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ABSTRACT OF THE THESIS

“The Internal Flame”
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The Internal Flame is a musical poem written for symphony orchestra. The music explores the ideas and gestures of immense emotional stress and rage brought on by significant disruptions in human life, followed by moments of temporary relief and relaxation. The concise motivic elements presented in the composition are deeply interconnected, and form the foundation for expressing all emotional states within the piece, highlighting the internal connection between the varied emotions that are all parts of human experience.

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Transposing Score

Instrumentation

2 Flutes

2 Oboes

2 Clarinets in B

2 Bassoons

2 French Horns in F

2 Trumpets in C

Tenor Trombone

Bass Trombone

Timpani

Percussion 1

suspended cymbal, anvil, tubular bells

Percussion 2

toms, snare drum, side drum, vibraphone

Piano, Celesta

Harp

Strings

Duration: c. 7 minutes

The Internal Flame

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Maestoso ♩ = 72

Flute 1.2
Oboe 1.2
Clarinet in B♭ 1.2
Bassoon 1.2

Maestoso ♩ = 72

Horn in F 1.2
Trumpet in C 1.2
Trombone
Bass Trombone

Timpani solo
pp ritmico *f hard mallets motor on*
pp *f*

Vibraphone
Tubular Bells

Piano

Harp

Maestoso ♩ = 72

Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Violoncello
Double Bass

A Più mosso ♩ = 84

Fl. 1.2 Ob. 1.2 Cl. in B♭ 1.2 Bsn. 1.2 Hn in F 1.2 Tpt in C 1.2 Tbn. B. Tbn. Timp. Vib. To Sn. Dr. Tub. Bells Pno Hp

Vln I Vln II Vla Vc. D. B.

I2
rall. **[B]**
Maestoso $\text{♩} = 72$

Fl. 1.2 *f* *ff* *ff* *pp*
 Ob. 1.2 *f* *ff* *ff* *pp*
 Cl. in B♭ 1.2 *f* *ff* *ff* *pp*
 Bsn 1.2 *f* *ff* *ff* *pp*
 Hn in F 1.2 *f* *ff* *ff* *pp*
 Tpt in C 1.2 *f* *ff* *ff* *pp*
 Tbn. *f* *ff* *ff* *pp*
 B. Tbn. *f* *ff* *ff* *pp*
 Tim. *p* *f* *pp* *pp*
 Sn. Dr. *f* *ff* *ff* *pp*
 Tub. Bells *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*
 Pno *ff* *ff* *ff*
 Hp
 Vln I *v* *v* *ff* *p* *fff* *fff* *pp* *sul tasto*
 Vln II *v* *v* *ff* *ff* *fff* *fff* *pp* *sul tasto*
 Vla *v* *v* *ff* *ff* *fff* *fff* *pp*
 Vc *v* *v* *ff* *ff* *fff* *fff* *pp*
 D. B. *v* *v* *ff* *ff* *fff* *fff* *pp*

rall. **[B]** **Maestoso** $\text{♩} = 72$

To Vih. *Vib.* *Vib.* *Vib.* *Vib.*
 To Cel. *Cel.* *solo*
 Pno *ff* *ff* *ff*
 Hp
 Vln I *v* *v* *ff* *p* *fff* *fff* *pp* *sul tasto*
 Vln II *v* *v* *ff* *ff* *fff* *fff* *pp* *sul tasto*
 Vla *v* *v* *ff* *ff* *fff* *fff* *pp*
 Vc *v* *v* *ff* *ff* *fff* *fff* *pp*
 D. B. *v* *v* *ff* *ff* *fff* *fff* *pp*

Fl. 1.2
Ob. 1.2
Cl. in B♭ 1.2
Bsn 1 2
Hn in F 1.2
Tpt in C 1.2
Tbn.
B. Tbn.
Timpani
Vib.
Tub. Bells
Cel.
Hp
Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc.
D. B.

18

C

soli

p

soli

p

soli

C

p

ly

D♯ E♯ F♯ G♯ A♯ B C♯

p

pp dolce

pp dolce

pp dolce

sul tasto

pp

pp dolce

sul tasto

pp dolce

D Più mosso ♩ = 84

Fl. 1.2
Ob. 1.2
Cl. in B♭ 1.2
Bsn 1/2

Hn in F 1.2
Tpt in C 1.2
Tbn.
B. Tbn.

Timp.
Vib.
Tub. Bells

Cel.
Hp

Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc.
D. B.

36

[E] string.....

Fl. 1.2

Ob. 1.2

Cl. in B♭ 1.2
1. *mf* — *p*
1. *p* — *f* — *p*
f — *p*
p — *mf* —

Bsn 1/2
1. *p* — *mf* — *p*
f — *p*
p — *mf* —

Hn in F 1.2

Tpt in C 1.2

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Tim.

Vib.

Sus. Cym.

Pno

HP

36

[E] string.....

Vln I
mf — *f* — *p* — *mf*

Vln II
mf — *f* — *p* — *mf*

Vla
mf — *f* — *p* — *mf*

Vc.
mf — *f* — *p* — *mf*

D. B.
mf — *f* — *p* — *mf*

Fl. 1.2 *mf* *p* *f* *f* *p*

Ob. 1.2 *mf* *p* *f* *f* *p*

C. in B \flat 2 *p* *f* *p*

Bsn. 1.2 *p* *f* *f* *p*

Hn in F 2 *p* *f* *mf* *p*

Pt in C 1.2

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Tim.

Vib.

Sus. Cym. *p* *f* *mf* *p*

Pno

Hp *f* *8va*

Vln I *p* *f* *3* *p* *p*

Vln II *p* *f* *3* *p* *div.* *p*

Vla *p* *f* *p*

Vc. *p* *f* *p* *fpp* *div.*

D. B. *p* *fpp*

Fl. 1.2
Ob. 1.2
Cl. in B♭ 1
Bsn. 1.2
Hn in F 1
Tpt in C 1.2
Thr.
B. Tbn.
Timpani
Vib.
Sus. Cym.
Pno
Hp
Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc.
D. B.

G

54

f — *p* *fp* *p* *f*
3 *2* *1* *3* *2*
f — *p* *f* *3* *f*
p *3* *f*

G

scen. *do*

sol
f *mockingly*

G

3 *fp* *p* *3*
3 *fp* *3*
p *fp* *3*
p

Fl. 1.2 **Piu Mosso** $\text{♩} = 100$
Ob. 1.2
Cl. in B♭ 1.2
Bsn. 1.2

Hn in F 1.2 **Piu Mosso** $\text{♩} = 100$
Tpt in C 1.2
Thr.
B. Tbn.

Timp. $p \xrightarrow{3} f \xrightarrow{3} p_{\text{sub.}}$

Vib. **To Sn. Dr.**

Sus. Cym.

Pno $p \xrightarrow{\text{3}} ff$

Hp $f \xrightarrow{\text{3}} 8va.$

Vln I **Piu Mosso** $\text{♩} = 100$
Vln II
Vla
Vc $ff \xrightarrow{\text{3}} fp$
D. B. $\xrightarrow{\text{3}} fp$

Fl. 1.2 (66) 

 Ob. 1.2 

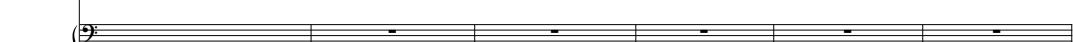
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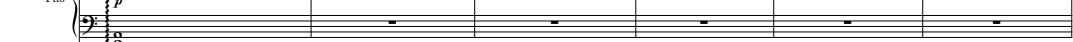
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 Hn in F 1.2 

 Tpt in C 1.2 

 Tbn. 

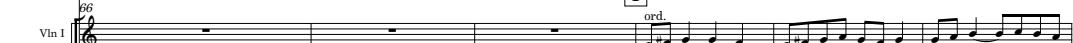
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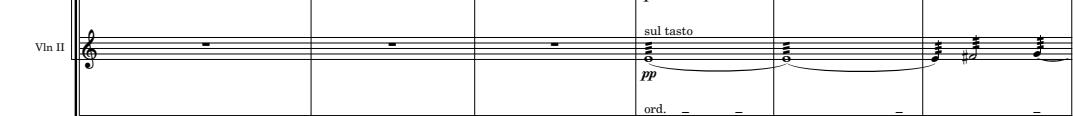
 Timp. 

 Sn. Dr. 

 Sus. Cym. 

 Pno 

 Hp 

 Vln I (66) 

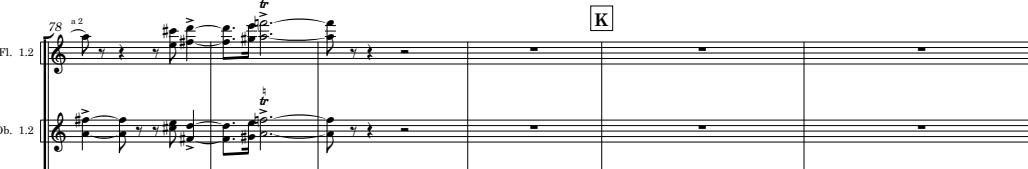
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 Vla 

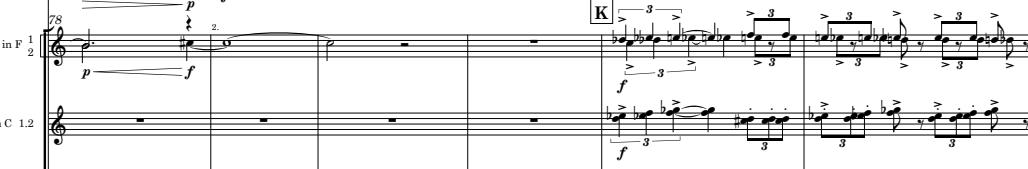
 Vc 

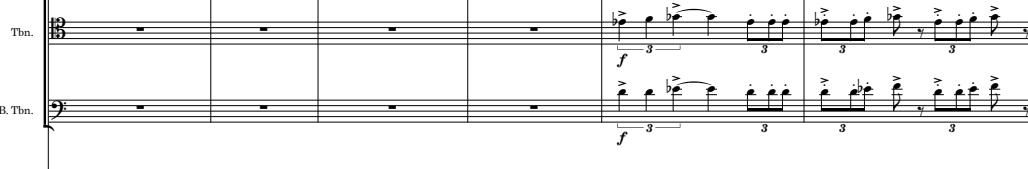
 D. B. 

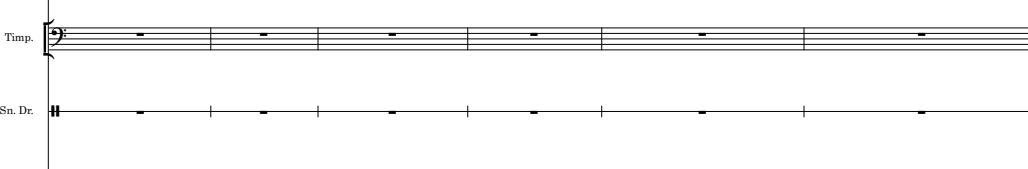
J
 Fl. 1.2
 Ob. 1.2
 Cl. in B♭ 1.2
 Bsn. 1.2
 Hn in F 1.2
 Tpt in C 1.2
 Tbn.
 B. Tbn.
 Timp.
 Sn. Dr.
 Sus. Cym.
 Pno
 Hp
J
 Vln I
poco vibr.
f full vibr.
 Vln II
f
 Vla
poco vibr.
f full vibr.
 Vc
poco vibr.
f full vibr.
 D. B.

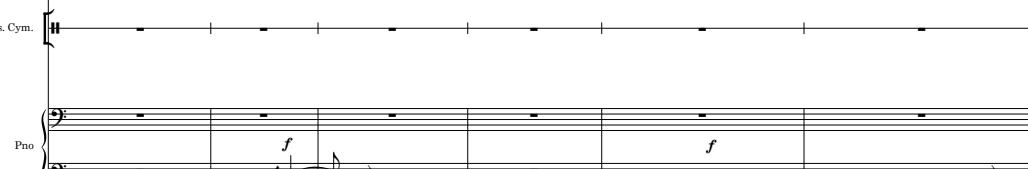
Fl. 1.2 (78) ^{a 2} 

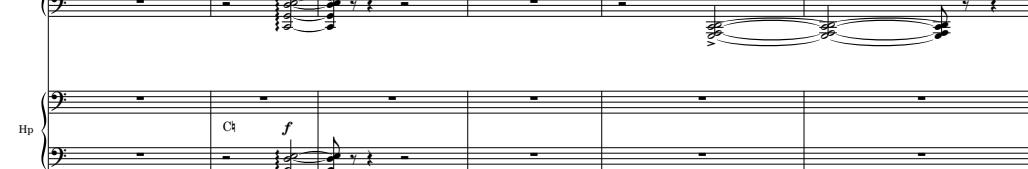
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 Bsn. 1.2 

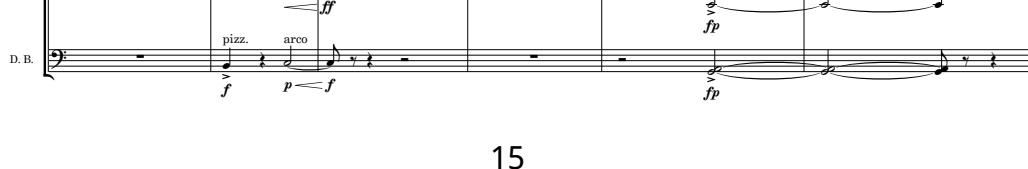
 Hn in F 1.2 (78) ^p ² 

 Tpt in C 1.2 

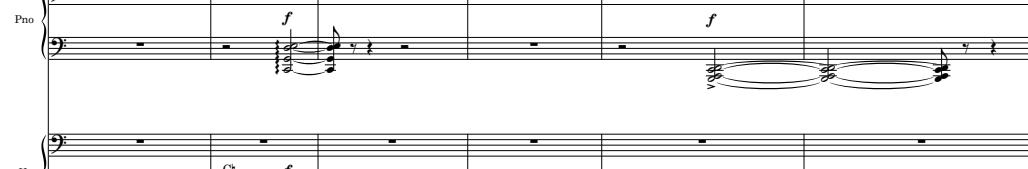
 Tbn. 

 B. Tbn. 

 Timp. 

 Sn. Dr. 

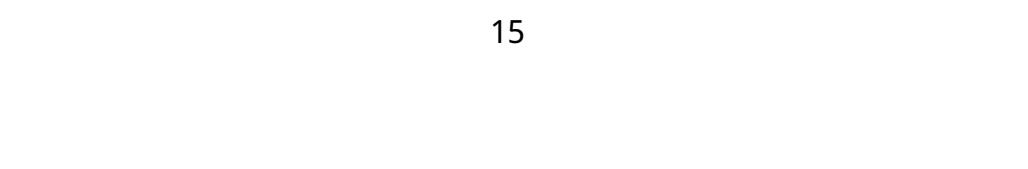
 Sus. Cym. 

 Pno 

 Hp 

 Vln I (78) 

 Vln II 

 Vla 

 Vc 

 D. B.

Fl. 1.2 *a 2*
p *ff*

Ob. 1.2 *a 2*
p *ff*

Cl. in B \flat 1.2 *a 2*
p *ff*

Bsn 1.2 *a 2*
p *ff*

Hn in F 1.2 *rall.*
p *ff*

Tpt in C 1.2 *rall.*
p *ff*

Tbn. *p* *ff*

B. Tbn. *p* *ff*

Tim. *f*

Sn. Dr. *f* *p*

Sus. Cym. *p* *f* *p*

Pno *ff*

Hp

Vln I *rall.* *p* *p*

Vln II *ff* *p* *#o*

Vla *ff* *p* *ff* *p*

Vc. *ff* *p*

D. B. *fpp*

L Vivace $\text{♩} = 152$
 Fl. 1.2
 Ob. 1.2
 Cl. in B♭ 1.2
 Bsn. 1.2

L Vivace $\text{♩} = 152$
 Hn in F 1.2
 Tpt in C 1.2
 Tbn.
 B. Tbn.
 Timp.
 Sn. Dr.
 Sus. Cym.
 Pno

L Vivace $\text{♩} = 152$
 Vln I
 Vln II
 Vla
 Vc.
 D. B.

Fl. 1.2 *ff* — *fff*
 Ob. 1.2 *ff* — *fff*
 Cl. in B \flat 1.2 *ff* — *fff*
 Bsn. 1.2 *f* — *ff*

 Hn in F 1.2 *f* — *ff*
 Tpt in C 1.2 *f*
 Tbn. *f*
 B. Thm. *f*

 Timp. *secco*
 Sn. Dr. *p* | *f* *p sub. <<f* | *pp* To Toms
 Sus. Cym. *f* | *pp* To Anvil
 Pno *f*

 Hp

 Vln I
 Vln II
 Vla
 Vc.
 D. B.

Fl. 1.2 104 **N**
pp *f* *2f* *f*
Ob. 1.2 *ff* *ff* *fp* *f*
Cl. in B♭ 1.2 *ff* *ff*
Bsn. 1.2 *f*

Hn in F 1.2 104 **N**
p *mp* *f*
Tpt in C 1.2
Tbn.
B. Tbn.

ord.

Tim. 104 *pp* *p*
Toms
Anvil

Pno 104 *ff*

Hp *f* *bassoon*
Vln I 104 *cre* *scen* *do*
Vln II *cre* *scen* *do*
Vla *ff* *f*
Vc *ff* *pizz.* *f*
D. B. *pp* *p* *pp*

Fl. 1.2 **P**

Ob. 1.2

Cl. in B♭ 1.2

Bsn. 1.2

Hn in F 1.2 **P**

Tpt in C 1.2

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Timp.

Toms
muffled
hard yarn mallets

Toms

Anvil

Pno

Hp

Vln I **P** off the string

Vln II sul off the string E, A

Vla off the string

Vc. **ff**

D. B.

Fl. 1.2 129

Ob. 1.2 *ff*

Cl. in B♭ 1.2

Bsn 1.2 *ff*

Hn in F 1.2

Tpt in C 1.2 *f*

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Timp.

Toms

Anvil

Pno

Hp

Vln I 129

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

S
T

I43

Fl. 1.2
 Ob. 1.2
 Cl. in B \flat 1.2
 Bsn. 1.2

S
T

Hn in F 1.2
 Tpt in C 1.2
 Thr.
 B. Tbn.
 Timp.
 Toms
 Anvil
 Pno
 Hp

To Vib.
 To Tub. Bells

I43

Vln I
 Vln II
 Vla
 unis.
 Vc
 D. B.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2

Ob. 1.2

Cl. in B♭ 1.2

Bsn 1.2

Hn in F 1
Hn in F 2

Tpt in C 1
Tpt in C 2

Thm.

B. Tbn.

Timp.

Vib.

Tub. Bells

Pno

Hp

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

150

rall.
 Fl. 1.2
 Ob. 1.2
 Cl. in B \flat 1.2
 Bsn. 1.2
U Maestoso $\text{♩} = 72$
 Hn in F 1.2
 Tpt in C 1.2
 Tbn.
 B. Tbn.
 Timp.
 Vib.
 Tub. Bells
 Pno
 Hp
rall.
 Vln I
 Vln II
 Vla
 Vc.
 D. B.
U Maestoso $\text{♩} = 72$
 con sord.
 p dolce
 con sord.
 p dolce
 con sord.
 p dolce
 con sord.
 p dolce
p dolce

Fl. 1.2
Ob. 1.2
Cl. in B \flat 1.2
Bsn. 1.2

Hn in F 1
Tpt in C 1
Thrn.
B. Tbn.
Timpani
Vib.
Tub. Bells

Pno

Hp

Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc.
D. B.

Fl. 1.2 *mf* [W]

Ob. 1.2 *mf*

Cl. in B♭ 1.2 *mf*

Bsn 1.2 *mf* *pp*

Hn in F 1 2

Tpt in C 1 2

Tbn. solo *p dolce*

B. Tbn.

Timpani

Vib. l.v. *p*

Tub. Bells l.v. *p*

Pno

Hp

Vln I *p* [W] *mf* *p*

Vln II *p* *mf* *p*

Vla *p* *mf* *p*

Vc *p* *mf* *p*

D. B. *p* *mf* *p*

Fl. 1.2
p
Ob. 1.2
Cl. in B♭ 1
pp
Bsn. 1.2
pp

Hn in F 1
Tpt in C 1
Tbn.
B. Tbn.

Tim.
l.v.
ppp

Vib.
Tub. Bells
pp
Pno
pp
soft mallets
l.v.
Con Ped.

Hp
pp
A♭ B♭ C♭ D♯ E♯ F♯ G♯

Vln I
mf
p
Vln II
mf
p
Vla
mf
p
Vc.
mf
p
D. B.
p
mf
p
pp
pp
pp

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