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Violin Concerto  
*(The Bulls of Bashan)*

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Paul Manley, violin/director  
Primavera Chamber Orchestra  
De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea

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**Instrumentation:**

Solo Violin

Strings

Duration: 18 minutes

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## Violin Concerto ('The Bulls of Bashan')

to Paul Manley and the Primavera Chamber Orchestra

Molto adagio ( $\downarrow = c.56$ )

Violin Solo con sord. pizz. arco sul G  
*mp* *p poco espressivo*

Violin I con sord. pizz. arco sul G  
*mp* poco vib. *p*

Violin II con sord.  
*p* poco vib.

Viola con sord. pizz.  
*mp* (*mp*)

Cello con sord. pizz. arco  
*mp* *p* poco vib. *mp* *p*

Double Bass con sord.  
*p* poco vib.



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7

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

14

Vln Solo

Vln I trem. al punto (non trem.) pp p

Vln II trem. al punto (non trem.) pp p

Vla (mp)

Vc. trem. al punto pp p

D.B. (p)

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21

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II trem. (b) pp p

Vla arco p poco vib.

Vc. trem. pp p pizz. mp

D.B. (non trem.) mp poco espressivo

28

Vln Solo

Vln I con vib.

Vln II con vib.

Vla con vib. pizz. mp arco p

Vc. arco p con vib. 4:3

D.B. con vib. 4:3

35

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla pizz. mp arco p

Vc.

D.B. div. pizz. mp arco p

42

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

pizz.

mp



50

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

arco

p

pizz.

mp

57

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

arco

(mp)

p



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64

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

poco più mosso (♩ = c.64)

freely

p (>)

(non div.)

ppp senza vibrato

(non div.)

ppp senza vibrato

(non div.)

ppp senza vibrato

(non div.)

ppp senza vibrato

(non div.)

ppp senza vibrato



70

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

*mp*

*p*

*p*

pizz. *mp* arco *p*

pizz. *mp* arco *pp*

*p*

pizz. *mp* arco *p*

pizz. *mp* arco *pp*

rit. - - - -



75

poco più mosso  $\downarrow = c.68$

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

*ppp sempre*

*pp*

*pp*

*pp*

pizz. *mp*

77

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

con vib.

*p*

arco. con vib.

*p*

79

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

con vib.

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

81

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

83

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

85

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

(pp)

(pp)

(mp)

(mp)

(mp)

87

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

(mp)

89

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.



91

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

*mf*

*mp*

*pp*

(V)

(*mp*)

sul G (V)

(*mp*)

(V)

(*mp*)

93

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.



95

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

poco accel. - - - - -

97

Vln Solo

*p* *pp*

Vln I

*(pp)*

Vln II

*(pp)*

Vla

trem.

*pp* *p* *pp*

Vc.

trem.

*pp* *p* *pp*

D.B.

pizz. (l.v.)

*mp*



99

$\text{♩} = c.72$

Vln Solo

*mp poco espressivo*

Vln I

*p*

Vln II

*p*

Vla

(non trem.)

*p*

Vc.

(non trem.) sul D

*p*

D.B.

pizz. arco sul G

*mp* *(mp)*

pizz. (l.v.)

*mp*

104

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

arco

(mp) pizz. (l.v.)

arco

(mp)

109

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

div.

div.

div.

(mp)

(mp)

(mp)

(mp) arco

(mp)

mp (pizz.)

mp

poco rit. -



115 *a tempo* ( $\text{♩} = c.72$ ) *senza sord.*

Vln Solo *mp*

Vln I

Vln II

Vla *p*

Vcl. *p*

D.B. *senza sord.*  
*pizz.*  
*mp*

118

Vln Solo *mf*

Vln I

Vln II *p*

Vla *p*

Vcl. *p*

D.B. *p*  
*sul D*  
*sul E*

121

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

*mp*

*p*

*sim.*

124

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

*mp*

*mp*

*sim.*

3

127

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

*mf*

*p*

*mp*

*(p)*

*gliss.*

130

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

*mp*

*p*

*pizz.*

*mp*

*pizz.*

*p*

*(mp)*

*(no pizz.)*

*p*

*arco V*

133

Vln Solo *poco cresc.* *mf*

Vln I arco *(mp) poco cresc.*

Vln II arco *(mp) poco cresc.*

Vla *mp* *mp* *p*

Vc. *mp* *p*

D.B. *mp* *pizz.* *(mp)*

136

Vln Solo *mp*

Vln I *mp*

Vln II *mp*

Vla *p*

Vc. *p* *mp* *p*

D.B. *mp* *mp* *(mp)*

139 (8)

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

*p*

*mp*

142 (8)

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

*pp*

*p*

*p*

*mp*

*(no pizz.)*

*gliss.*

*(l.v.)*

*(sul C)*

*(loco)*

*(mp)*

*(sul G)*



151

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

*(mf)* *mp* *p*

*mp* *p*

*mp*

154

Vln Solo

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

*mp* *mp* *p*

*mp* *mp* *p*

*mp* *mf* *mp* *p*

*p* *mp*

*p* *arco* *mf* *p*

*p* *mf* *p*