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#### THESIS ABSTRACT

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This thirteen-minute concerto explores the concept of the "third-stream" style, a genre prevalent from the early twentieth century onward that explores the fusion of classical and the popular idioms. The piano writing, especially in the cadenza, is greatly influenced by George Gershwin's *Piano Concerto in F*, one of the most representative works in this style due to its jazzy syncopated rhythms and romantic pianistic writing. In addition to the traditional orchestral instrumentation, this piece includes several drum set solos, recalling some of the percussive passages from Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story*, a musical theater work evoking jazz and Latin styles. This piece also draws influence from the contemporary group Bad Plus Trio, embracing the avant-garde jazz style apparent in *1972 Bronze Medalist* from the album "These Are the Vistas."

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Percussion I:

Glockenspiel

Low Tom

Triangle

Woodblocks (3 pitches: high, mid, low)

Guiro

Percussion II:

Bass Drum

Xylophone

Slapstick

Marimba

Drum Set included:

Hi-hat

Ride Cymbal

Crash Cymbal
Three Tom-toms (high, mid, low)

Snare Drum

Bass Drum

1 Piano

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

# CHAPTER I PERFORMANCE NOTES

1) Below is the guide for the drumset notation.



2) All of the notes that are involved in the piano tremolo should be played as a blocked chord first, and then the pianist may start the tremolo immediately after the blocked chord.

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## CHAPTER II PIANO CONCERTO































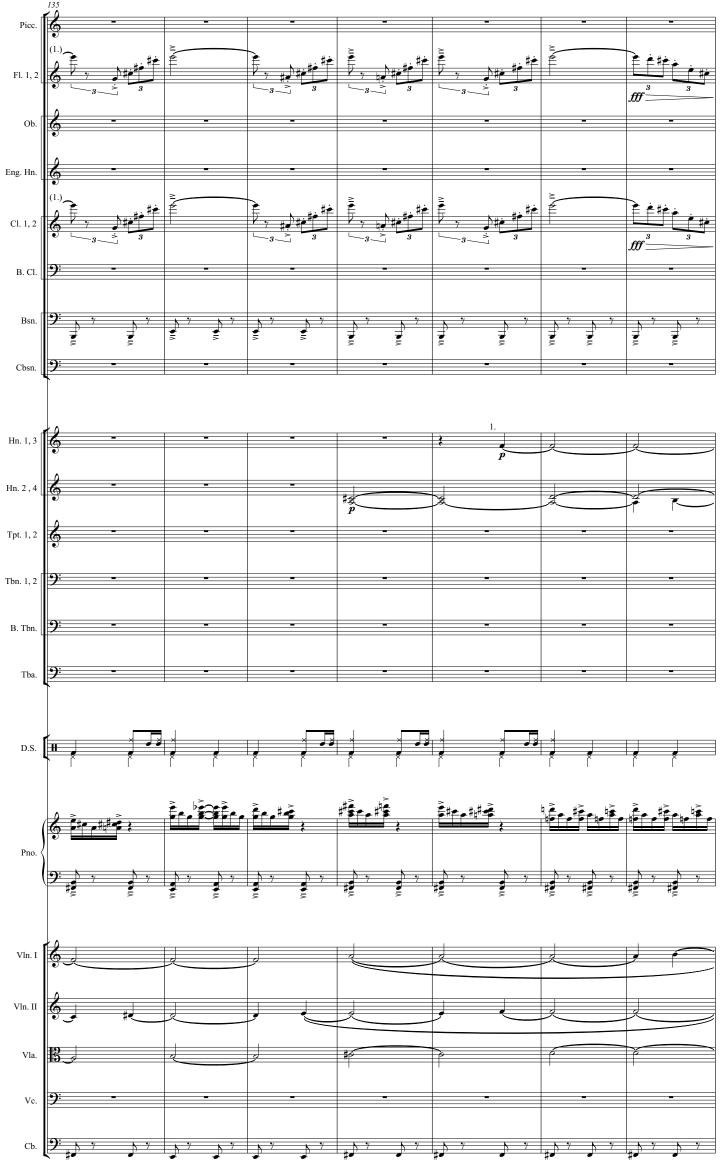


























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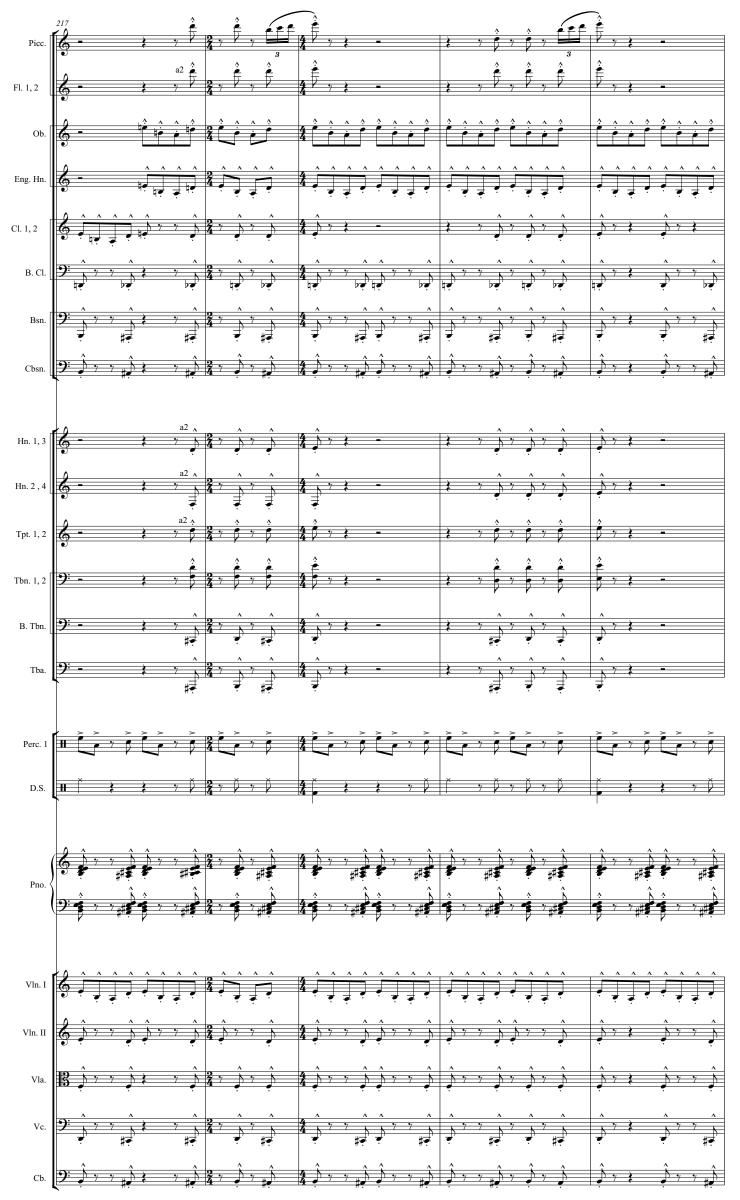






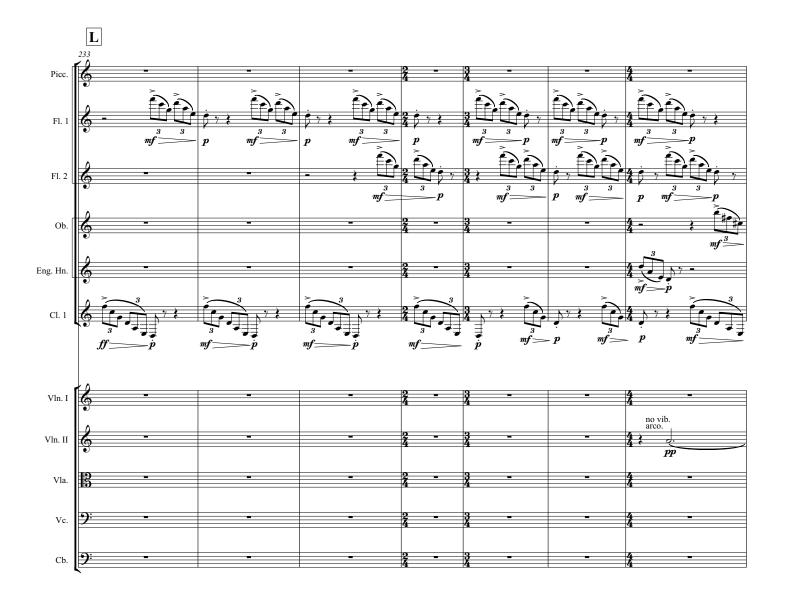














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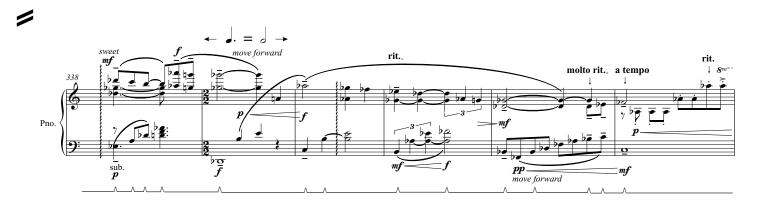


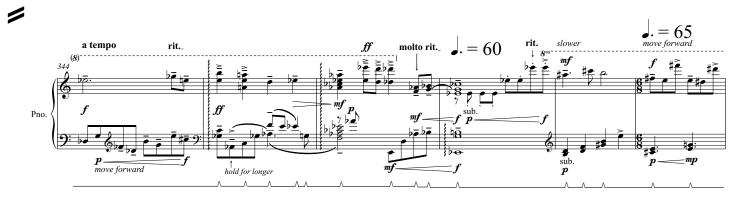


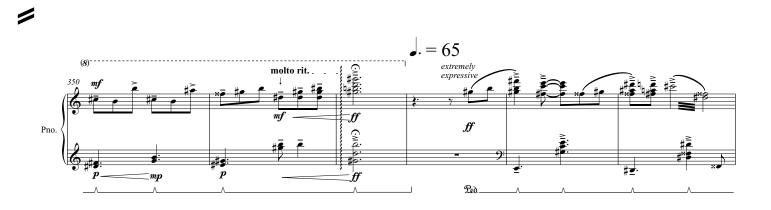














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