

Wah-man

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Durata
(8'00")

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2018
For Symphonic Orchestra

Score in Concert Pitch.

Instrumentation:

Woodwinds:

2 Flutes
1 Piccolo
3 Oboes
2 Clarinets
1 Bass Clarinet
2 Bassoons
1 Contrabassoon

Brass:

4 Horns
3 Trumpets
1 Tuba

Keyboards:

1 Harp

Strings:

14 Violins I
12 Violins II
10 Violas
8 Cellos
7 Double Basses

Percussion:

Timpani
1 Tam Tam (largest, 100 cm)
1 Bass Drum (largest, 28)
1 Vibraphone

Programme Notes:

The core of this piece is based on the Wah-Wah sound. With this piece I explored and researched the possibilities of this sound through the orchestra. Working with the physics of the instruments and sound, this piece is an amalgamation of my learnings in Music and Sound Composition, Sound Therapy, Deep Listening Practice. I feel hugely inspired and proud of the historical battles women have fought to achieve equality (rights to vote, to work, to maternity, to education) and the present battles women are still fighting to achieve equality changes at a political, economic and social level. We, women composers in Ireland and abroad, are also working to bring about changes to achieve equal representation within the music and composition world/system. As a woman and composer, also, I raise for equality, in music, composition and in life.

Instructions:

Wind Instruments:

To mute with a hankerchief.

Brass Instruments:

Plunge to be used to produce the wah-wah open sound.

Violins, Cellos, Violas and Double Basses:

Use practice mute when it specifies con.sord.

Double Bassses scordatura: Tuning string E to a C (two tones) and string A to a G (one tone lower).

Percussion:

Bass Drum and Timpani to be beaten with a big soft gong mallet.

Tam- Tam to be beaten by a big gong soft mallet in the middle of the instrument, so you get the deepest and lowest sound.

Wah-Wah:

The bassons are specified in score to do hand wah-wah effect on the bell.

The Tuba is also specified in score to use a cushion to do a wah-wah effect on the bell.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

$\downarrow = 120$ Precise and steady

Flute 1

Flute 2

Piccolo

Oboe 1

Oboe 2

Oboe 3

Clarinet in B♭ 1

Clarinet in B♭ 2

Bass Clarinet

Bassoon 1

Bassoon 2

Contrabassoon

Horn in F 1

Horn in F 2

Horn in F 3

Horn in F 4

Trumpet in B♭ 1

Trumpet in B♭ 2

Trumpet in B♭ 3

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Bass Trombone

Tuba

Timpani

Percussion 1
Tam tam 100cm

Percussion 3
Bass Drum 28

Vibraphone

Harp

Violin I

Violin I

Violin II

Violin II

Viola

Viola

Violoncello

Violoncello

Double Bass

Double Bass

A

23 **24** **25** **26** **27** **28** **29** **30** **31** **32** **33** **34** **35** **36** **37** **38** **39** **40**

A

8

 Sim. Pedal throughout.

B

41 42 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Picc.
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Ob. 3.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bass Clarinet
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Tim.
Percussion 1
Tam 100 cm
B. D.
Vib.
Hpf.

B

Senza sord.

Vln. I
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vcl.
Vcl.
Db.
Db.

C

60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 7

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Picc.
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Ob. 3.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bass Clarinet
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
CBsn.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Timp.
Percussion 1
Tam Tam 100 cm
B. D.
Vib.
Hp.

C

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vcl.
Vcl.
Db.
Db.

79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 ordinary 89 normale 90 ord. 91 92 n 93 ord. 94 ord. 95 n 96

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Picc.
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Ob. 3
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bass Clarinet
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Timpani
Percussion 1
Tam Tam 100 cm
B. D.
Vib.
Hp.
Vln. I
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vcl.
Vc.
Db.
D. B.

ordinary
normale
ord.
n
ord.
n

79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 ordinary 89 normale 90 ord. 91 92 n 93 ord. 94 ord. 95 n 96

D

97 98 n 100 ord. 101 n 102 ord. 103 104 n 105 ord. 106 107 n 108 ord. 109 110 n 111 ord. 112 113 n 114

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Picc.
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Ob. 3.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bass Clarinet
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Timpani
Percussion 1 Tam Tam 100 cm B. D.
Vib.
Hp.

D

E

115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 131 132

ord. n ord. n

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Picc.
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Ob. 3
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bass Clarinet
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Tim.
Percussion 1
Tam Tam 100 cm
B. D.
Vib.
Hp.

E

Vln. I
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vcl.
Vcl.
Db.
Db.

ord. n

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Picc.

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Ob. 3.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bass Clarinet

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cbsn.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

Percussion 1

Tam Tam 100 cm

B. D.

Vib.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vln. II

Vla.

Vla.

Vc.

Vc.

D. B.

D. B.

151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Picc.
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Ob. 3
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bass Clarinet
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Tim.
Percussion 1
Tam Tam 100 cm
B. D.
Vib.
Hrp.
Vln. I
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vln. II
Vla.
Vla.
Vcl.
Vcl.
Db.
Db.

F

167

168

169

170

171

172

173

174

176

177

178

179

180

13

 $\text{♩} = 100$ 6
8

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Picc.
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Ob. 3.
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bass Clarinet
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Cbsn.

Measures 167-174: Bass Clarinet, Bsn. 1, Bsn. 2, Cbsn. play eighth-note patterns. Flutes 1 and 2 enter with sustained notes. Picc., Ob. 1, Ob. 2, Ob. 3, Cl. 1, and Cl. 2 enter with sustained notes. Measures 175-180: Hn. 1, Hn. 2, Hn. 3, Hn. 4, Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Tpt. 3, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, B. Tbn., Tba., Timp., Percussion 1, and B. D. play eighth-note patterns. Dynamics include mf , f , ff , and fff . Measure 180 ends with a forte dynamic.

 $\text{♩} = 100$ 6
8

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Timp.
Percussion 1
Tam Tam 100 cm
B. D.
Vib.
Hp.

Measures 175-180: Hn. 1, Hn. 2, Hn. 3, Hn. 4, Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Tpt. 3, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, B. Tbn., Tba., Timp., Percussion 1, and B. D. play eighth-note patterns. Dynamics include f , ff , fff , and $ffff$. Measures 175-179 end with fff , followed by f in measure 180.

 $\text{♩} = 100$ 6
8

f

ff

ffff

fffff

ffffff

fffffff

ffffffff

fffffffff

ffffffffff

A detailed musical score page featuring a grid of 28 staves for various instruments. The instruments listed on the left are Fl. 1, Fl. 2, Picc., Ob. 1, Ob. 2, Ob. 3, Cl. 1, Cl. 2, Bass Clarinet, Bsn. 1, Bsn. 2, Cbsn., Hn. 1, Hn. 2, Hn. 3, Hn. 4, Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Tpt. 3, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, B. Tbn., Tba., Timp., Percussion 1 (Tam Tam 100 cm), B. D., Vib., Hp., Vln. I, Vln. I, Vln. II, Vln. II, Vla., Vla., Vcl., Vcl., Db., Db., and Db. The score includes dynamic markings like 'ff', 'fff', 'f', and 'Hand Wah-Wah' with directional arrows. It also contains specific instructions for the timpani and percussion parts.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Picc.

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Ob. 3.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bass Clarinet

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

CBsn.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

Percussion 1
Tam Tam 100 cm

B. D.

Vib.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vln. II

Vla.

Vla.

Vc.

Vc.

Db.

Db.

214 215 216 217 218 219 220 221 222 223 224 225 226 227 228 229 230

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Picc.

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Ob. 3

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bass Clarinet

To Clarinet in B♭

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

CBSn.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Tim.

Percussion 1

Tam Tam 100 cm

B. D.

Vib.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. I

Tutti

Vln. II

Vln. II

Tutti

Vla.

Vla.

Vcl.

Vcl.

Db.

Db.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Picc.

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Ob. 3.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bass Clarinet

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cbsn.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Tim.

Percussion 1

Tam Tam 100 cm

B. D.

Vib.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vln. II

Vla.

Vla.

Vc.

Vc.

D. b.

D. b.