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THESIS ABSTRACT

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Title: *Quadruple Quartet*: for a Chamber Orchestra of 16 Players

Quadruple Quartet is a four-movement work scored for 16 players, four from each of the four instrumental families of the orchestra (i.e. woodwinds, brass, strings, percussion). This unique instrumentation utilizes a minimal number of musicians to create an orchestral sound, in which the distinct timbres of the orchestra are represented by one player per instrument (with certain individual players taking on conventional doublings, i.e. flute/piccolo). Each movement is self-contained, pursuing its own motivic ends through novel contrapuntal techniques, and is titled according to a salient trait.

I. Contrapunctus is a fugue, whose expressive freedom lies paradoxically in its rigidity; *II. Collage* generates complexity through an increasing density of cycling layers, variously superimposed; *III. Dovetail* features a medley of widely-voiced tone-clusters arranged in overlapping threads of melody traded in a variety of timbral colors; *IV. Ricochet* makes thematic use of a “rebounding” staccato motive.

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INSTRUMENTATION LIST

WOODWIND QUARTET:

Flute (dbl. Piccolo)
Oboe
B♭ Clarinet
Bassoon

BRASS QUARTET:

F Horn
B♭ Trumpet
Trombone
Tuba

PERCUSSION QUARTET:

*Shared instruments are marked with asterisk. Multi-Percussion 1 & 2 are on inverted staves in *I. Contrapunctus* (MP2 on upper staff, MP1 below), to preserve orchestral score order (timpani above vibraphone).

Multi-Percussion 1 {marimba, glockenspiel, vibraphone, *3 toms (low, low-mid, mid), hi-hat, *suspended cymbal, tamtam, claves, taxi horn (pitched B♭)}

Multi-Percussion 2 {3 timpani, snare drum, *3 toms (low, low-mid, mid), *suspended cymbal, triangle, chime tree, bongos}
Harp
Piano

STRING QUARTET:

Violin
Viola
Violoncello
Contrabass

C Score
(4'30")

Quadruple Quartet

I. Contrapunctus

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Whimsical yet strict (♩ = 88)

Flute
Oboe
B♭ Clarinet
Bassoon
F Horn
B♭ Trumpet
Trombone
Tuba
Timpani
Vibraphone
Harp
Piano
Violin
Viola
Violoncello
Contrabass

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Quadruple Quartet: I. Contrapunctus

A

13.

Piccolo
Fl.
Ob.
B♭ Cl.
Bsn.
F Hn.
B♭ Tpt.
Tbn.
Tuba
Sus. Cymb.
Cym.
Vib.
Hpf.
Pno.
Vln.
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

B

Quadruple Quartet: I. Contrapunctus

29

Picc. *f* *sub. mp*

Ob. *mf*

B♭ Cl. *f* *sub. mp*

Bsn. *mp*

F Hn. *mp*

B♭ Tpt. *mf* *f*

Tbn. *mp*

Tuba *mp*

Timp.

Vib. *mf*

Hp. *sub. mp*

Pno. *sub. mp*

Vln. *mp*

Vla. *mp*

Vc. *arco* *mp* *pizz.*

Cb. *mp*

Flute *mp*

Quadruple Quartet: I. Contrapunctus

1

A detailed musical score for orchestra and piano, page 41. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Bass Clarinet (Bcl.), Bassoon (Bsn.), French Horn (F Hn.), Trombone (Tbn.), Tuba, Timpani (Tim.), Cymbals (Cym.), Bass Drum (Bass), Piano (Pno.), Violin (Vln.), Viola (Vla.), Cello (Cv.), and Double Bass (Cb.). The score features complex rhythmic patterns, dynamic markings like *mf*, *f*, and *mp*, and performance instructions such as *sffz*, *sfz*, *mf*, *sub*, *(pizz.)*, and *choke*. The piano part is prominent, particularly in the lower half of the page.

Quadruple Quartet: I. Contrapunctus

D

53

D

poco rit.

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Tim.

Toms

Hp.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: I. Contrapunctus

E

F

(♩ = 80)

Quadruple Quartet: I. Contrapunctus

E

F

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Tim.

Vib.

Vibes

Hp.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: I. Contrapunctus

G

76

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

F Hn.

Bb Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Vib.

Hpf.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: I. Contrapunctus

91

H

I

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl.

F Hn.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Tim.

Vib.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

C Score
(5'15")

Quadruple Quartet
II. Collage

Ardent
 $\text{♩} = 40^\circ$

Flute
Oboe
B♭ Clarinet
Bassoon
F Horn
B♭ Trumpet
Trombone
Tuba

Claves
Snare Drum
Harp
Piano

Violin
Viola
Violoncello
Contrabass

5 6

* Conductor may subdivide beat in quarters, to accommodate rhythms in percussion (beamed in quarters for clarity).

Quadruple Quartet: II. Collage

A

Musical score page A featuring multiple staves for various instruments. The top section includes Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Bassoon, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Timpani, Snare Drum, Bass Drum, and Piano. The bottom section includes Violin, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. The score shows dynamic markings such as *f*, *fp*, *p*, *mp*, *mf*, and *sub.* Performance instructions like "Tamtam (To Glock)" and "(To Chime Tree)" are also present. Measure numbers 9 and 10 are indicated at the top left.

Quadruple Quartet: II. Collage

B

16

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl.

F Hn.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Glk.

CT

Hp.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: II. Collage

22

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Glk.

CT

Hp.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: II. Collage

Quadruple Quartet: II. Collage

38

Picc.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Glk.

CT

Hp.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: II. Collage

E

45

Picc.

Ob.

Bb Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

Bb Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Glk.

Bgo. Dr.

Bongos

Hp.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: II. Collage

Quadruple Quartet: II. Collage

G

55

Picc.

Ob.

Bb Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

Bb Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Marimb. RH

Bgo. Dr.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: II. Collage

H

62

Fl.

Ob.

B-Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B- Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Clv.

S. Dr.

Hr.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: II. Collage

I

A detailed musical score page from measure 72. The page features 18 staves for different instruments. From top to bottom, the instruments are: Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, French Horn, Trombone, Tuba, Cello, Double Bass, and Percussion (Clavecin, Snare Drum, Hi-hat, Bass Drum). The score includes dynamic markings such as *fp*, *f*, *mf*, *p*, *ff*, *mp*, *pp*, and *sfz*. Time signatures change frequently, including 6/4, 3/2, and 4/4. The music consists of various rhythmic patterns and melodic lines, with some staves featuring grace notes or slurs. Measure 72 concludes with a repeat sign and the beginning of measure 73.

Quadruple Quartet: II. Collage

C Score
(4'16")

III. Dovetail

Smoothly overlapping
 $(\text{d} = 52)$

Flute

Oboe

B♭ Clarinet

Bassoon

F Horn

B♭ Trumpet

Trombone

Tuba

Vibraphone

Triangle

Harp

Piano

Violin

Viola

Violoncello

Contrabass

Quadruple Quartet: III. Dovetail

A

14

rit.

♩ = 96

(3+2)

(2+3)

Fl.

Ob.

B-Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B- Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Vib.

Trgl.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: III. Dovetail

25 (3+2)

B

Fl.

Ob.

B. Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B. Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Vib.

Trgl.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: III. Dovetail

Quadruple Quartet: III. Dovetail

50

E

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B_b Cl.

F Hn.

B_b Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Vib.

Trgl.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

C Score
(4'25")

IV. Ricochet

Quadruple Quartet: IV. Ricochet

Quadruple Quartet: IV. Ricochet

B

17

C

8^{va}

Quadruple Quartet: IV. Ricochet

D

24

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl.

F Hn.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Mrb.

S.Dr.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: IV. Ricochet

E

32

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

F Hn.

Bb Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Mrb.

Perc.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: IV. Ricochet

Quadruple Quartet: IV. Ricochet

F

44

Fl.

Ob.

B-Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B- Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Mrb.

S.Dr.

Hb.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: IV. Ricochet

G

48

Piccolo

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Mrb.

S.Dr.

Hp.

Pno

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

G.P.

G.P.

G.P.

G.P.

G.P.

Auto horn

G.P.

G.P.

G.P.

G.P.

arco

G.P.

G.P.

G.P.

G.P.

Quadruple Quartet: IV. Ricochet

Quadruple Quartet: IV. Ricochet

H

60

Picc.

Ob.

Bb Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

Bb Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Mrb.

S. Dr.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: IV. Ricochet

I

65

Picc.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Mrb.

Toms

Hp.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: IV. Ricochet

J

71

Picc. $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

Ob. $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

Bb Cl. $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

Bsn. $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

F Hn. $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

Bb Tpt. $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

Tbn. $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

Tuba $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

Mrb. $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

Toms (To Timpani) $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

Hp. $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

Pno. $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

Vln. $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

Vla. $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

Vc. $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

Cb. $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

Quadruple Quartet: IV. Ricochet

K

Picc.

Ob.

Bb Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

Bb Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Mrb.

Timp.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: IV. Ricochet

82

L

2

Picc.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Mrb.

Timp.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: IV. Ricochet

M

87

Picc.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

F Hn.

B♭ Tpt.

Tbn.

Tuba

Mrb.

Timp.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Quadruple Quartet: IV. Ricochet

Quadruple Quartet. IV. Ricochet

N

97

Picc. Ob. B_b Cl. Bsn. F Hn. B_b Tpt. Tbn. Tuba Mrb. Timp. Hp. Pno. Vln. Vla. Vc. Cb.

O