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Dreaming Fire, Tasting Rain

for

Flute/Piccolo

Clarinet Bb/Bass Clarinet Bb

Violin

Cello

Piano

Percussion

Dreaming Fire, Tasting Rain (1995-6, rev. 2024) for flute (piccolo), clarinet (bass clarinet), violin, cello, piano and percussion was originally written while I was working on my Ph.D at Princeton University. The Nash Ensemble of London premiered the work at Princeton. This new version includes percussion and is intended for performance by the Ruckus Ensemble at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. The images of fire and rain translated into a variety of musical textures – sometimes serene and sometimes jagged and thorny. In the opening, heterophonic or layered melodies surge and then subside. A middle section begins with the lonely sound of the piccolo against spiky cello pizzicati and then builds to a driving pulsed rhythm, intensified with percussion. The music then eases into a lyrical cello melody against a background of rolling piano chords and flute and violin countermelodies.

This piece premieres in 2024 at the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

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Instrumentation

Flute/Piccolo

Clarinet in Bb/Bass Clarinet in Bb

Violin

Cello

Piano

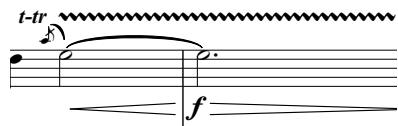
Percussion (Vibraphone, Wind Chimes, Triangle, Maracas, Wood Blocks (3), High, Medium and Low Suspended Cymbals, Snare Drum

Performance Notes

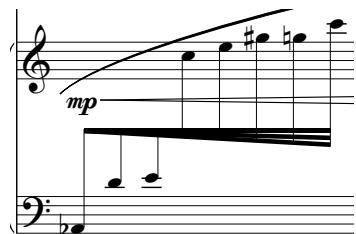
Repeat boxed notes as quickly as possible for the duration of the beam (below, 2 bars).



Timbral trill – alternate fingerings



Accelerating from slow to fast within a beat or longer as noted.



Percussionist plays inside of piano, randomly on wooden casing or the harp. It's ideal if the lid is off of the piano but if that is not feasible (given acoustics of room), percussionist should stand where they can access the inside of the piano without blocking view of the pianist. Notation doesn't indicate register of sounds.



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J=60

Anna Rubin

Flute fl. tong.

Clarinet in B \flat *sfs* *mf* *mp* *gliss.*

Violin *sfs* *f* *p* *f* *mp* *p*

Violoncello *gliss.* *l.v.* *f* *mp* *f*

Piano *sfs* *mp*

Vibraphone *ped.*
=60

Percussion *Lg. susp. cymb.*
Med. yarn mallets
l.v.

Musical score page 4, featuring six staves for Flute (Fl.), Clarinet (Cl.), Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vc.), Piano (Pno.), and Vibraphone (Vib.).

The score consists of two systems of music. The first system begins with a dynamic of *poco*, followed by *ord.* (ordinarily). The Flute has eighth-note patterns, the Clarinet has sixteenth-note patterns, and the Vibraphone has eighth-note patterns. The second system begins with *mf*, followed by *f* and *p*. The Flute has sixteenth-note patterns, the Clarinet has eighth-note patterns, and the Vibraphone has eighth-note patterns. The third system begins with *p*, followed by *mf*. The Violin has eighth-note patterns, the Cello has eighth-note patterns, and the Vibraphone has eighth-note patterns. The fourth system begins with *p*, followed by *p*. The Piano has eighth-note patterns, and the Vibraphone has eighth-note patterns. The fifth system begins with *p*, followed by *p*. The Vibraphone has eighth-note patterns.

Musical score page 5, featuring parts for Flute (Fl.), Clarinet (Cl.), Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vc.), Piano (Pno.), Vibraphone (Vib.), and Percussion (Perc.). The score includes dynamic markings such as *sfz-f*, *gliss.*, *fp*, *f*, *mf*, *ped.*, *Med. sysp. cymb.*, *l.v.*, and *mf*. Measure 8 starts with *ord.* dynamics. The Flute and Clarinet play sixteenth-note patterns. The Violin and Cello follow with eighth-note patterns. The Piano provides harmonic support with sustained notes. The Vibraphone and Percussion provide rhythmic and percussive elements. Measure 9 begins with a *gliss.* for the Clarinet and Violin, followed by a dynamic transition and a rhythmic pattern involving sixteenths and eighths. The Vibraphone and Percussion continue their respective patterns throughout the measure.

10

Fl. fl. tong. *fp* *fp* *f* *gliss.* *ord.* fl. tong. *ord.*

Cl. *p* *f* *t-tr*

Vln. *gliss.* *p* *fp* *f* *gliss.*

Vc. *mf* *p*

Pno. *ped.* *ped.*

Vib. *mf* *ped.* *ped.*

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Vib. *ped.* *ped.*

13

Fl. *p* *mf* *fl. tong.* *sub p* *fl. tong.* *breathy*

Cl. *pp* *p* *breathy*

Vln. *gliss.*

Vc. *pp*

Pno. *ped.* *p*

Vib. *f* *5* *pp* *Take bow* *bowed*

ped. *ped.* *ped.* *ped.*

17

Fl. < *mf*

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Vib. *l.v.*

p

l.v.

p

l.v.

Ped.

l.v.

Ped.



20

Fl. *ord.*

< *mf fp*

Cl. *mf*

Vln. *f*

mp

tr.

Vc. *pp*

mf

l.v.

put bow down

ord.

f p

Ped.

l.v.

Ped.

8

23

Fl.

Cl. *gliss.* *gliss.* *gliss.*

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

Vib. *f* *mf* *f*

Perc.

Fl. *mf* *t-tr* *p*

Cl. *3*

Vln. *3* *3* *3*

Vc. *(8)*

Pno. *#o*

Perc. *Sn. Dr.* *3* *mf* *pp*

28 *fl. tong*
 Fl. *mf*
 Cl. *t-tr*
 Vln. *p* *f* *mf*
 Vc. *p arco* *f* *mf* *pizz*
 Pno. *p* *f* *mf*
 Perc. *Ped.* *mf* *pp*

30
 Fl. *f* *p*
 Cl. *f* *p*
 Vln. *gliss.* *f*
 Pno. *f* *mf* *p* *l.v.* *f*
 Vib. *f* *mf* *Ped.* *Ped.*

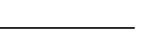
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Cl. *t-tr* 

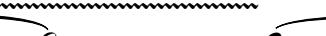
Vln. *gliss.*  *p*  *f*  *mf*

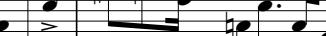
Pno. 
Pno. 
Pno. 
Pno. 

Vib. *l.v.*  *Ped.*  *Ped.*  *Ped.* 

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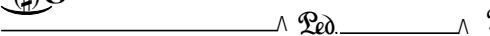
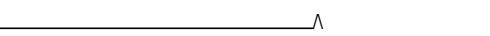
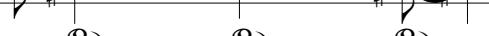
Cl. *tr (#)* 

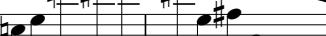
Vln.  *f*  *fp*  *mp* 

arco flautando

Vc.  *mf*  *mp*

Pno. 
Pno. 
Pno. 
Pno. 

Vib.  *Ped.*  *Ped.*  *Ped.*  *Ped.*  *Ped.*  *Ped.*

l.v.    

37 **poco rall.** **A tempo** **t- tr~~~~~**

Fl. **p** **pp**

Cl. **p** **gliss. #**

Vln. **mf** **5** **3** **mf** **ord.** **5** **3** **5** **sempr. sim.**

Vc. **mf** **poco** **mf** **poco** **mf** **poco**

Pno. **l.v.** **6**

Vib. **poco rall.** **l.v.** **A tempo** **l.v.** **3**

Ped. **Ped.** **Ped.**

40 **Fl.** **p** **f>** **5** **-f-** **6** **6**

Cl. **fp** **f**

Vln.

Vc. **ord.** **gliss.**

Vib. **To sticks**

Ped. **Ped.** **Ped.**

piu meno mosso, largamente

42

piu meno mosso, largamente

Fl. Cl. Vln. Vc. Pno. Vib.

f mp < > *mp < f >* *mp* *p* *f t- trm*
mf *3 3 3* *3* *3* *6* *f*
7 7 7 *7* *7* *7* *fp* *gliss.*
- *7* *f* *Ped.* *Ped.*



44

fl. tong. *gliss.*

Fl. Cl. Vln. Vc. Pno.

3 *5 5 3* *f* *-* *mp*
gliss. *5 5* *f* *-* *3*
5 5 *6* *-* *mp* *Ped.*

Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 46. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Clarinet (Cl.), Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vc.), Piano (Pno.), and Percussion (Perc.). The piano part features a dynamic ***ff*** and a performance instruction **afap**. The percussion part includes a dynamic ***f*** and a performance instruction **Wd. blcks.**

Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 48. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Clarinet (Cl.), Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vc.), Piano (Pno.), and Percussion (Perc.). The piano part features a prominent bass line. The score shows various dynamics and performance instructions such as *b*, *gliss.*, *f*, *t-tr*, and *ff*. Measure 48 begins with a dynamic *b* over the flute and clarinet. The violin and cello play a sixteenth-note pattern with *gliss.* markings. The piano has a sustained note. The percussion part consists of eighth-note patterns. Measures 49-50 show the piano playing a sustained note while the orchestra plays sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 51 starts with a dynamic *f* over the woodwind section. Measures 52-53 show the piano playing a sustained note while the orchestra plays sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 54 starts with a dynamic *t-tr* over the woodwind section. Measures 55-56 show the piano playing a sustained note while the orchestra plays sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 57 starts with a dynamic *ff* over the woodwind section. Measures 58-59 show the piano playing a sustained note while the orchestra plays sixteenth-note patterns.

14

50

Fl. *fff*
fl. tong.

Cl. *ff*

Vln. *fff*

Vc. *fff*

Pno. *fff*

Perc. *Ped.* *ff* *Ped.* *Hi susp. cymb.*

poco rit.

52

Fl.

Cl.

Vln. *ff*

Vc. *ff*

Pno. *f*

Perc. *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

poco rit.

Fl. Cl. gliss. 3 6

Vln. sul tasto

Vc. sul tasto

Pno. *mp*

Perc. Sn. Dr. Wd. blcks. Wd. blcks. 5 *mp* *mp* *pp* To Picc. fl. tong.

Fl. Cl. fl. tong. *pp* To B. Cl. *pp*

Vln. sul pont. *subpp* sul pont. *#*
mf *fff* freely *subpp*

Vc. *ppp* *mp* *mf* *subpp*

Pno. *p*

Vib. *f* *mp* = c. 56 *mp* *ppp* *mf* *subpp*

Scherzando
 $\downarrow = \text{c. } 66$

Fl. Piccolo
 To B. Cl.
 Cl.

Vc. Inside-finger gliss on high strings
 Keep pedal down throughout.
 $\downarrow = \text{c. } 66$

Pno.

Vib.

Scherzando
 $\downarrow = \text{c. } 66$

roll fingers over holes

pizz

Move to end of piano. Play inside of piano w/ mallets, playing on both wood case and metal surfaces to vary timbre.

Picc.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

Vib.

68

Picc. *t-tr.* To Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc. *gloss.*

Pno. Inside - mute cluster **6**
(strike firmly) **5**

Vib. *Return to perc. setup* *2e0.* *ord, secco* **6** **3** **3** *mp*

71

Picc. *Flute* **3** *mf*

Cl. **3** **3** **3** *fp* *mf*

Vln.

Vc.

Pno. *gliss.* **5** **3** Inside *gliss.* *gliss.*

Vib. **5** **3** **6** **5**

74

Fl.

Cl. *mp*

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

sul pont. fp

mf

End of inside pno. gliss. playing ord.

Lightly pedal runs

Vib. *mf*



76

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

pizz

L.H. pizz

rffz

f

Ped.

Vib.

78

Fl.

Cl. *fp* 3 5 3 f

arco sul pont.

Vln. gliss.

Vc. arco pizz

Pno. *Leø.*

Vib.

80

Cl. gliss. 6

Vln. gliss. ord.

Vc.

Pno. *f* p 7

Leø.

Vib. l.v.

p 7 *Leø.*

p 7 *Leø.*

p 7 *Leø.*

81

Fl. - (To C flute)

Cl. *f*

Vln. gliss.

Vc. *arco*

Pno. Ped. *f* f f

Perc. Sn. Dr. *mf* Trigle. *f*



83

Fl. - *f*

Cl. gliss.

Vln. gliss. pizz.

Vc. *f* *mf* *f*

Pno. *p* *f* 3 *f* 3

Perc. Ped. Trigle. *f*

Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 85. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Clarinet (Cl.), Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vc.), Piano (Pno.), Tambourine (Tamb), and Percussion (Perc.). The piano part features a dynamic ff. The flute and clarinet parts have slurs and dynamics f and sf. The violin and cello parts have dynamics ff and f. The piano part has dynamics p and f. The percussion part has a dynamic mf.

Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 87. The score includes parts for Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Cello, Piano, Tambourine, and Percussion. The Flute and Clarinet play sustained notes with dynamic *mp*. The Violin and Cello play sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic *sfz f*. The Piano plays eighth-note chords. The Tambourine and Percussion provide rhythmic support with sustained notes and dynamic *p*.

22

89 $\text{♩} = 60$

Fl. *sffz* fl. tong.

Cl. *mf*

Vln. *sffz* *mf* gliss. *p* *f* > *mp* gliss.

Vc. *sffz* *f* *mp*

Pno. *sffz* *#8* *ped.* *=60* *#8* *mp* *ped.*

Perc. *f*

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91

Fl. gliss.

Cl. gliss.

Vln. *sffz* *p*

Vc. *<f* *mf* *p* *p*

Pno. *ped.*

Vib. *p* *ped.*

95

Fl. gliss.

Cl. gliss.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

Vib.

Perc.

f 7 mf
sfz p

p f p
sfz p

sus. cymb.
mf

98

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

f 3 6 f 7

f 3 3 3 3

f 3 3 3 3

f 3 3 3

24

Fl. >*mf* *f* *tr.* *3* *gliss.*

Cl. *mf* *mf*

Vln. *f* *mf* *gliss.*

Vc. *f* *mf* *f*

Pno. *mf* *3* *6* *Ped.*

Vib. *6*

Perc. *III*

To Picc. Piccolo

Fl. *#p.*

Cl. *b#p.*

Vln. *#p.* *6* *mf*

Vc. *#p.*

Pno. *ff*

Vib. *#p.*

104

Picc. - *mp*

Cl. - *mp*

Vln. - *mp*

Vc. - *mp*

Pno. - *mp*

Vib. - *mp*

Motor on

f

pizz

sfz

f

Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.*

108

Picc. *mf*

B. Cl. *ff*

Vln. *ff*

Vc. *ff*

Pno. *ff*

tr (♯)

tr

mp

ff

Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

Maraca

mf

110

Picc.

B. Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Vib.

Mar.

Wd. Blck. (1 hand)

Perc.



112

Picc.

B. Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

Perc.

To Cl.

Clarinet in B \flat

Mar.

Ped.

113

Picc.

Cl.

Vln. *arco*

Vc.

Pno. *f*

Perc.

114

Picc.

Vc.

Pno. *f*

Perc. *put down mallet & maraca*

115

Picc. *f*

Cl.

Vln. *mf*

Pno. *L.H.*

Perc. *Tamb.* *mp*

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116

Picc.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno. *p*

Vib.

Perc. *thrum with fingers* *mp*

118

Picc.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

Perc.

fl. tong.
p

mf

p

tr. ♯

p

f

Ped.

120

Picc.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

Perc.

f

mf

ff

f

f

mf

Ped.

Sml. cymb.

bell

ord.

bell

ord.

p

poco

123

Picc.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

Perc.

poco

poco

125

Picc.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

Perc.

l.v.

126

Picc. Cl. Vln. Vc.

To Fl.

Pno. Pno.

Med. cymb.

Perc. *mf*

127

Fl. Cl. Vln. Vc.

Meno mosso
Passionately

Pno. ff

5

Pno. f

Wnd. Chime
L.v.

Perc. *Meno mosso*
mf Lge. cymb.

32

128

Vc.

Pno.

Perc.

Ped.
Wnd. Chime
l.v.

mf Lge. cymb.



129

Vln.

Vc.

ff

Ped.
Wnd. Chime
l.v.

mf Lge. cymb.

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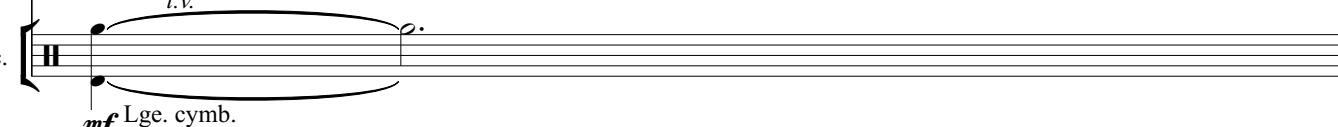
Cl. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

Pno. 

Wnd. Chime *l.v.*

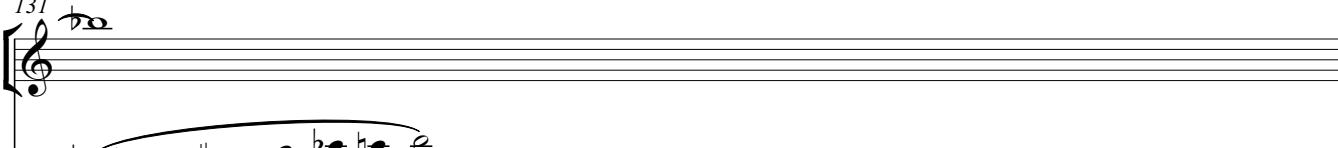
Perc. 

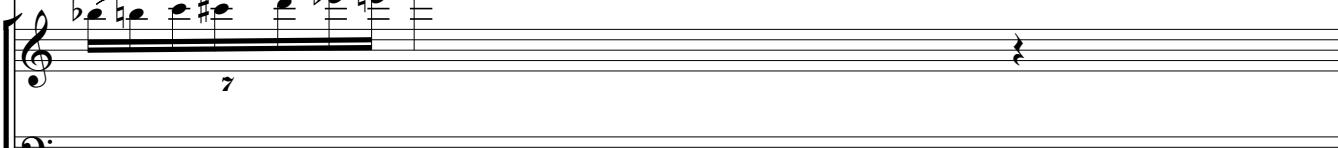
Lge. cymb.

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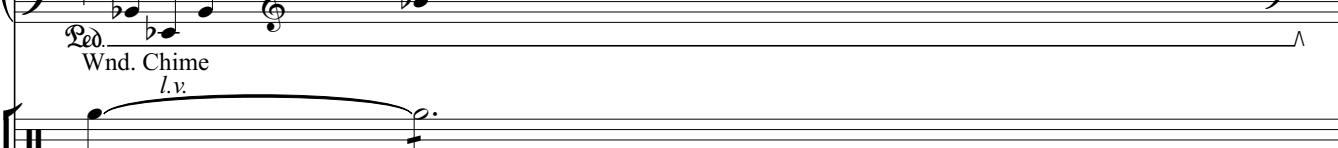
Cl. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

Pno. 

Wnd. Chime *l.v.*

Perc. 

Lge. cymb.

ppp

132

Fl. *gliss.* *tr(b)*

Cl. *ff* *tr(b)*

Vln. *ff* *gliss.*

Vc. *ff* *tr(b)*

Pno. *ff* *Ped.*

Vib. *ff* *Ped.*

Ped. *Motor off*

134

Fl. *3* *fp*

Cl. *ff* *fp*

Vln. *fp*

Vc. *f*

Pno. *Ped.*

Vib. *Ped.*

136

Fl. (b) *p*

Cl. 6 f

Vln. 6 *pizz* *mf*

Vc. 3 *mp*

Pno. *mp* 6 *f* *f* *f*

Vib. *8vb* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

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139

Fl. 3 *f* *gliss.* *mf*

Cl. 6 *mf*

Vln. *mf* *l.v.* *arco*

Vc. *f*

Pno. *f* 6 *mf* *mf* *mf*

Vib. *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

144

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

Vib.

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

Vib.

148

sfz *mf*

p *p* *sfz* *f* *sfz* *f*

p *p* *sfz* *f* *sfz* *f*

p *sfz* *l.v.*

mf *Ped.*

f *pp* *mf*

p *f* *p* *pp*

f *p* *f* *pp*

p *f* *pp*

f *mf* *pp* *3* *6* *lightly pedal* *3*

p *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *6* *f* *Ped.*

152

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

Vib.

5

5

mf

p

p

f

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

Ped.

Ped.