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Fibrillation Fantasy

for orchestra

Op.41

(2022)

Full Score

After rushing up a hill in September 2019, I had my first experience of atrial fibrillation, which made my heart race irregularly at speeds of 130-160 a minute. Medication solved the problem for two years, but my arrhythmia returned in December 2021. A cardioversion in February returned my heart to sinus rhythm for only three or four days, but then I developed atrial flutter and was told I must wait six months for a catheter ablation. Having been informed that I had 'an excitable atrium', I thought I might turn some of that excitability, as well as some of its attendant anxiety, into a fantasy for orchestra. This composition refers to these experiences by using an irregular rhythm excerpted from one of my electrocardiogram tests which, converted into musical notation, manifests itself in a grouping of 4+4+5+6+5 quavers that persists throughout much of the piece. *Fibrillation Fantasy* was composed during March and April 2022.

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Orchestra

2 Flutes

2 Oboes

2 Clarinets in B♭

2 Bassoon

4 Horns in F

2 Trumpets in B♭

3 Trombones (TTB)

Tuba

Timpani

Percussion (2)

Snare Drum

Bass Drum

Wood Block

Cymbals

Strings

Duration 5 minutes

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Cercando di essere calmo $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score consists of two systems of music. The first system, starting with Flutes 1.2, uses a 2/2 time signature. It includes parts for Flutes 1.2, Oboes 1.2, Clarinets 1.2 in B♭, Bassoons 1.2, Horns 1.2 in F, Horns 3.4 in F (with straight mute), Trumpets 1.2 in B♭, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Bass Trombone, Tuba, Timpani, and Wood Block. The second system, starting with Violin I, uses a 3/2 time signature. It includes parts for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass. Dynamics such as *p* (piano) and *pp* (pianissimo) are indicated throughout the score.

Flutes 1.2.
Oboes 1.2.
Clarinets 1.2. in B♭
Bassoons 1.2.
Horns 1.2. in F
Horns 3.4. in F
straight mute
Trumpets 1.2. in B♭
Trombone 1
Trombone 2
Bass Trombone
Tuba
Timpani
(low)
Wood Block

Cercando di essere calmo $\text{♩} = 80$

div.
Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Violoncello
Double Bass

8

Fl. *mp*

Ob. *mp*

Cl. (B_b) *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

Hn. 1.2. (F)

Hn. 3.4. (F) *p*

Tpt. 1.2. (B_b)

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

W.B.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb. *p*

unis.

This page of the musical score contains ten staves of music. The top four staves feature woodwind instruments: Flute, Oboe, Clarinet in B-flat, and Bassoon, each with melodic lines and dynamic markings like *mp*. The next five staves show brass and percussion: Horn 1.2 in F, Horn 3.4 in F, Trumpet 1.2 in B-flat, Trombones 1 and 2, Bass Trombone, and Tuba, all mostly silent or with short rests. The bottom five staves consist of strings: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass, which play continuous rhythmic patterns. The score is numbered '8' at the top left. Various dynamics such as *p* (piano) and *mp* (mezzo-piano) are indicated throughout the piece.

Fl. **A** *f*

Ob. *f*

Cl. (B_b) *f*

Bsn. *f* **8**

Hn. 1.2. (F) *p*

Hn. 3.4. (F) *f*

Tpt. 1.2. (B_b) *f* *senza sord.*

Tbn. 1 *f*

Tbn. 2 *f*

B. Tbn. *f*

Tuba *f*

Timp. *f*

W.B.

Vln. I non div. *f*

Vln. II unis. non div. *f*

Vla. unis. *f*

Vc. unis. *f*

Cb. arco *f*

22

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. (B_b)

Bsn.

Hn. 1.2. (F)

Hn. 3.4. (F)

Tpt. 1.2. (B_b)

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

W.B.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

pizz.

mf

mp

mf

f

mf

30

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. (B_b)

Bsn.

Hn. 1.2. (F)

Hn. 3.4. (F)

Tpt. 1.2. (B_b)

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

W.B.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

mf

p

mf

mf

poco rit.

Con atrio eccitato $\text{d}=80$

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. (B \flat)

Bsn. *p*

Hn. 1.2. (F) *p*

Hn. 3.4. (F)

Tpt. 1.2. (B \flat)

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba *p*

Timp.

W.B. *mp*

poco rit.

Con atrio eccitato $\text{d}=80$

Vln. I *p*

Vln. II *p*

Vla. *p*

Vc. *p*

Cb. arco *p*

div.

div.

div.

unis. *f*

unis. *f*

44

Fl. *mf*

Ob.

Cl. (B_b)

Bsn.

B

Hn. 1.2. (F)

Hn. 3.4. (F)

Tpt. 1.2. (B_b)

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

S.D. *f*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

B non div.

f

non div.

f

Musical score for orchestra and brass band, page 51. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.) in B-flat, Bassoon (Bsn.), Horn 1.2 (Hn. 1.2) in F, Horn 3.4 (Hn. 3.4) in F, Trumpet 1.2 (Tpt. 1.2) in B-flat, Trombone 1 (Tbn. 1), Trombone 2 (Tbn. 2), Bass Trombone (B. Tbn.), Tuba, Timpani (Timp.), Snare Drum (S.D.), Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), Cello (Cv.), and Double Bass (Cb.). The music consists of two systems of staves. The first system starts with woodwind entries (Fl., Ob., Cl., Bsn.) followed by brass entries (Hn. 1.2, Hn. 3.4, Tpt. 1.2). The second system begins with brass entries (Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, B. Tbn., Tuba) followed by timpani and snare drum entries. The score concludes with sustained notes from the strings (Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Cv., Cb.). Dynamic markings include *f* (fortissimo) and *p* (pianissimo). A key signature change is indicated as "A♭ to F♯ C to E♭".

58

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. (B♭)

Bsn.

Hn. 1.2. (F)

Hn. 3.4. (F)

Tpt. 1.2. (B♭)

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

S.D.

B.D.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

C

f

mf

f

f

ff

ff

C

div.
pizz.

f
div.
pizz.

f

div.
pizz.

Musical score for orchestra and choir, page 16, measures 64-71.

Measure 64: Flute, Oboe, Clarinet (B♭), Bassoon. Dynamics: *mf*, *f*.

Measure 65: Bassoon (continues from measure 64). Dynamics: *mf*, *f*.

Measure 66: Bassoon (continues from measure 64). Dynamics: *f*.

Measure 67: Bassoon (continues from measure 64). Dynamics: *f*.

Measure 68: Bassoon (continues from measure 64). Dynamics: *f*.

Measure 69: Bassoon (continues from measure 64). Dynamics: *f*.

Measure 70: Bassoon (continues from measure 64). Dynamics: *f*.

Measure 71: Bassoon (continues from measure 64). Dynamics: *f*.

Measure 72: Horn 1.2 (F), Horn 3.4 (F), Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Bass Trombone, Tuba. Dynamics: *mf*, *f*.

Measure 73: Timpani.

Measure 74: Snare Drum, Bass Drum. Dynamics: *f*.

Measure 75: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello. Dynamics: *f*.

Measure 76: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello. Dynamics: *f*.

Measure 77: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello. Dynamics: *f*.

Measure 78: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello. Dynamics: *f*.

Musical score for orchestra and band, page 70. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.) in B-flat, Bassoon (Bsn.), Horn 1.2. (F), Horn 3.4. (F), Trombone 1 (Tbn. 1), Trombone 2 (Tbn. 2), Bass Trombone (B. Tbn.), Tuba, Timpani (Timp.), Snare Drum (S.D.), Bass Drum (B.D.), Cymbals (Cym.), Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), Cello (Cv.), and Double Bass (Cb.). The music features dynamic markings such as *ff* (fortissimo) and *f* (forte). The strings play sustained notes with grace marks, while the brass and woodwinds provide harmonic support. The score is written in 2/4 time with various key signatures.

D Tentativo di calmarsi $\text{♩} = 160$

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. (B \flat) pp

Bsn.

Hn. 1.2. (F)

Hn. 3.4. (F)

Tpt. 1.2. (B \flat)

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp. pp

D Tentativo di calmarsi $\text{♩} = 160$

Vln. I pp

Vln. II pp

Vla. pp

Vc. pp

Cb.

Fl. *mp*

Ob.

Cl. (B_b)

Bsn. *mp* *p*

Hn. 1.2. (F)

Hn. 3.4. (F)

Tpt. 1.2. (B_b)

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp. *p* F# to F \natural
E \flat to C

Vln. I

Vln. II *p*

Vla. *mp* *p*

Vc. *mp* *p* pizz.

Cb.

E Sentirsi meglio ma non tutto bene

Fl. 89

Ob.

Cl. (Bb)

Bsn.

Hn. 1.2. (F)

Hn. 3.4. (F)

Tpt. 1.2. (Bb)

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

W.B. *mp*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

E Sentirsi meglio ma non tutto bene

Musical score for orchestra and choir, page 95. The score includes parts for Flute, Oboe, Clarinet (B♭), Bassoon, Horn 1.2 (F), Horn 3.4 (F), Trombone 1.2 (B♭), Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Bass Trombone, Tuba, Timpani, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. The score shows various musical staves with notes, rests, and dynamic markings like *mp*, *p*, and *mf*. The vocal parts (Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., Cb.) enter in the later measures of the page, singing unison notes.

102

Fl. ff

Ob. ff

Cl. (Bb) ff

Bsn. ff

Hn. 1.2. (F) ff

Hn. 3.4. (F) ff

Tpt. 1.2. (Bb) ff

Tbn. 1 ff

Tbn. 2 ff

B. Tbn. ff

Tuba ff

Timp.

Vln. I ff

Vln. II ff

Vla. ff

Vc. ff

Cb. ff

div. f

div. f

div. f

div. f

Musical score page 108. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (B_b) (Cl. (B_b)), Bassoon (Bsn.), Horn 1.2 (F) (Hn. 1.2. (F)), Horn 3.4 (F) (Hn. 3.4. (F)), Trumpet 1.2 (B_b) (Tpt. 1.2. (B_b)), Trombone 1 (Tbn. 1), Trombone 2 (Tbn. 2), Bass Trombone (B. Tbn.), Tuba, Timpani (Timp.), Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Cello (Vcl.), Double Bass (Cb.), and Bassoon.

The score consists of two systems of music. The first system covers measures 1 through 4. The second system begins at measure 5 and continues. Measure 1 starts with a dynamic of *f*. Measures 2-4 show sustained notes followed by rhythmic patterns. Measure 5 begins with a dynamic of *f*. Measures 6-7 show sustained notes followed by rhythmic patterns. Measure 8 begins with a dynamic of *f*.

F Cercando di mantenere la calma ♪=160

114

Fl.

Ob. 1.solo *p*

Cl. (B \flat) 1.solo *pp*

Bsn. 1.solo *p*

Hn. 1.2. (F)

Hn. 3.4. (F)

Tpt. 1.2. (B \flat)

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timpani

F Cercando di mantenere la calma ♪=160

String Quartet Score

Measure 1:

- Vln. I: Rest
- Vln. II: Sixteenth-note pattern (pp)
- Vla.: Sixteenth-note pattern (pp)
- Vc.: Eighth-note pattern (pp)
- Cb.: Rest (pizz.)

Measure 2:

- Vln. I: Eighth note (p)
- Vln. II: Sixteenth-note pattern
- Vla.: Sixteenth-note pattern
- Vc.: Eighth-note pattern
- Cb.: Rest (pizz.)

Measure 3:

- Vln. I: Sixteenth-note pattern (with a grace note)
- Vln. II: Sixteenth-note pattern
- Vla.: Sixteenth-note pattern
- Vc.: Eighth-note pattern
- Cb.: Rest (pizz.)

Measure 4:

- Vln. I: Rest
- Vln. II: Sixteenth-note pattern
- Vla.: Sixteenth-note pattern
- Vc.: Eighth-note pattern
- Cb.: Rest (pizz.)

118

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. (Bb)

Bsn.

Hn. 1.2. (F)

Hn. 3.4. (F)

Tpt. 1.2. (Bb)

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

122

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. (Bb)

Bsn.

Hn. 1.2. (F)

Hn. 3.4. (F)

Tpt. 1.2. (Bb)

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

W.B.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

p

p

unis.

Musical score page 131. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (B♭) (Cl. (B♭)), Bassoon (Bsn.), Horn 1.2 (F) (Hn. 1.2. (F)), Horn 3.4 (F) (Hn. 3.4. (F)), Trombone 1.2 (B♭) (Tpt. 1.2. (B♭)), Trombone 1 (Tbn. 1), Trombone 2 (Tbn. 2), Bass Trombone (B. Tbn.), Tuba, Timpani (Timp.), Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Cello (Vcl.), Double Bass (Cb.), and Bassoon.

The score consists of four systems of music. The first system features woodwind entries with dynamic markings *mf*. The second system shows brass entries with *mf* dynamics. The third system includes woodwind and brass entries with *mf* dynamics. The fourth system concludes with woodwind entries and a dynamic marking *mf*.

Sognando che non c'è più $\text{♩}=160$

137

mf

mp

f

f

Hn. 1.2. (F)

Hn. 3.4. (F)

Tpt. 1.2. (B_b)

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

f

Sognando che non c'è più $\text{♩}=160$

unis.

mf

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

H

152

Fl. ff

Ob. ff

Cl. (B) ff

Bsn. ff

Hn. 1.2. (F) ff

Hn. 3.4. (F) ff

Tpt. 1.2. (B \flat) ff

Tbn. 1 ff

Tbn. 2 ff

B. Tbn. ff

Tuba ff

Tim. ff

S.D. ff

B.D. ff

H

Vln. I ff

Vln. II ff

div.

Vla. ff

div.

Vc. ff

Cb. ff

Musical score for orchestra and choir, page 157. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.) in B-flat, Bassoon (Bsn.), Horn 1.2. (F), Horn 3.4. (F), Trumpet 1.2. (Bb), Trombone 1 (Tbn. 1), Trombone 2 (Tbn. 2), Bass Trombone (B. Tbn.), Tuba, Timpani (Timp.), Cymbals (Cym.), Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), Cello (Vc.), and Double Bass (Cb.). The score features dynamic markings such as *f*, *mf*, *mp*, *rit.*, and *div.*. The instrumentation is primarily woodwind and brass, with strings providing harmonic support. The vocal parts (Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., Cb.) enter in the lower half of the page, starting with dynamic *f* and performing rhythmic patterns of eighth and sixteenth notes. The brass section (Tbn. 1-2, B. Tbn., Tuba) provides harmonic and rhythmic foundation throughout the page.