

An Anthem for
Libertatia

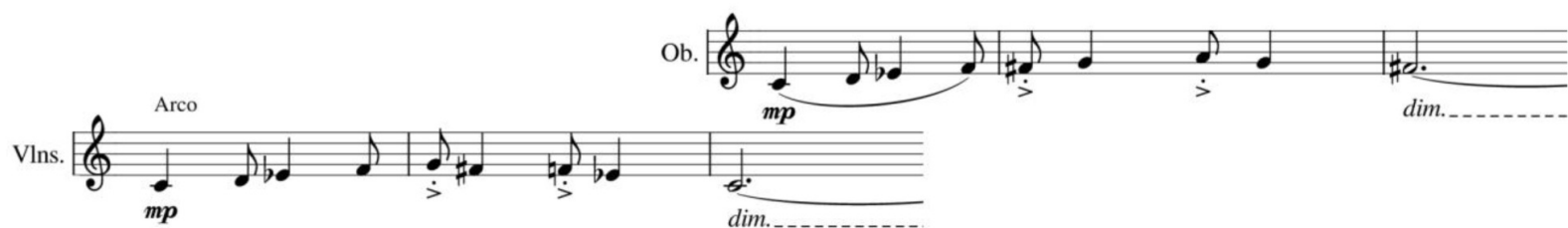
Part I

Scored for large ensemble
Duration: 7' 34"

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Composers (structural) notes

In bars 1–40 (up to Letter B) registral distributions of the Blues Scale II [2, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 1, 2] are used exclusively. At Letter B this scale is juxtaposed with another scalar multiplier of itself. Taking the F# as a second central axial point, the set [2, 1, 2, 1|1, 2, 1, 2] doubled from the centre outwards [4, 2, 4, 2|2, 4, 2, 4] produces the whole-tone scale {C, D, E, F#, G#, Bb}, which, when combined with the Blues Scale II adds the pitches E and G#, and becomes the combinatory decatonic scale {C, D, Eb, E, F, F#, G, G#, A, Bb} [2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2] – the chromatic minus B and C#; no further registral doublings e.g. [8, 4|4, 8] or [16, 12|12, 16] etc. yield any new pitch material. Prior to Letter B, the horns allude to a 3:2 hemiola with a measured diminuendo at b. 3, which is manifested by the accompaniment of woodwind hocketing at b. 15. Then in b. 25 a rhythmically non-retrogradable two-bar refrain (a similar device to that previously used in my *Symphony No. 1*) is deployed in the violin and cello parts, which is responded to, and adapted (extended) by the oboe.



Rhythmically symmetrical two bar refrain; *Libertatia, Part I*

At Letter C (b. 49) the scored change of tempo is masked by identical rhythmic material in the flute, which is first scored in sextuplets (b. 48) and then semiquavers (b. 49). From Letter C (b. 49), the staggered flute and violin entries gradually evolve into a repurposed variant of the rapid arpeggiated string figures from Vivaldi's summer presto movement in the *Four Seasons* (1725), here using the Blues II scale [2, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 1, 2] around an axial F#, and extended over 16 rather than 12 semiquavers – from 3/4 to 4/4. There is a reprise of similar arpeggiated material at b. 151, leading to the close of this section.

Flute

Oboe

B♭ Clarinet

Bassoon

F Horn

B♭ Trumpet

Trombone

Tuba

Harp

Marimba

Timpani

Tambourine

Cymbal

Violins

Violas

Violoncellos

Contrabasses

Tempo: ♩=135

Dynamic markings: *mf*, *pp*, *dim.*, *Pizz.*

[illegible]

[illegible]

23

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Hrp.

Mrm.

Timp.

Vlins.

Vlas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

mf

mf

mp

mf dim.

mp

pp

mf

mp dim.

mf

mp dim.

mf

mp

pp

dim.

pp

gliss.

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34

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Hrp.

Mrm.

Tamb.

Vlms.

Vlas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

mp

mf

mp

mf

mp

pp

mf

pp

mf dim.

pp

dim.

pp

gliss.

39

B

Fl.

6

6

6 6

B♭ Cl.

mf

mp

mf

Bsn.

mf

mp

mf

F Hn.

mf

pp

mf

B♭ Tpt.

mf

mf

Tbn.

Tba.

Hrp.

Mrm.

Timp.

Tamb.

mf

Vlins.

dim.

pp

Vlas.

Vcs.

dim.

pp

gliss.

gliss.

Cbs.

43

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Hrp.

Mrm.

Timp.

Tamb.

Vlns.

Vlas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

mf

dim. *pp*

gliss.

48

Fl.

Tbn.

Hrp.

Mrm.

Tamb.

Vlas.

Cbs.

mf

gliss.

C ♩. = 120

54

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

F Hn.

Tbn.

Tba.

Hrp.

Mrm.

Tamb.

Vlms.

Vlas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

mf *mp*

mf *mp*

p

p

p

mf

mp

gliss.

mp

Arco *mf*

pp

pp Arco

pp

67 **D**

Fl. *f* *dim.*

Ob.

Mrm.

Vlns. *f* *ff* *f* *ff*

Vlas. *ff* *f* *ff* *f*

Vcs. *f*

Cbs. *f* *Arco*

71

Vlns. *f* *ff* *f* *ff*

Vlas. *ff* *f* *ff* *f*

Vcs.

Cbs.

75

Vlns. *f* *ff* *f* *ff*

Vlas. *ff* *f* *ff* *f*

Vcs.

Cbs.

79

B♭ Cl. *f* *ff*

Bsn. *f* *ff*

F Hn. *f* *ff*

B♭ Tpt. *f* *ff*

Tbn. *f* *ff*

Tba. *f* *ff*

Hrp. *f* *ff*

Mrm. *ff*

Timp. *ff*

Tamb. *ff* *mf*

Vlins. *mf*

Vlas. *f*

Vcs. *f*

Cbs. *f*

95 $\text{♩} = 135$

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Hrp.

Timp.

Vlas.

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

100

Fl.

Ob.

mf

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Hrp.

Timp.

Vlas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

[illegible]

119

F

Fl. *mf*

Ob. *mf*

B♭ Cl. *mf* *mp*

F Hn. *mf dim.* *pp*

B♭ Tpt. *mf*

Tbn.

Tba. *mf*

Hrp.

Mrm. *mf*

Timp. *mf*

Vlins. *mf* Pizz. *mf*

Vlas. *mf* Pizz. *mf*

Vcs. *mf* Pizz. *mf*

Cbs. *mf* Pizz. *mf*

mf *mf*

143

Fl. *mp*

Ob. *mp*

B♭ Cl. *p* *pp* *dim.---* *pp*

Bsn. *p* *pp*

F Hn. *p* *pp*

B♭ Tpt. *mp dim.---* *ppp*

Tbn. *mp dim.---* *ppp*

Tba. *pp*

Timp. *mp* *Arco*

Vlins. *pp* *Arco*

Vlas. *pp*

Vcs. *pp* *Arco*

Cbs. *pp* *Arco*

pp *pp cresc.---*

152

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn. *ppp*

Tba. *ppp*

Vlins.

Vlas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

mp cresc.---

155

Fl. *ff*

Ob.

B♭ Cl. *f* *dim.* *mf* *f* *dim.* *mf*

Bsn. *f* *dim.* *mf* *f* *dim.*

F Hn. *f* *dim.* *mf* *f* *dim.*

B♭ Tpt. *f* *dim.* *mp* *f* *dim.* *mp*

Tbn. *f* *dim.* *mp* *f* *dim.* *mp*

Vlns. *f* *ff* *f* *ff*

Vlas. *ff* *f* *ff* *f*

Vcs. *f*

Cbs. *f* *Arco*

Detailed description: This page of a musical score covers measures 155 to 158. The instrumentation includes Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), B♭ Clarinet (B♭ Cl.), Bassoon (Bsn.), F Horn (F Hn.), B♭ Trumpet (B♭ Tpt.), Trombone (Tbn.), Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vlas.), Violoncello (Vcs.), and Contrabass (Cbs.). The score is written in 2/4 time. Measures 155 and 156 feature a complex woodwind and brass texture with various dynamics like *f*, *dim.*, *mf*, and *ff*. The strings (Vlns., Vlas., Vcs., Cbs.) provide a rhythmic foundation with eighth-note patterns. Measure 157 continues the woodwind and brass activity, while the strings maintain their rhythmic pattern. Measure 158 concludes the section with a final woodwind and brass statement and a sustained string texture. The Flute part in measure 155 has a *ff* dynamic marking.

165

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B♭ Tpt.

Tba.

Hrp.

Mrm.

Timp.

Tamb.

Vlns.

Vlas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

ff

f

ff

f

f

f

f

f

ff

ff

mf

f

f

168

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Hrp.

Mrm.

Timp.

Tamb.

Vlins.

Vlas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

ff

f

ff

ff

ff

172

Fl.

B♭ Tpt.

Hrp.

Timp.

Tamb.

Cym.

Vlns.

Vlas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

177

B♭ Tpt.

Tba.

Hrp.

Vlns.

Vlas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

mp

mp

mp

pp

Pizz.

mp

Pizz.

mp

Pizz.

mp

Pizz.

mp

Pizz.

mp