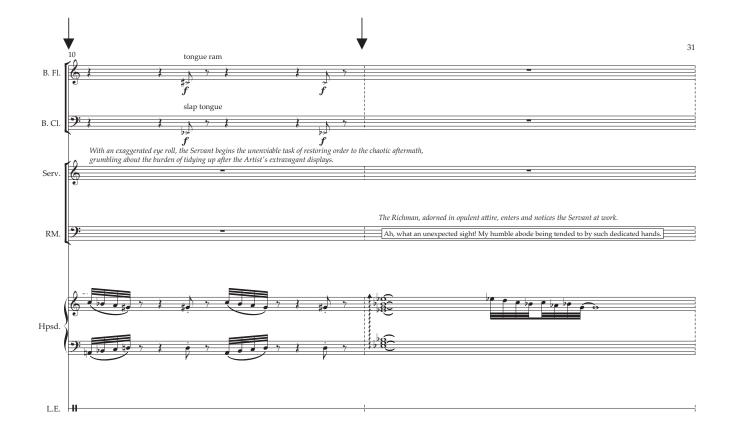






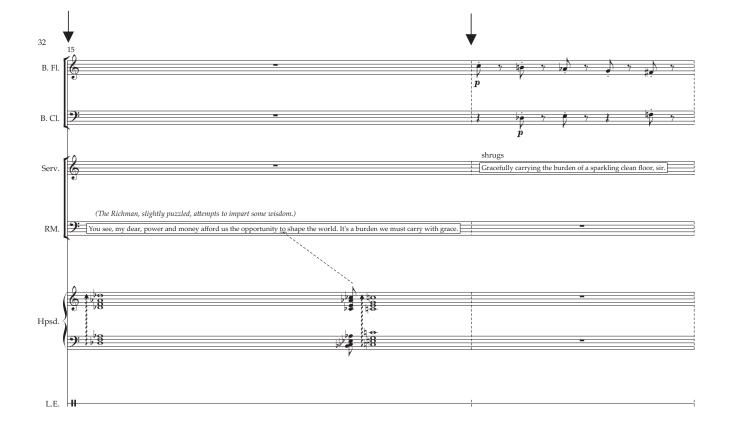


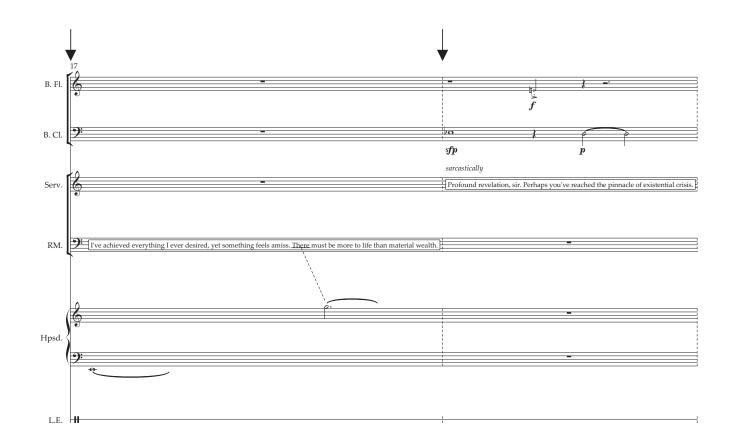


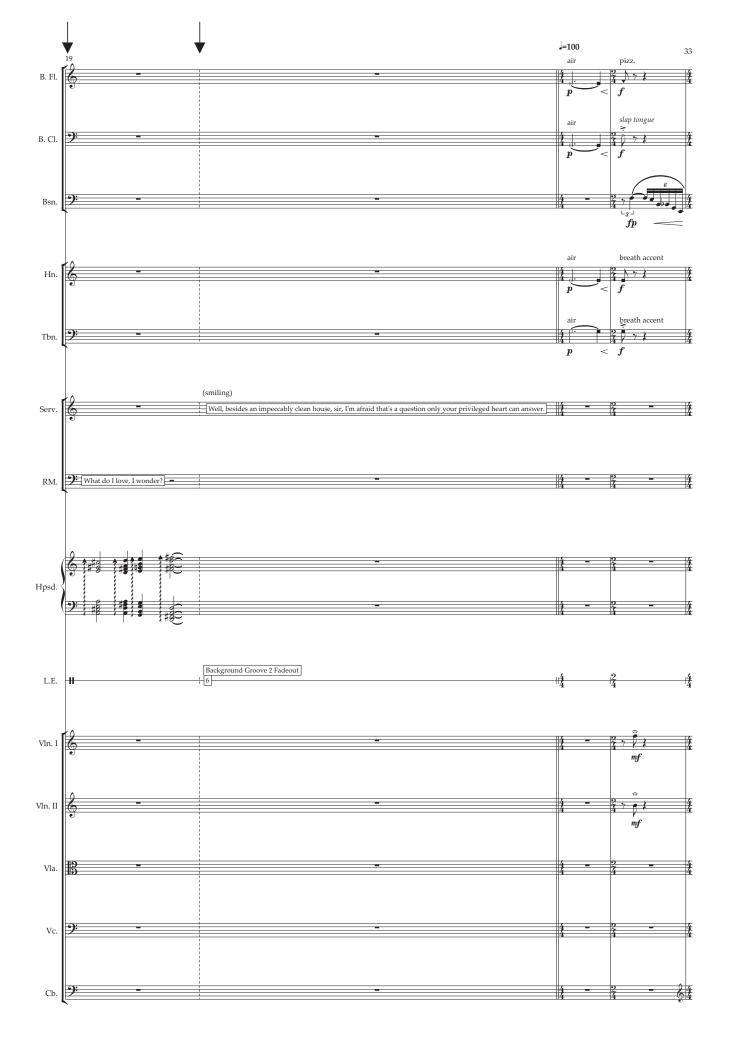


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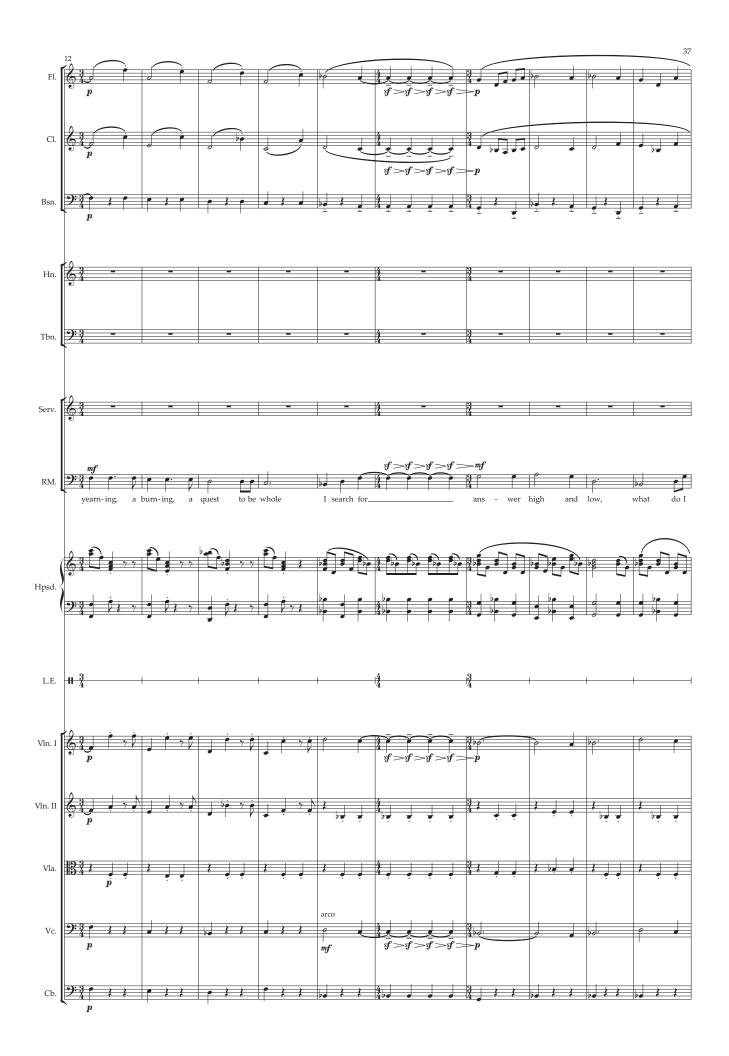




Attacca

**Duet** "What do I love?"

















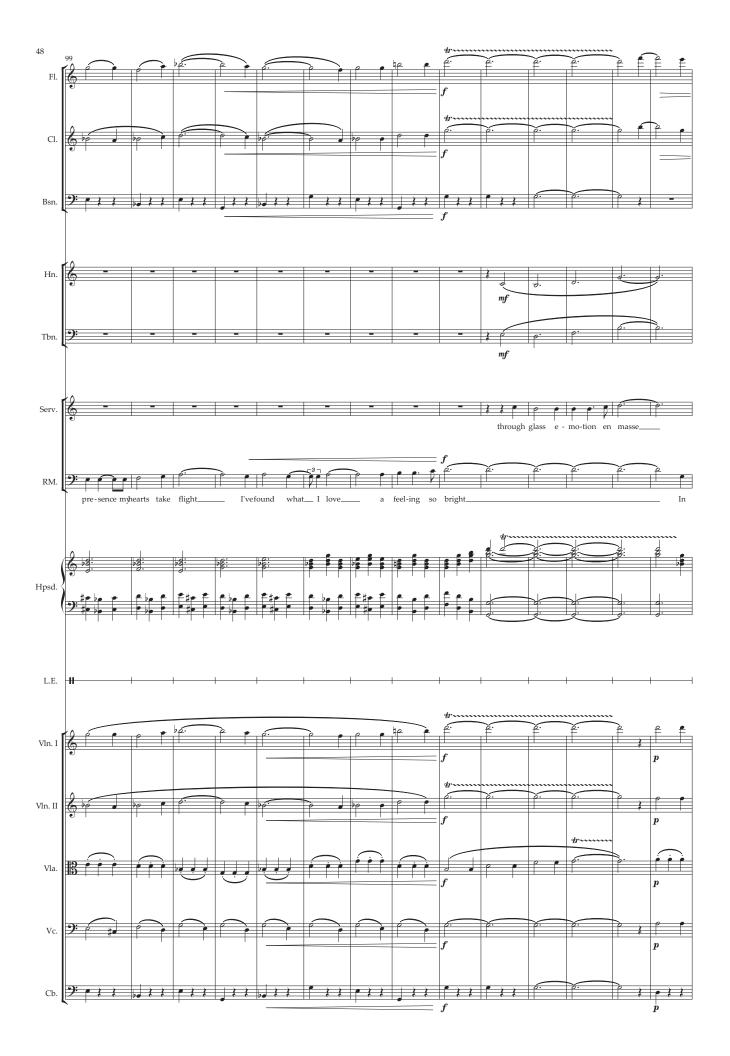


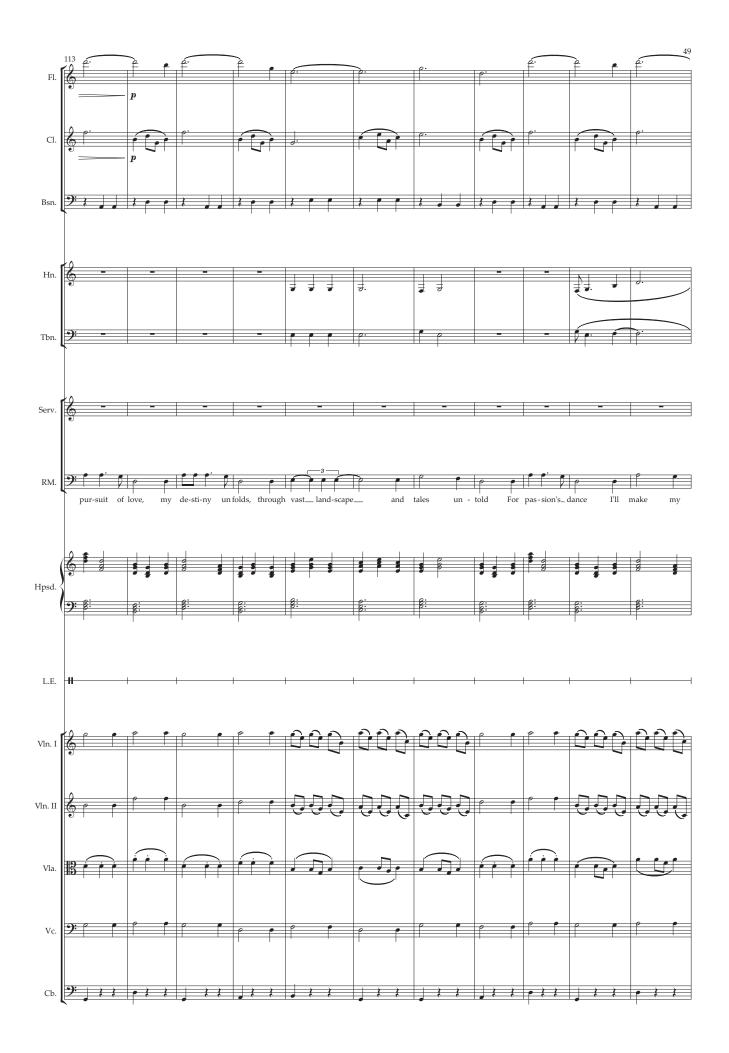




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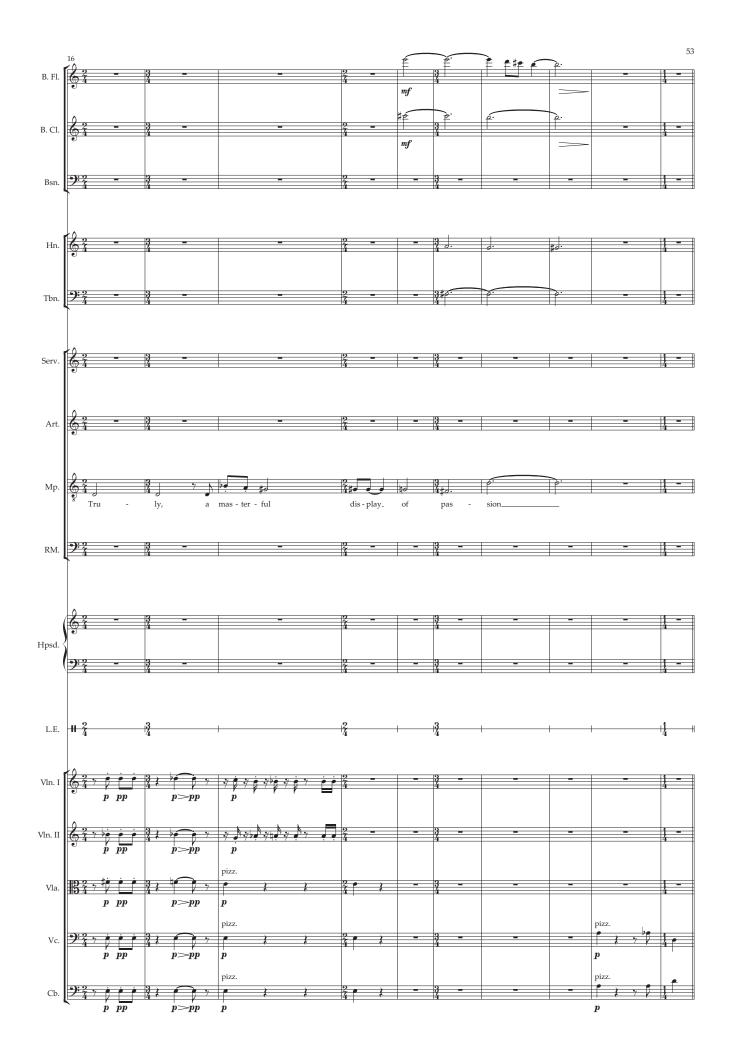


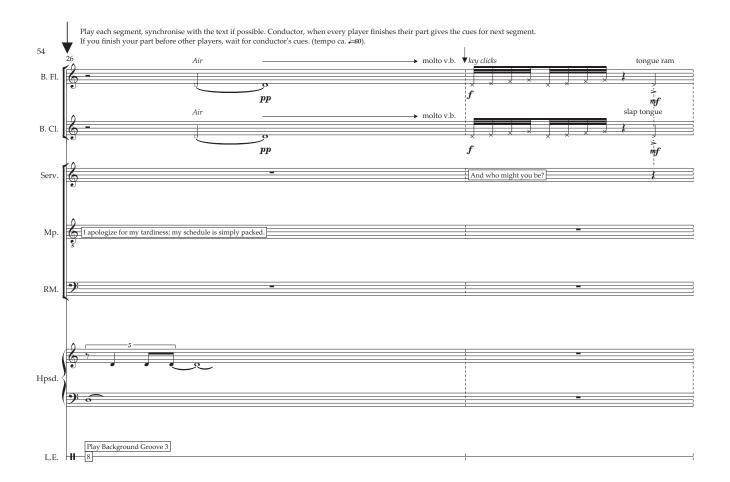


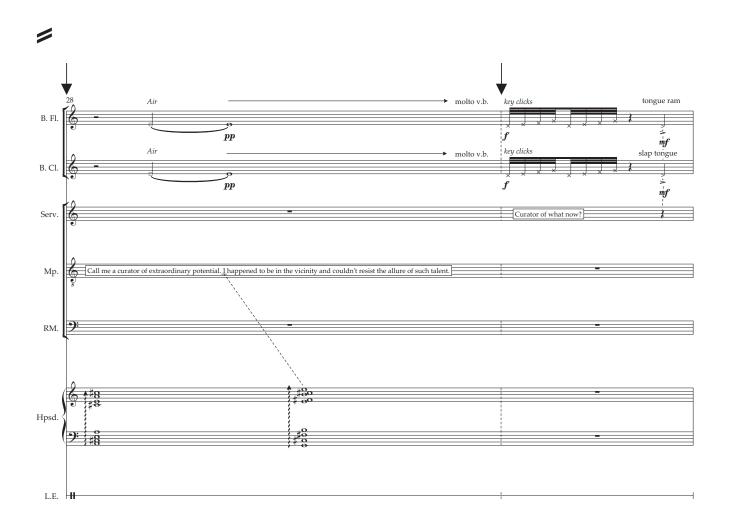
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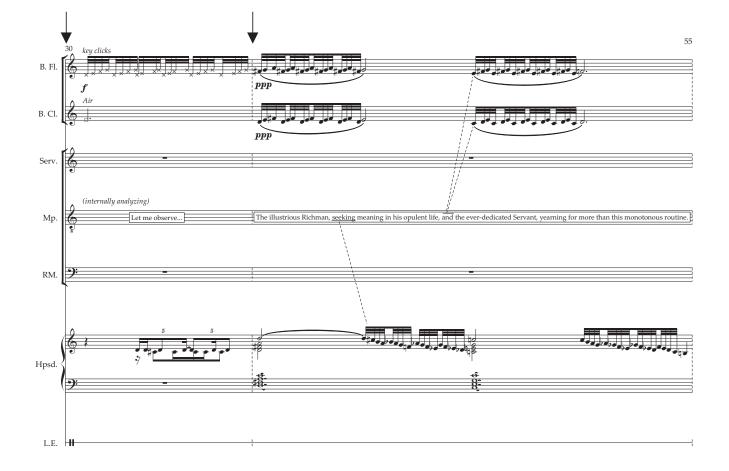


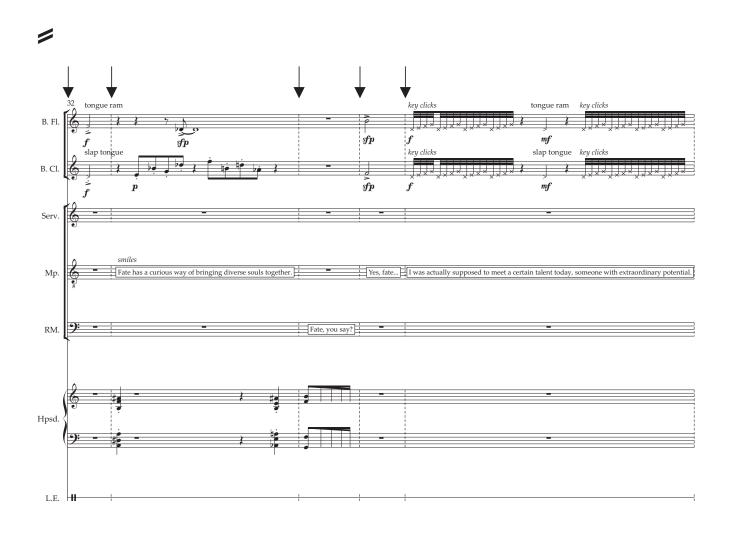


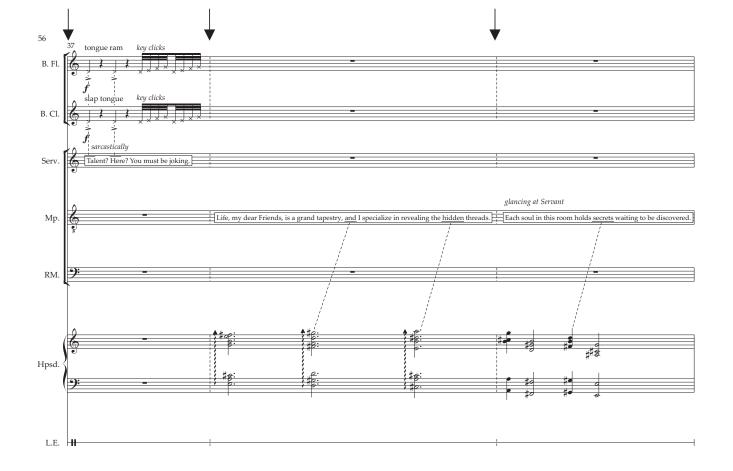




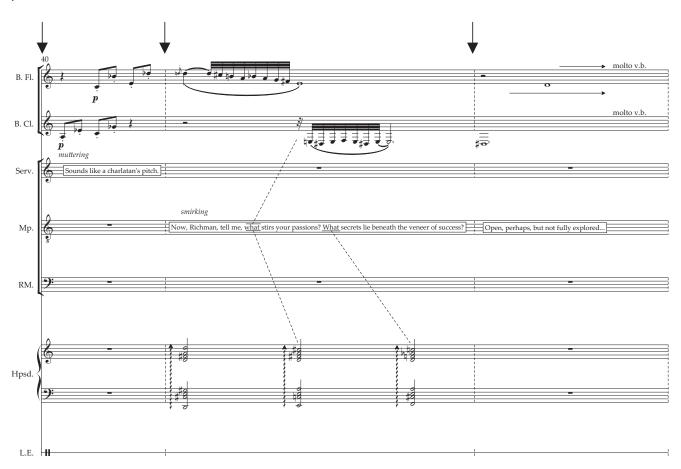


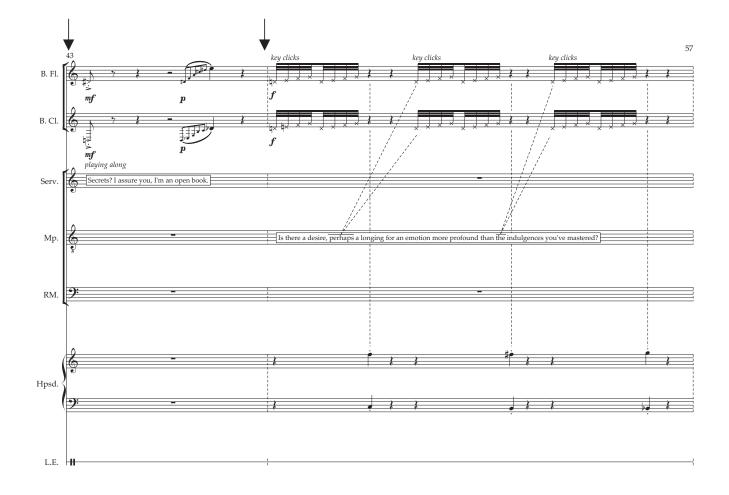


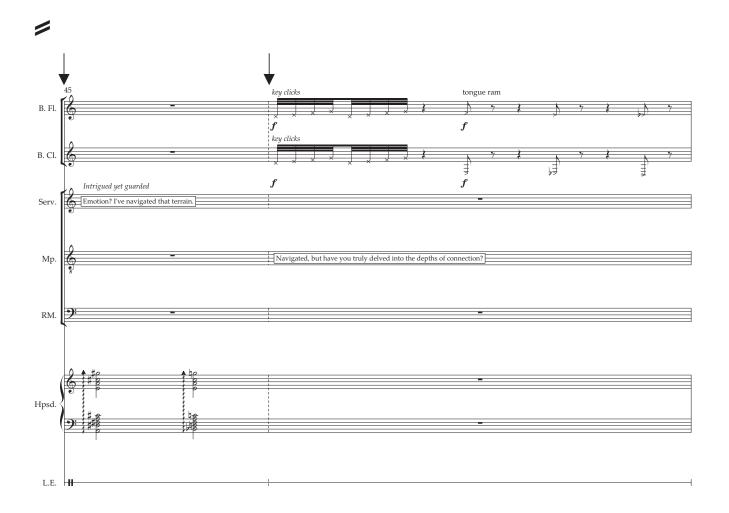


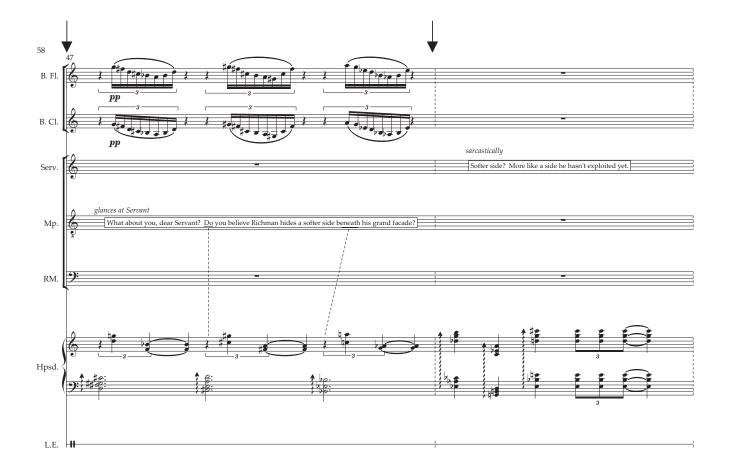


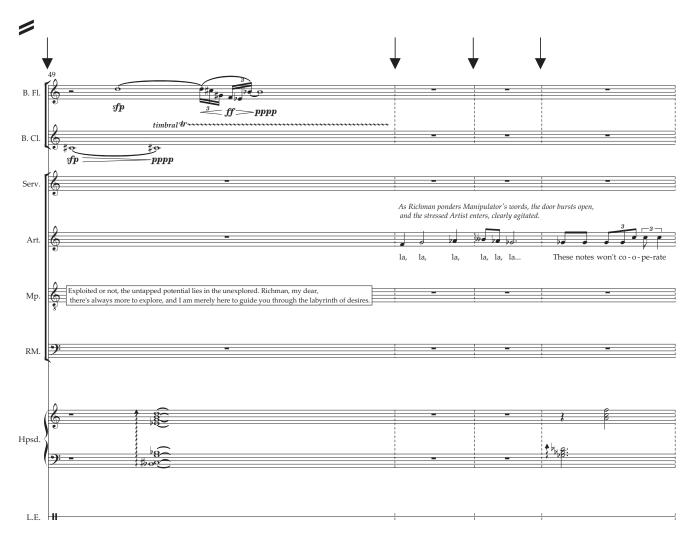




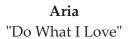




















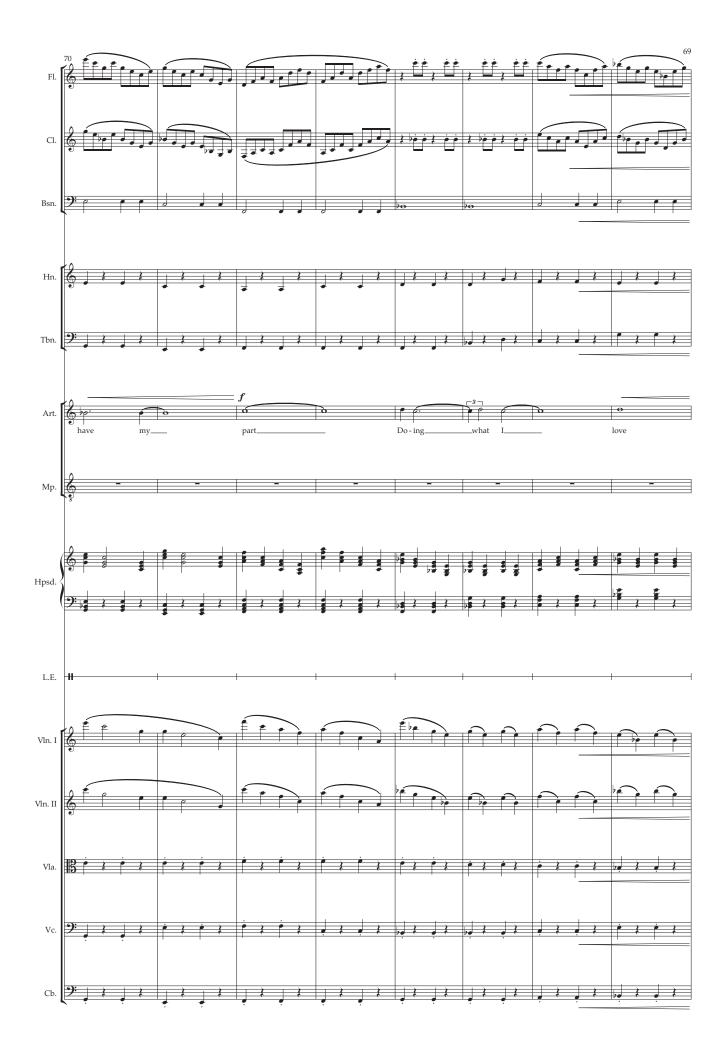


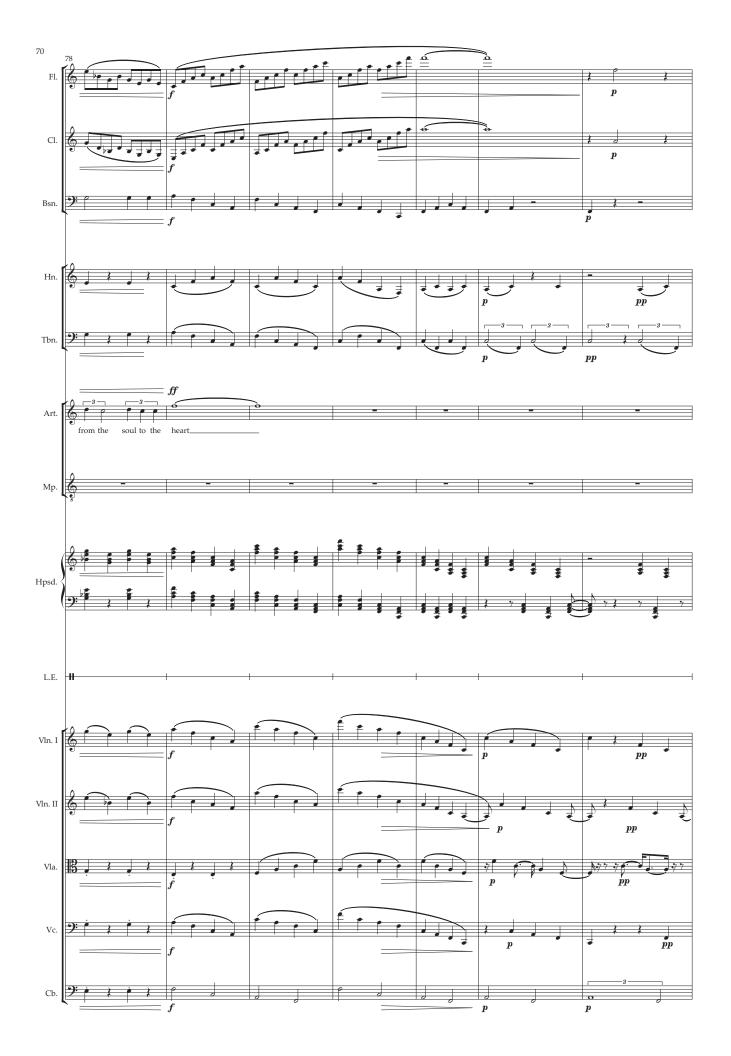
















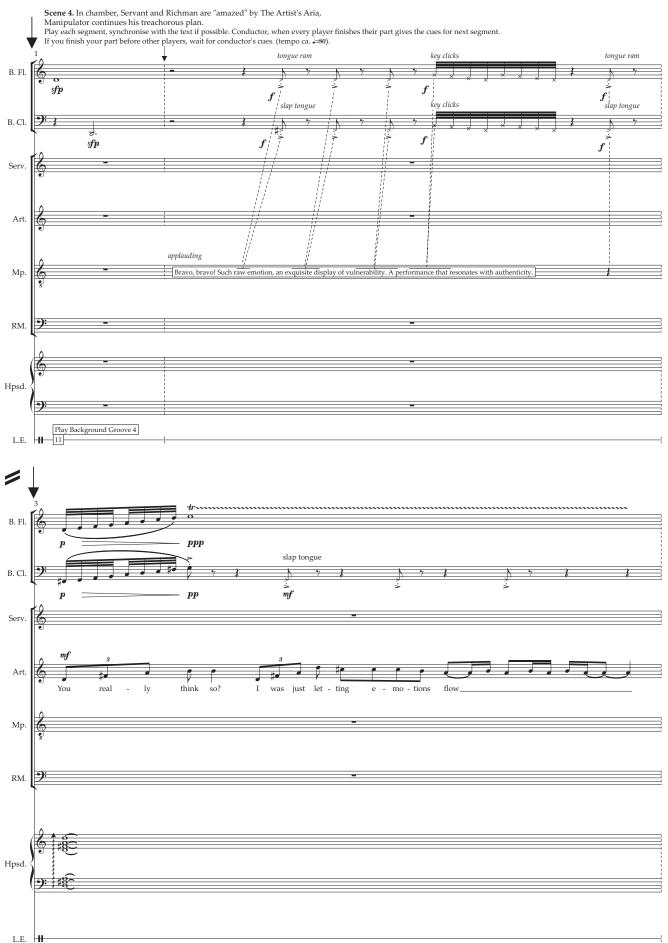


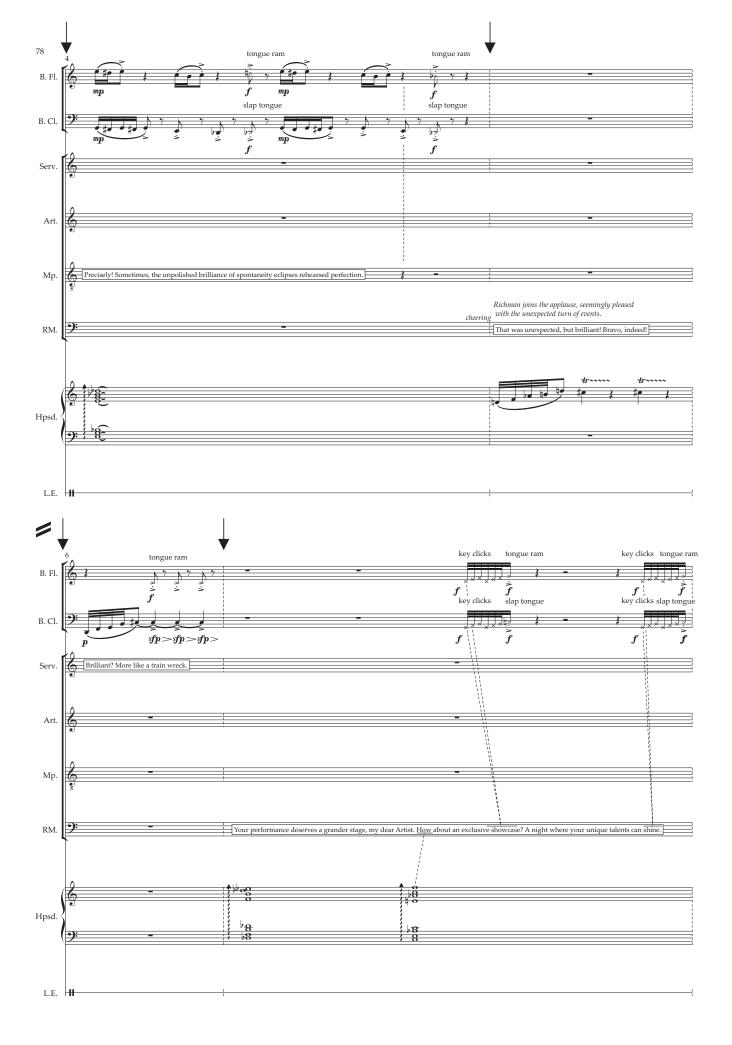




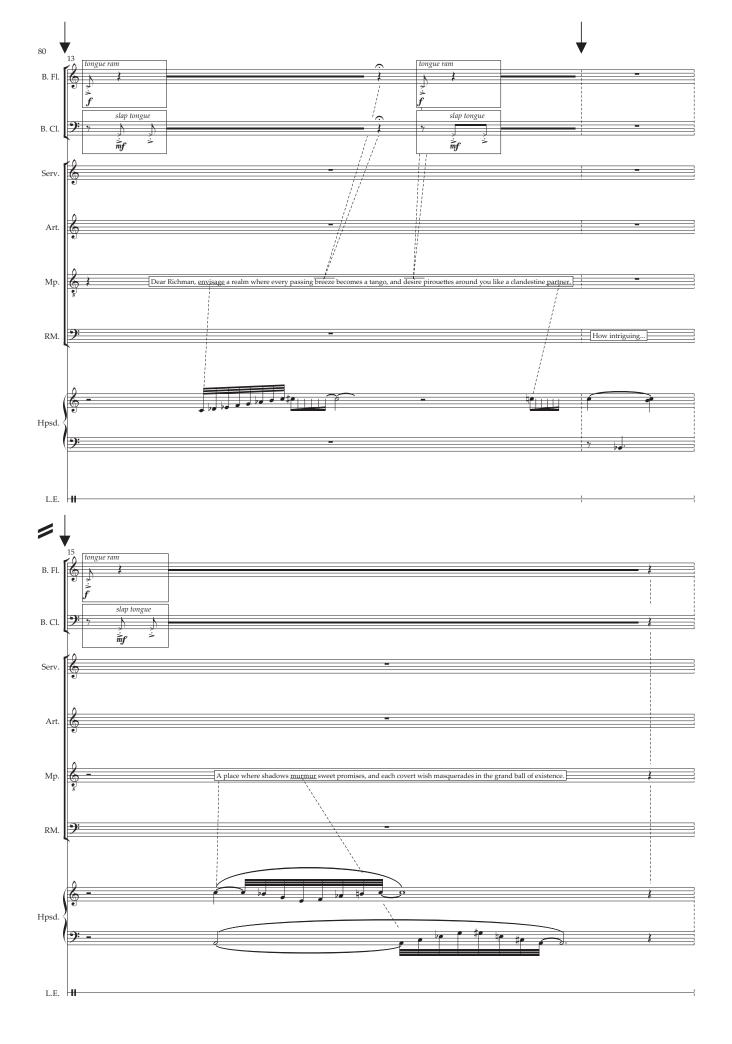


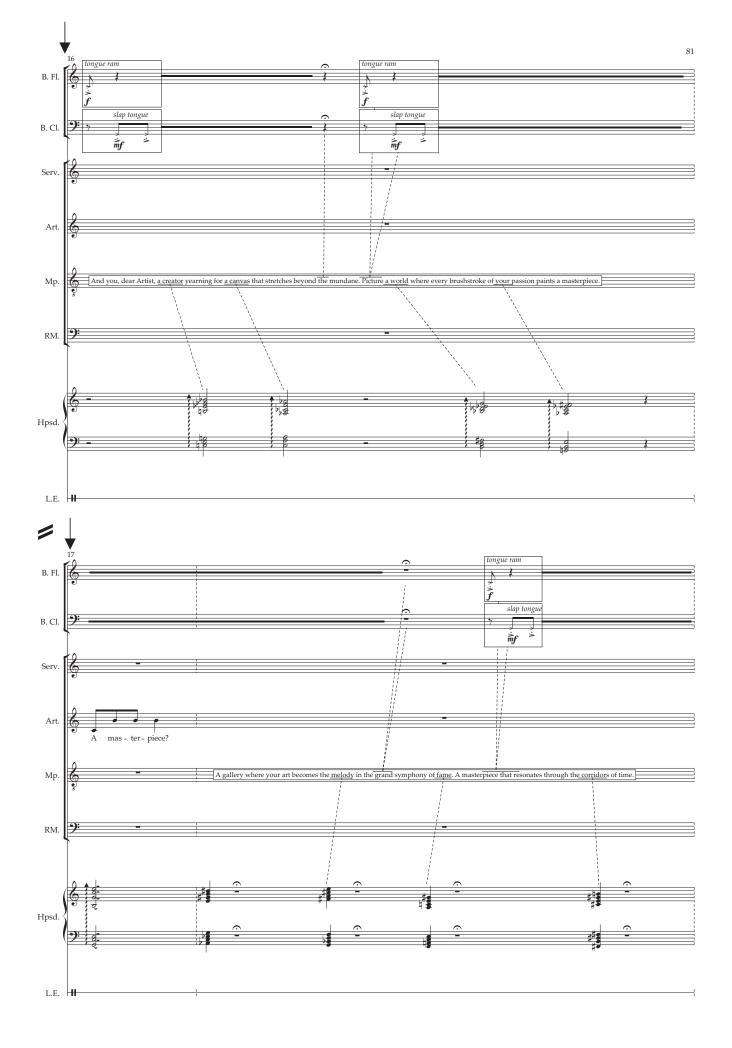
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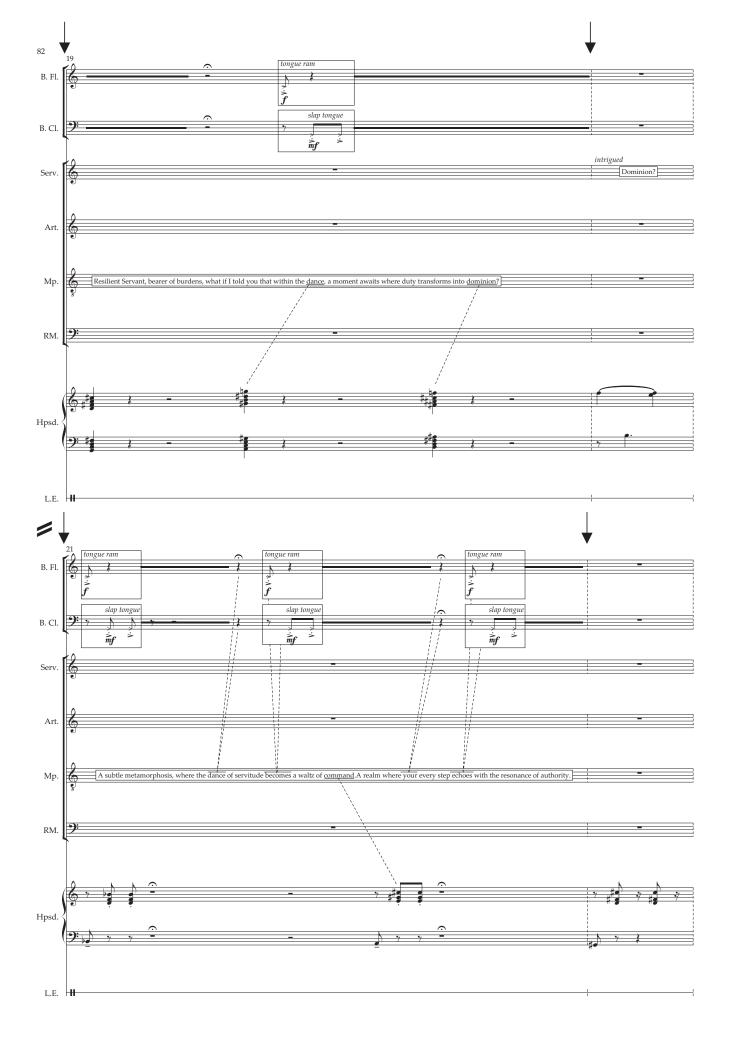


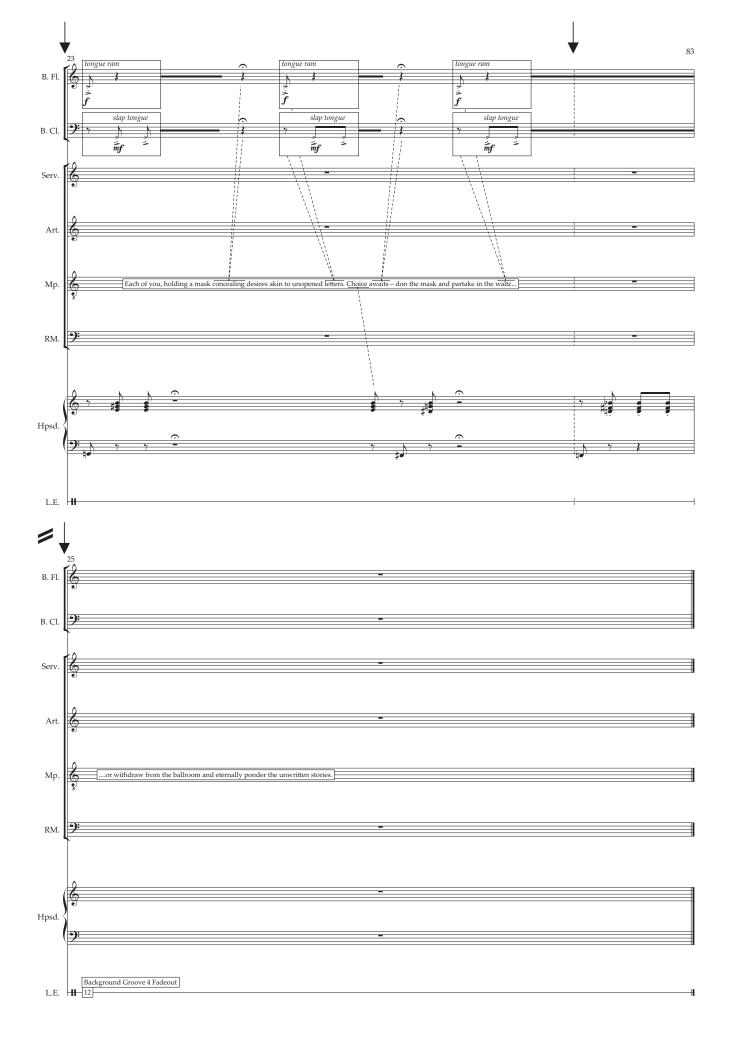






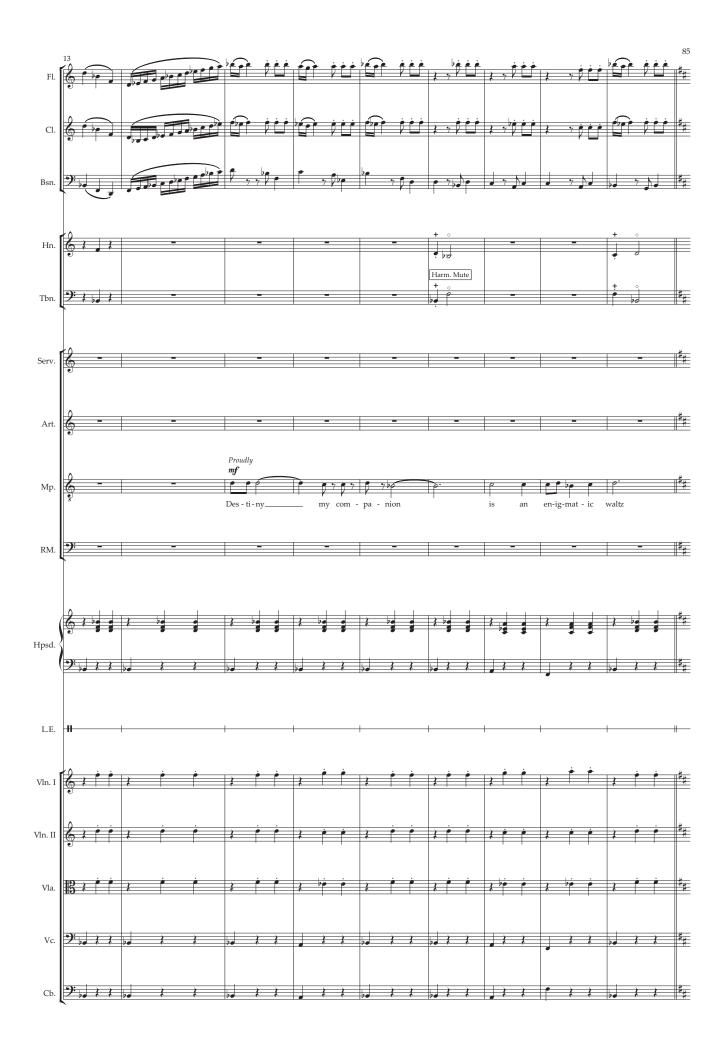




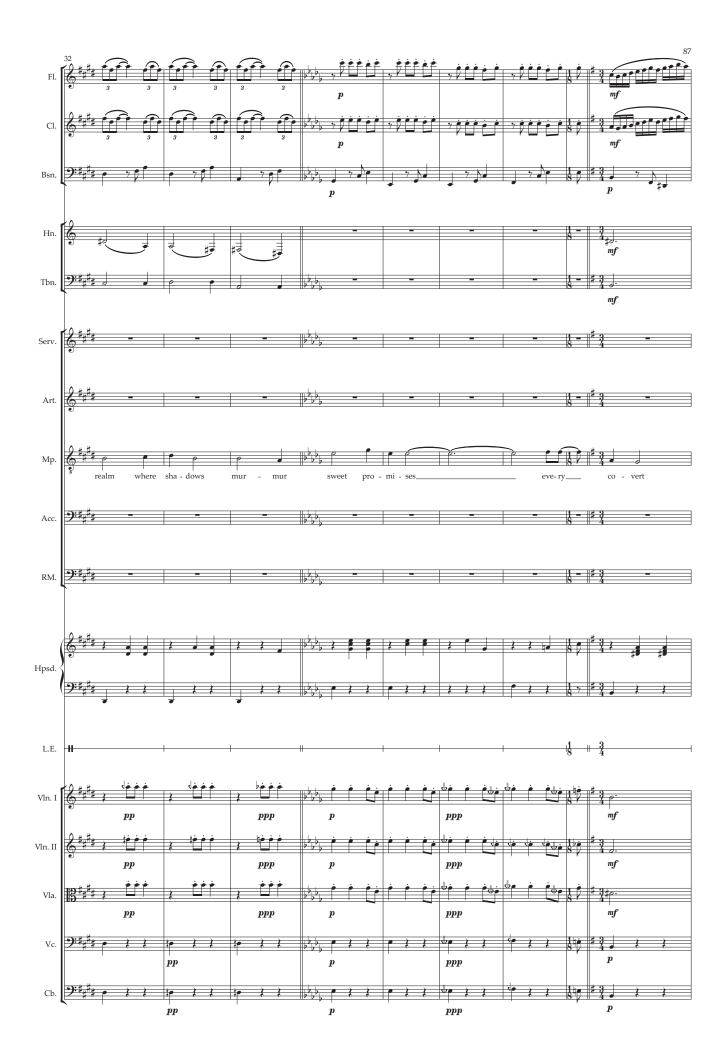


**Finale** "Do what I want"





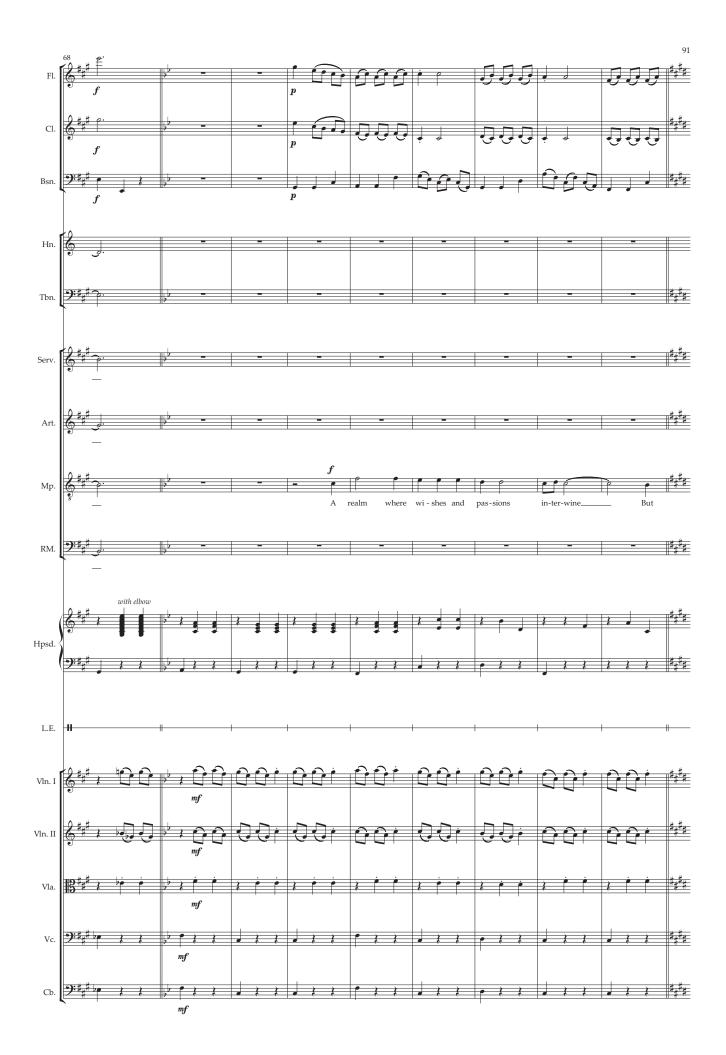




















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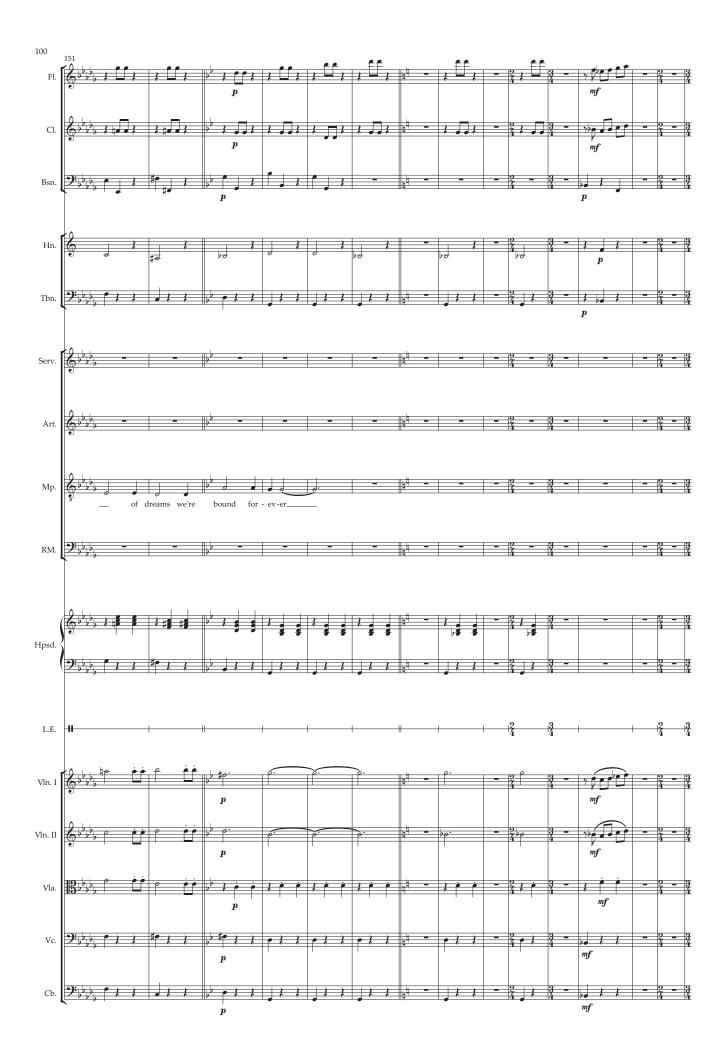
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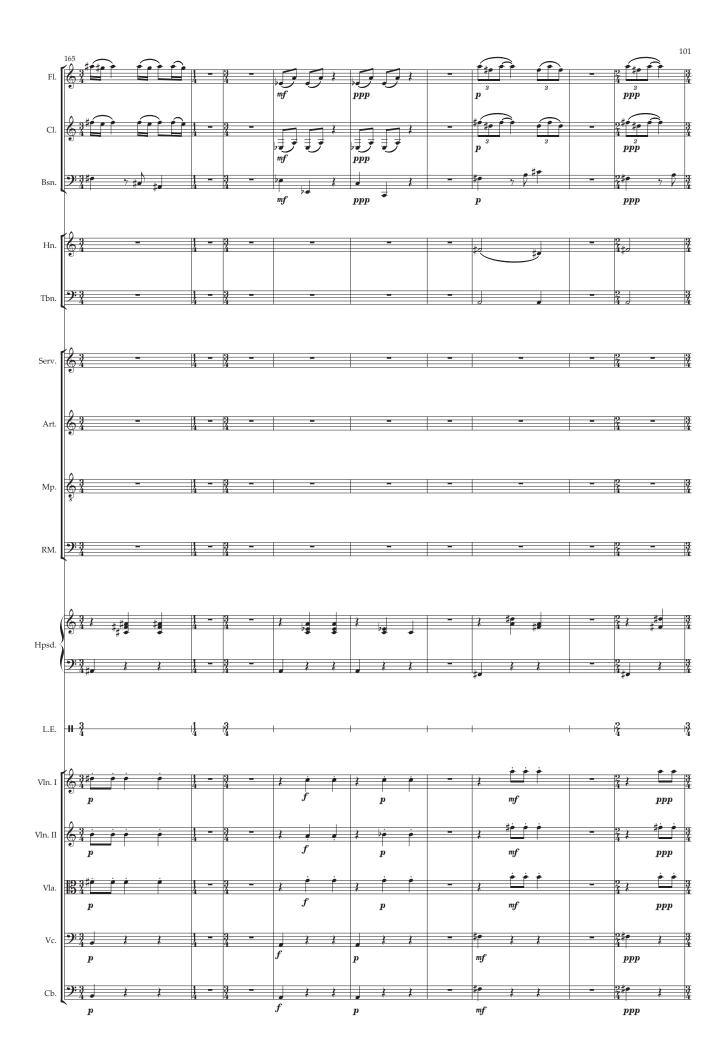


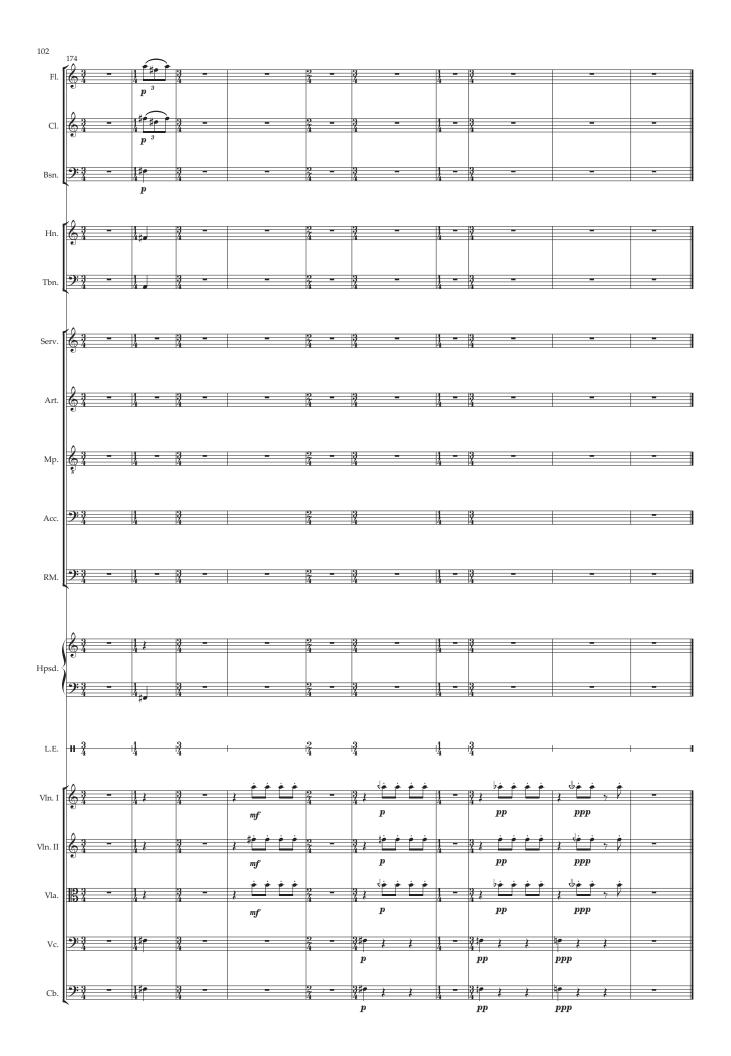






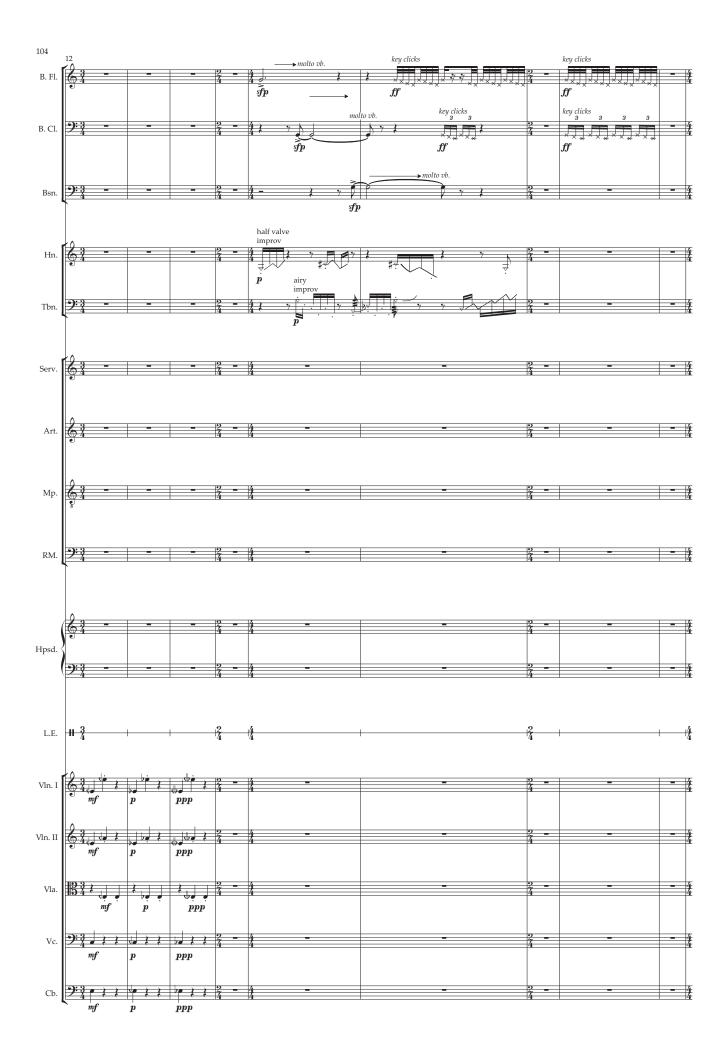






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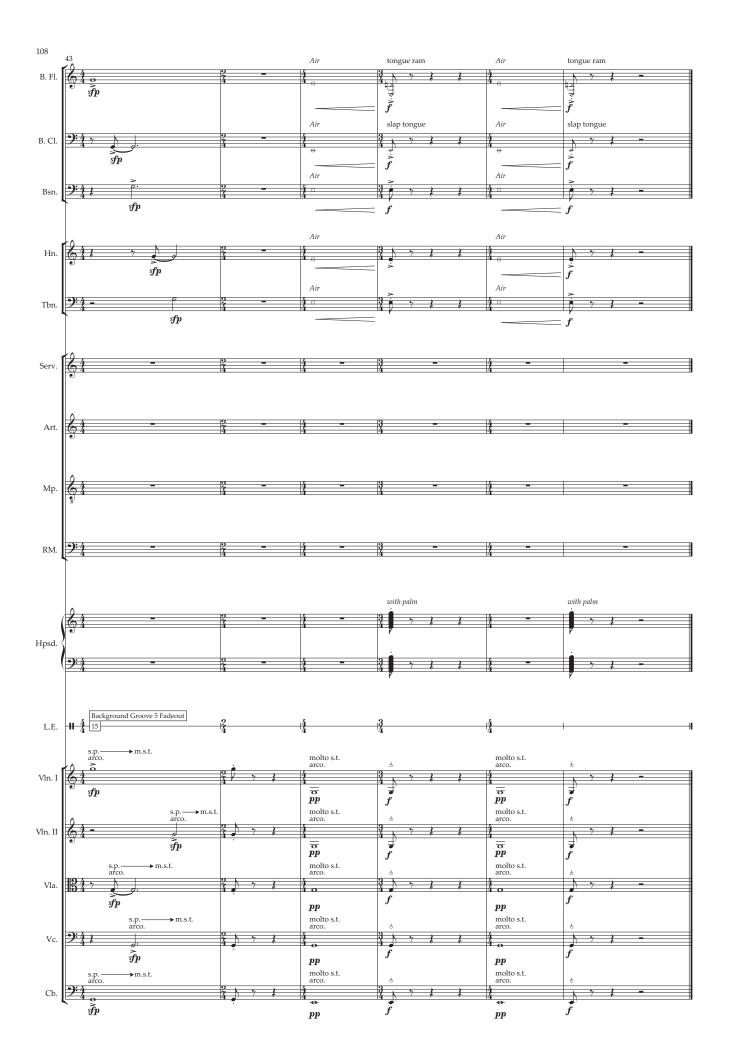












## CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education	
2015 – 2020	Academy of Arts in Szczecin - Instrumental Department on Accordion. Diploma with distinction.
2018 – 2024 (expected)	Karol Szymanowski Academy of Music in Katowice – Music Composition. Bachelor and Master Degree
2022 – 2024 (expected)	University of Louisville School of Music – Music Composition. Master
	Degree.

## Achievement

I started my musical education when I was 5 years old. I began playing accordion and beginning from 2<sup>nd</sup> year of my education I started to precipitate on different competition. Through my 1<sup>st</sup> degree of education I won few smaller competitions ex. 3<sup>rd</sup> price at International Accordion Miastko in Poland, 1<sup>st</sup> at Accordion Competition in Przyce. For my biggest achievement in musical education I would name 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 44<sup>th</sup> International Accordion Competition in Pula, Croatia (category for adults). At the same time as studying accordion I began studies at Karol Szymanowski Academy of Music in Katowice, on composition department. I finished Bachelor Degree in 2021 and started Master Degree. In 2022 I started studying composition at University of Louisville School of Music (took one year break in Poland), and I'm still continuing it and studies in Poland.

## Additional Info

## Foreign Languages

- english: good
- french: communicative
- german: communicative