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National University of Music, Bucharest, Doctor in Musicology

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Selected Works

OPERA, SYMPHONIC, VOCAL-SYMPHONIC AND CONCERTANTE MUSIC:

Constellations for Orchestra (1977)

Symphony I Shadows (1980)

Cantata Sources (1977)

Cantata Gloria Heroum Holocausti (1978)

Opera Miss Christina (libretto by Mircea ELIADE, 1981... (more online)

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About the piece



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Oeuvre dédiée à l'Ensemble de Musique Contemporaine de Luxembourg
L.G.N.M.; B.P. 828, L-2018 LUXEMBOURG

Durée: ~ 7'10"

Serban NICHIFOR
(1999)

LA NUIT OBSCURE

pour percussion et ensemble de chambre

(2 clarinettes en Sib, 2 saxophones alto en Mib, tuba, accordéon, violon, alto, violoncelle)

Motto: "Et vidi de mari bestiam ascendentem..."
(Apocalypsis Ioannis 13,1)

- partition générale: pages 1-2

- module autonome (percussion solo): pages 3-6

NB - L'évolution sonore implique la superposition de 2 structures disjointes: le module autonome (modulo autonomo) de la percussion solo (ayant un caractère démoniaque, violent, "offensif" vers la destruction) et le continuum infini, transcendantal

de "l'harmonie des sphères" suggérée par le choral de l'ensemble.

Les points de synchronisation de ces 2 structures sont:

[I] ("naissance" du Module autonome), [I], [II], [III], [IV], [V] (= auto-destruction du Module autonome).

La durée du Module est ~ 6'12". La durée totale de l'œuvre est ~ 7'10".

Avant et après le Module (donc avant et après les points [I] et [V]) le percussionniste reste immobile (comme une statue).

Disposition possible de l'ensemble:

(-la percussion en avant-scène et en pleine lumière;
- les autres instrumentistes en semi-cercle et en pénombre).

Cette disposition n'est pas obligatoire; on pourra réaliser aussi des autres dispositions, selon la conception des interprètes.



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... in tempore belli ...

(Bucarest, 21 I 1939)

LA NUIT OBSCURE

pour percussion et ensemble de chambre

Le percussionniste est
immobile (n 24")



MODULO autonome (p. 3-6)

sempre demonico, minaccioso

CONTINUUM - Largo (n 40) indifferente, implacabile
sempre PP tranquillo, leggero, legatissimo, poco vibrato

Perc.
Solo

2 Cl.
(in Sib)

2 Sax. A.
(in Mib)

Tuba

Accord.
(mano destra)

Vno

Vla

Vlc.

Perc.
Solo

MODULO - sempre demonico, minaccioso

CONTINUUM - sempre tranquillo, indifferente, implacabile

2 Cl.

2 Sax. A.

Tb.

Acc.

Vno

Vla

Vlc.

II * MODULO - sempre demonico, minaccioso

CONTINUUM - (31) sempre tranquillo, indifferente, implacabile

(41)

Perc. Solo

2 Cl.

2 Sax. A.

Tb.

Acc.

Vno

Vla

Vlc.

III * MODULO - sempre demonico, minaccioso

CONTINUUM - sempre tranquillo, indifferente, implacabile

(51)

Perc. Solo

2 Cl.

2 Sax. A.

Tb.

Acc.

Vno

Vla

Vlc.

IV * MODULO - sempre demonico, minaccioso

CONTINUUM - sempre tranquillo, indifferente, implacabile

(61)

* Le percussioni restano immobili (n. 6'12" n. 30")

Perc. Solo

2 Cl.

2 Sax. A.

Tb.

Acc.

Vno

Vla

Vlc.

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(n. 7'10")

* II - IV, 2 - points de synchronisation Modulo/Continuum - 2 -

Percussione Solo

MODULO autonomo

(N° 612")

-  = bacchette dure
-  = bacchette morbide
-  = spazzole

- | | |
|---------|------------------------------|
| LEGNO | - 1 Pietra (ossia 1 T.Ml.) |
| | - 2 Temple Blocks |
| | - 2 Wood Blocks |
| PELLA | - 2 Bongos |
| | - 2 Tom-toms |
| | - Gran cassa (ossia Timpano) |
| METALLO | - Triangolo |
| | - 3 Piatti |
| | - Tam-tam |
- + Vox (ad lib.)

(START) *Allegro giusto (dn 120)*

Vox (ad lib.) *2 HÂ!Y*

Legno *2 HÂ!Y*

Pelle *G.P. G.P.*

Metallo *sffz d'al niente molto sffz d'al niente molto sffz*

P. *d'al niente molto sffz ff furioso, poco a poco crescendo*

P. *(sempre crescendo) molto sffz d'al niente poco a poco cresc.*

P. *(sempre crescendo)*

P. *molto sffz ff furioso, poco a poco crescendo*

P. *(sempre crescendo) ff giocoso*

P. *molto sffz*

P. *d'al niente poco molto f sub. ppp molto ff sub. pp poco*

M. *sub. pp ritmico*

M. *sub. pp poco a poco crescendo molto*

* Les interventions vocales sont facultatives.

M. ⁽⁸¹⁾ *ff giocoso* *sub. mp* *molto*

M. ⁽⁹¹⁾ *sfe* *(l.v.)* *sub. pp*

M. ⁽¹⁰¹⁾

M. ⁽¹¹¹⁾ *sub. ff*

M.

L. ⁽¹²¹⁾ **II** *sub. p* *ritmico*

M. *l.v.*

L. ⁽¹³¹⁾

L. ⁽¹⁴¹⁾ *G.P.*

L. ⁽¹⁵¹⁾

L. *G.P.*

L. ⁽¹⁶¹⁾

L. ⁽¹⁷¹⁾

P. *G.P.* *G.P.* *G.P.*

M. *Pitornico*

sempre Pitornico

P.  (181) 

P.  (191) 

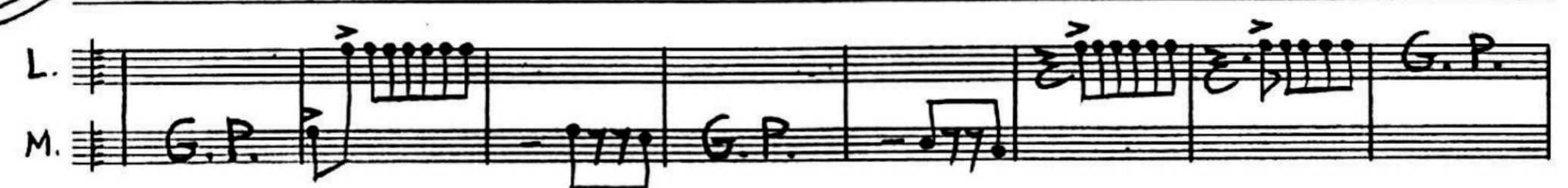
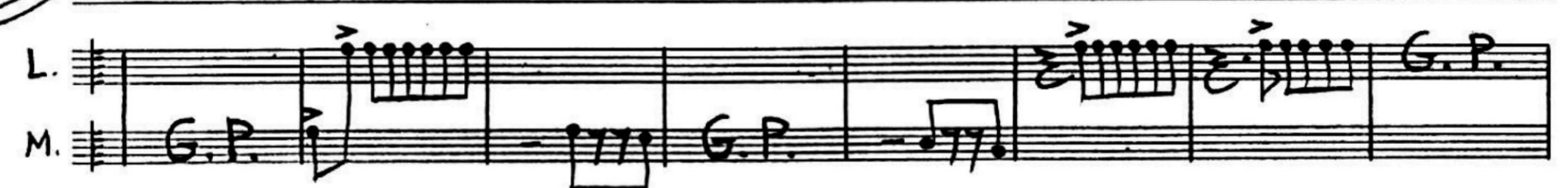
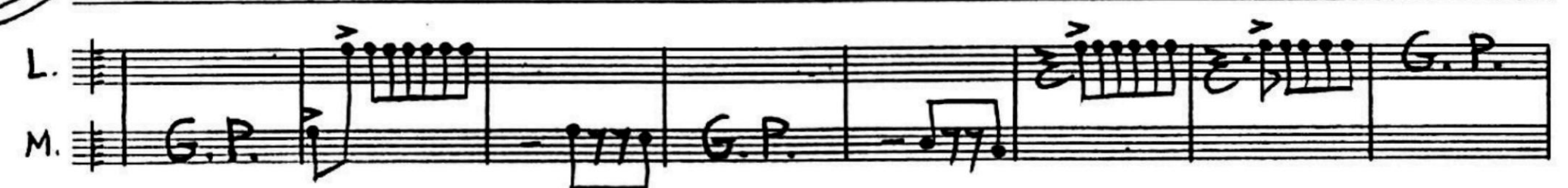
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P.  (201) 

L.  (211) 
M.  *sempre P ritmico*
(l.v.)

L.  (221) 
M.  G.P.

L.  (231) 
M.  G.P. *pp eco*

L.  G.P. 
M.  G.P.

L.  (241) 
M.  G.P. *poco a poco perdendosi - - -*

251 IV

L.

P.

M.
sub. ff ben marcata
perdendosi l.v.

261

L.

P.

271

L.

P.

L.

P.

M.

281 poco a poco affrettando

L.

P.

M.

(sempre affrettando)

291

L.

P.

M.

(sempre affrettando)

301

L.

P.

M.

Sub. Grave (♩ ≈ 60) poco a poco accelerando

molto
Deciso
(♩ ≈ 120)

L.

P.

M.
d'al niente
possibile
HA III

Vox (ad lib.)

Ω

(STOP)

(≈ 6'12")

For MeloMania! Ensemble

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(SABAM)

OBSCURE NIGHT

for

Solo Percussion and Chamber Ensemble
(2 Alto-Saxophones, Cello and Piano)

Motto: "And I saw a beast rising out of the sea..."
(Revelation, Chap. 13, v. 1)

NB → The Solo Percussion Modulus is autonomous
(parallel music)

→ α (start), $\underline{\text{I}}$, $\underline{\text{II}}$, $\underline{\text{III}}$, $\underline{\text{IV}}$, Ω (stop) =

= synchronization points Percussion/Ensemble

→ Possible emplacement: $\left[\begin{array}{ccc} \text{A.S.2} & \text{Piano} & \\ \text{A.S.1} & \text{Cello} & \end{array} \right]$ semi-darkness
Perc. ← very lighted

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Largo (♩ = 40)

*) (Start) (parallel music)

Modulus
(see p. 3-6)

Perc.
Solo

(Perc. in immobility)

2 A.Sax
(in Eb)

Cello

Piano

Perc.
Solo

sempre PP tranquillo (non arpeggiando)
(Modulus)

2 A.Sax
(in Eb)

Cello

Piano

Perc.
Solo

sempre PP tranquillo
(Modulus)

2 A.Sax
(in Eb)

Cello

Piano

Perc.
Solo

sempre PP tranquillo
(Modulus)

2 A.Sax
(in Eb)

Cello

Piano

Perc.
Solo

sempre PP tranquillo
(Modulus)

2 A.Sax
(in Eb)

Cello

Piano

sempre PP tranquillo

(Stop) (Perc. in immobility)

*) p.p. rall.

*) synchronization points

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(~ 7' 10")

Piano

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Largo (♩ 40)

Handwritten musical score for the first system, measures 1-11. The tempo is marked "Largo (♩ 40)". The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is 4/4. The instruction "sempre tranquillo (non arpeggiando)" is written above the staff. A boxed "I" is above measure 6, and a circled "11" is above measure 11.

Handwritten musical score for the second system, measures 12-24. The instruction "sempre PP tranquillo" is written above the staff. A boxed "I" is above measure 13, and a circled "24" is above measure 24.

Handwritten musical score for the third system, measures 25-31. The instruction "sempre PP tranquillo" is written above the staff. A boxed "II" is above measure 28, and a circled "31" is above measure 31.

Handwritten musical score for the fourth system, measures 32-41. The instruction "sempre PP tranquillo" is written above the staff. A boxed "III" is above measure 38, and a circled "41" is above measure 41.

Handwritten musical score for the fifth system, measures 42-51. The instruction "sempre PP tranquillo" is written above the staff. A boxed "IV" is above measure 48, and a circled "51" is above measure 51.

Handwritten musical score for the sixth system, measures 52-61. The instruction "sempre PP tranquillo" is written above the staff. A boxed "V" is above measure 58, and a circled "61" is above measure 61. The system ends with a double bar line and a fermata.

Dauer: ~ 8'

"ET SIGNUM MAGNUM..."

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für Schlagzeug und Orgel

Registrierung

- * - III. Manual (m.d.): 23. (Sal. 8'); 24. (Vox c. 8'); 26. (Befl. 4'); Tremulant
- II. Manual (m.s.): 13. (Gemsh. 8'); 15. (Rfl. 4')
- Ped.: 35. (Sb. 16'); 38. (Pm. 8'); 39. (Chb. 4')

Motto:

"Und es erschien ein großes Zeichen am Himmel..."
(Offenbarung 12,1)

Largo (♩ = 40)

Percussion

Organo

(Ped.)

Perc.

Org.

Perc.

Org.

Perc.

Org.

Modulo autonomo (Seiten 3-6)

xx) (Start)

Lento ["panarmonios Kosmos syntaxis"]

pp

sempre pp tranquillo e legato

Dolce, sempre poco in rilievo

I **)

II per a poco animando - - - - -

*) - Die Registeranweisungen sind wahlfrei.

**) - [I] [II] [III] [IV] [V] = Synchronisation Schlagzeug/Orgel

Perc. Adagio (♩=50) - sempre lontano, poco a poco animando

Org. PP sempre
PP leggero
P sempre poco in rilievo

Perc. Larghetto (♩=56) sempre poco a poco animando [III] **)

Org. PP sempre
PP sempre
P sempre

Perc. Andante (♩=66) sempre poco a poco animando

Org. PP sempre
PP sempre
P sempre

Perc. Sostenuto (♩=76) sempre poco a poco affrettando

Org. p.p. cresc. (+W.)
p.p. cresc. (+W.)
p.p. cresc.

(Org. pieno)
W.ab
ff

Perc. Sub. Lontano, quasi senza tempo (♩=40) poco a poco rall.

Org. sub. PP tranquillo e legato
sub. P dolce sempre poco in rilievo

*) - I. Manual: 1. (Hg. 8'); 3. (Pr. 4'); 4. (Tfe. 4'); 5. (Dbl. 2'); Tremulant - 2 - **) - Synchronisation Schlagzeug / Orgel.
- II. Manual: + 11. (Pr. 8'); 14. (Oct. 4'); Ped.: + 34 (Prb. 16')

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PASSACAGLIA FOR EVER

Lema:

"Et septimus angelus tuba cecinit..."

(Apocalypsis Ioannis 11, 15)

ESECUTORI

- 2 Flauti
- 2 Oboi
- 2 Clarinetti in Si b
- 2 Fagotti
- 4 Corni in Fa
- 2 Trombe
- 3 Tromboni
- 1 Tuba
- Arpa
- Percussione
- Celesta
- Pianoforte
- Archi

Modulo Autonomo (Fiat + Arpa)
(p.4, Appendix A)

Modulo Autonomo (p.5, Appendix B)

DURATA: cca 8'50"

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Durata: ~ 8'50"

PASSACAGLIA FOR EVER

Struttura dinamica:

- Fiati + Arpa: fff (sempre) [Modulo autonomo]
- Percussione: PPP ↔ fff (in rilievo) [Modulo autonomo]
- Pianoforte: PPP ↔ mp (poco in rilievo)
- Celesta + Archi: PPP ↔ P (sempre lontano, come eco)

Lema:

"Et septimus angelus tuba cecinit..."
(Apocalypsis Ioannis 11,15)

Grave (♩ ~ 42)

L'Attri: 8 8

- 2 Fl.
- 2 Ob.
- 2 Cl. Sib.
- 2 Fg.
- 4 Cr. Fa.
- 2 Tr. Do.
- 3 Tm.
- 1 Tb.
- Arpa

Perc. Sonagli Sospesi (l.v.)
PP > PPP > PP > (l.v.)
Muta in Bongos, tam, br.c. (l.v.)

Cel. sempre lontano, come eco

Pf. dolce, poco in rilievo
sempre Ped. l.v.

Vni I div.
PP sempre lontano, come eco

Vni II div.
PP sempre lontano, come eco

Vle div.
PP sempre lontano, come eco

Vlc. div.
PP sempre lontano, come eco

Cb (Pizz.) vibrato
PP sempre lontano, come eco

MODULO I (n°1)
fff

MODULO autonomo (p. 5 → Appendix B)
ff sub.

(= punto di sincronizzazione)
- sempre demonico, minaccioso -

simile

simile (l.v.)

- 1 -

31 (♩ ~ 60) (48")

L'Altri (Fiat+Arpa) **Modulo VII** (48")

Perc. *sempre demonico, minaccioso* (IV) (= punto di sincronizzazione)

Cel. *mp poco in rilievo* *simile (l.v.)*

Pf. *mp poco in rilievo* *simile (l.v.)*

Vni I

Vni II

Vle

Vlc. *(sempre arpeggiando)*

Cb. *P* *poco*

(♩ ~ 60) poco a poco allargando ————— Grave (♩ ~ 40) — sempre allargando

Fiat *(4:1)*

Arpa *Dob, Fah, Sih* *in rilievo* *PP* *(demonico, minaccioso)* *(punto di sincronizzazione)* *Muta in Sonagli sospesi* *lontano* *gliss.* *leggero* *White Sound* *(longa)* **FINE** (8'50")

Perc. *in rilievo* *PP* *estinto, tranquillo*

Cel. *in rilievo* *PP* *estinto, tranquillo*

Pf. *estinto, tranquillo* *PP* *estinto, tranquillo*

Vni I *PP* *estinto, tranquillo*

Vni II *PP* *estinto, tranquillo*

Vle *PP* *estinto, tranquillo*

Vlc. *PP* *estinto, tranquillo*

Cb. *PP* *estinto, tranquillo, sempre vibrato* *Arco* *PP* *estinto, tranquillo, sempre vibrato* *(longa)*

immateriale *PP* *(non tremolo)* *(non tremolo)* *(non tremolo)* *pp armonico* *sempre sul Re*

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APPENDIX A

MODULI AUTONOMI-FIATI ED ARPA

(I - VII)

Moduli Autonomi:

Handwritten musical score for Appendix A, titled "MODULI AUTONOMI-FIATI ED ARPA (I - VII)". The score is organized into seven columns, each representing a module (I to VII). The instruments listed on the left are: Flauti (Flutes), Oboi (Oboes), Clarinetti in Sib (Clarinets in B-flat), Fagotti (Bassoons), Corni in Fa (Horns in F), Trombe in Do (Trumpets in C), Tromboni (Trombones), Tuba, and Arpa (Harp).

The score is divided into two main sections: Modules I to VI, and Module VII. Modules I to VI are marked "MAESTOSO" (moderate tempo) and "molte volte" (many times). Module VII is marked "GRANDIOSO" (grandioso tempo) and "molte volte".

The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, dynamics (e.g., *ff*, *MAESTOSO*), and articulation marks. The score is written in a system of staves, with each instrument having its own staff. The bottom of the page features a page number "4" and the website "free-scores.com".