

Viola

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Performance note

Notation:

Accidentals

apply till the end of the bar. However, they are occasionally repeated to facilitate sight-reading.



Quarter-tone sharp and flat, respectively.

s.v.

senza vibrato. Vibrato should be avoided in all micro-tonal passages (bars 87-109 and 112-140).

l.v.

lasciare vibrare. Let strings vibrate as long as possible.



Wide, exaggerated, somewhat slow *vibrato*.



tenuto, play the note to the full written length (only, no accent is intended).



The lengths of *staccati* should be in relation to the length of the note and the character of the music.



al niente, let the sound die away completely so that it is not possible to hear exactly when the sound stops.



The *glissandi* are played continuously during the indicated time (*not* portamento), but expressivity (through change of speed) is encouraged. Note-stems without head in the middle of a glissando are for temporal orientation only, they are not to be articulated.



Diamond-shaped note heads indicate natural harmonics. They should never be replaced by artificial ones.

Beginning and end: The lengths of *fermati* can be anything between ca. one beat and two bars. They should all be of different length.

for viola and cello: The notes in bars 34, 36, 40, 112-120, 177, 179, 183, and 213-215 should be played on one down bow.

Bars 87-140 Take good care that the perfect fourths and fifths between the **viola** and the **cello** are pure.

Cadenza is optional. Instead of improvising a cadenza the violist can just play e.g. a low two-bar half-step trill *sul pont.* with *cresc. dim.* and then continue (without repeat), but s/he is encouraged to improvise over the two bars, which the **cello** and **guitar** keep steadily repeating as necessary. The cadenza can be anything from ca. twelve seconds (no repeat) up to a minute (four repeats). A varied use of dynamics, micro-tones, harmonics, ponticello etc. is encouraged, as long as everything complies with the musical world of the piece and elegantly leads from the gloomy mood of the preceding section to the lighter, more serene one that follows it. During the cadenza, the dynamics of the **guitar** should conform to those chosen by the **violist**. The cadenza bars are entered and left *attacca*.

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1 ~ 96 Lively

va

pp < *ff*

6

10

14

20

27

33

38

pp *p* *pp* *mp*

pp *p* *p poco a poco cresc.*

mf *f*

ff (*meno f*) *ff*

ff

47 ~ 96 With sweet fire

pp dolce *piu cantando* *pp*

57

f *pp staccatissimo* *cresc.*

64

mp *pp dolce* *piu cantando*

71

f *secco* *p*

77 on string, short bows

mp (stacc.)

81

molto rall. *ord.*
(let open strings ring)

86 ~ 48 With devotion

s.v. *mp > < mp* *pp* *mp > < mp* *pp*

95 ~ 32

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

102

dim. *en dehors*

108 ~ 32 "Cadenza" (use mainly these pitches +8ve ad lib.)

pp *pp* *pp* *ppp* *pp*

~ 64 Serene

ord. s.v. *pp* *pp* *ppp* *pp*

121

pp < p < mp > pp p > mp

128

mf > pp < mp

135

dim. en dehors pp > mp > p mf *ord.* *acc. p. a p.* mf

143

♩ ~ 96 *secco*

147

♩ ~ 96 *With sweet fire*

151

ord. *f* dolce *piu cantando* > pp < mp > f > °

159

on string, very short bows

pp > mp > p > mp > p

166

mp > ° *mp poco a poco cresc.*

171

mp > mf > ff > (meno f)

180

ff > ff

190

p *cresc.*

Musical staff 190: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 4/4 time. The staff contains a series of eighth and sixteenth notes with various dynamics and articulations. A crescendo hairpin starts below the staff.

195

f *mp* *cresc. molto* *ff* *f*

Musical staff 195: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 4/4 time. The staff contains a series of eighth and sixteenth notes with various dynamics and articulations. A crescendo hairpin starts below the staff. Fingerings 1, 2, and 3 are indicated above the notes.

200

Musical staff 200: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 4/4 time. The staff contains a series of eighth and sixteenth notes with various dynamics and articulations. Triplet markings are present above the notes.

204

mf *mp* *p*

Musical staff 204: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 4/4 time. The staff contains a series of eighth and sixteenth notes with various dynamics and articulations.

210

pp *pp* *p*

Musical staff 210: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 4/4 time. The staff contains a series of eighth and sixteenth notes with various dynamics and articulations. A crescendo hairpin starts below the staff.