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CLARIMORPHOSE

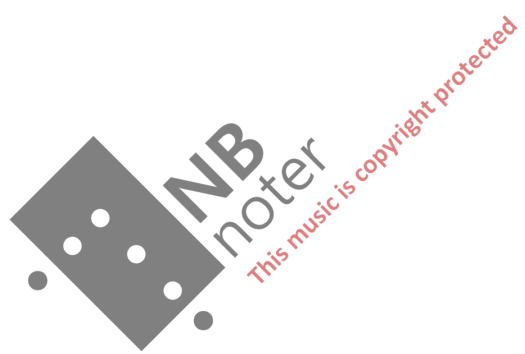
QUINTET FOR CLARINET

in A and Bb (ossia: in Bb)

& STRING QUARTET

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This is not an effort to describe the genealogy of the clarinet musically speaking, nor do I seek to express the historical development of the clarinet over time or change in form. To the extent one may speak of a metamorphosis that lies on two levels. The most significant clarisound (!) is where the dominant melancholic main theme in the first part of the piece develops into a lively melody in the second part, which is audibly expressed by the Bb-clarinets somewhat sharper tone taking over the A-clarinets solo.

The pure physical change that takes into place when the solo-instrument is shrunk by two centimetres can in a certain sense be seen as an expression of a more general degeneration. However, should this thought be followed to its ultimate consequence the result would be difficult to perform and really comical. It would impose enormous demands on the instrumentalist and the introduction of the small Eb-clarinet would derive the other members of the clarinet family of their seriousness, and attract and even demand complete attention. At most one may speak of a melodic development visualised by the change of instrument.

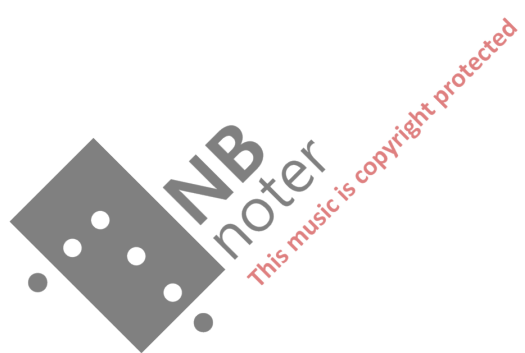
On another level the piece can be interpreted programatically, in the sense that it depicts or describes something, but not in the usual sense; that the description is expressed for a particular picture or defined experience. The metamorphosis which takes place approximately in the middle of the piece can contain a duality, or better, be a description of the border which must be drawn in every dichotomy. This dualistic plane is attempted by limiting the generation of continuously smaller representatives of the clarinet family.

On this background Clarimorphose will contain an expression also transcending the purely musical; the refraction that takes place in any bisection, as it all too often is focused upon throughout, so to say, all human activity, from the good to the evil, the right to the wrong, the existent to the non-existent, mostly as a result of the negation "no".

An alternative which transcend this either-or appears to be unthinkable, as the change from the One to the Other takes place immediately without dwelling or hesitating with the Change. Perhaps then the musical morphosis can be staying as the essential part of the quintet, the dwelling change that the major and minor third intervals represents in for example the notes B, G and B flat?

Clarimorphose is dedicated to Roger A. Vigulf, a very talented clarinetist and musician whom I have had the pleasure of following as a personal friend and as a musician.

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Performance Time - ca. 8:30

Clarimorphose

Quintet for Clarinet and String Quartet

Per Chr. Arnesen, 1993

Clarinet in A Andante $\text{♩} = 108$

Clarinet

1st Violin Andante $\text{♩} = 108$ pizz. arco

2nd Violin Andante $\text{♩} = 108$ mf pizz. arco

Viola Andante $\text{♩} = 108$ mf pizz. arco

Cello Andante $\text{♩} = 108$ arco *f*

1

1st vln. arco pizz. arco pizz. arco *f*

2nd vln. arco pizz. arco pizz. arco *f*

vla. *f*

vlc. *f*

6

clar. 11

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vlc. 11

mf

f

f

f



clar. 16

1st vln. *pizz.* *mf* *arco*

2nd vln. *pizz.* *mf* *arco*

vla. *pizz.* *mf* *arco*

vlc. *pizz.* *mf* *arco*

16 *mf*

clar. 20 *f*

1st vln. *sfz* *sfz* pizz. arco *mf*

2nd vln. *sfz* *sfz* pizz. arco *mf*

vla. *sfz* *sfz* pizz. arco *mf*

vcl. 20 *sfz* *sfz* pizz. arco *mf*

clar. 25 *f*

1st vln. *p*

2nd vln. *p*

vla. *p*

vcl. 25 *p*

clar. 30 *mf*

1st vln. *ff* *p*

2nd vln. *ff* *p*

vla. *ff* *p*

vcl. 30 *ff* *p*

clar. 34

1st vln. *f* pizz. .

2nd vln. *f* pizz. .

vla. *f* pizz. .

vcl. 34 *f* pizz. .

clar. 38

1st vln. *arco* *f* *mf*

2nd vln. *f* *mf*

vla. *arco* *f* *mf*

vcl. *arco* *f* *mf*

38

clar. 42

1st vln. *f* *ff* *f*

2nd vln. *f* *ff*

vla. *ff*

vcl. *ff*

42

clar.

46

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vcl.

46

p

f

3

3

3

3

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vcl.

51

legato

clar. 55

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vlc. 55

p

mf

f

clar. 59

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vlc. 59

mf

p *cresc.*

p *cresc.*

p *cresc.*

p *cresc.*

clar. 63

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vlc. 63

ff *f* *ff* *f*

3 3 3 3

clar. 67

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vlc. 67

f *pizz.* *arco* *f* *pizz.* *p* *f* *arco* *f*

3

clar. 71 *mp*

1st vln. *fp* *f*

2nd vln. *fp* *f*

vla. *fp* *f*

vlc. 71 *fp* *f*

clar. 75

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vlc. 75

clar.

77

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vcl.

77

ff

clar.

81

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vcl.

81

p

Piu mosso

clar. 85

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vcl.

pp

85

clar. 88

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vcl.

mf

mf

f

88

clar. 90

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vcl. 90

pizz.

p

mf

clar. 92

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vcl. 92

clar. 94 *decresc.*

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vlc. 94 *arco* *f* *pp*

clar. 96 *morendo* *arco* *f* *Andante*

1st vln. *f* *arco* *Andante* *f*

2nd vln. *f* *arco* *Andante* *f*

vla. *f* *arco* *Andante* *f*

vlc. 96 *f* *Andante* *f*

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vlc.

101

f pizz.

mf pizz.

mf pizz.

mf pizz.

fp

fp

mf

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vlc.

106

f

f

f

f

arco

arco

arco

arco

Clarinet (clar.) part, measures 110-113. The score is in 2/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The clarinet part begins in measure 110 with a piano (*p*) dynamic, playing a melodic line. The string parts (1st violin, 2nd violin, viola, and violoncello) provide harmonic support, with the violoncello part also marked *p*. The string parts feature a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The clarinet part includes a trill in measure 111 and a melodic line in measure 112. The string parts include a *decresc.* (decrescendo) marking in measure 113.

114

clar.

Cadenza

3

3

3

3

1st vln.

pizz. .

pp

2nd vln.

pizz. .

pp

vla.

pizz. .

pp

vlc.

pizz. .

pp

114

clar.

117



clar.

119

3 Largo

clar.

1st vln.

2nd vln.

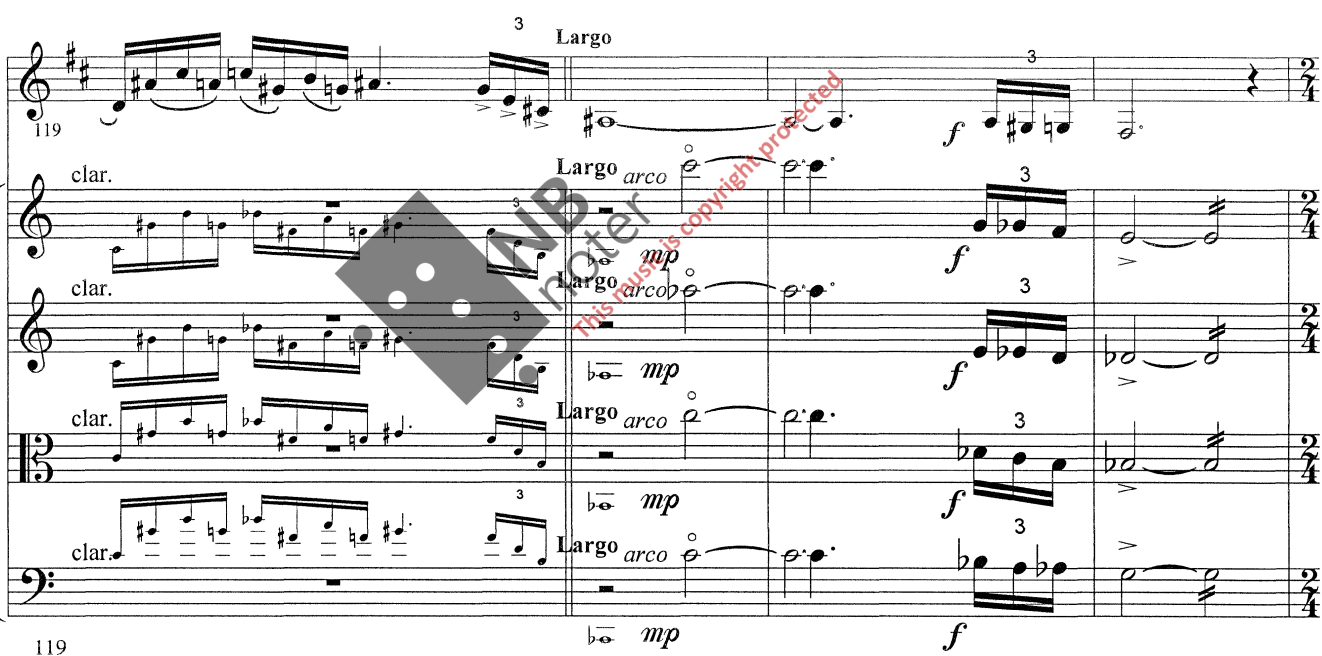
vla.

vcl.

119

mp

f



clar. 123 *p* *tenuto*

1st vln. *p*

2nd vln. *p* *decresc.*

vla. *p* *decresc.*

vcl. 123 *decresc.*

clar. 126 *decresc.* Cadenza

1st vln. *pp* Cadenza

2nd vln. *pp* Cadenza

vla. *pp* Cadenza

vcl. 126 *pp* Cadenza

clar.

130

clar.

132

p cresc.

clar.

134

clar.

136

Largo

1st vln.

clar.

Largo

2nd vln.

clar.

Largo

pp

vla.

clar.

Largo

pp

vlc.

clar.

Largo

pp

136

clar. 138

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vlc. 138

ff 3

mf

clar. 141

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vlc. 141

cresc.

f

Andante

clar. 143

1st vln. Andante 3

2nd vln. Andante 3

vla. Andante 3

vcl. Andante 3

p

f

clar. 148

1st vln. pizz. *mf* arco

2nd vln. pizz. *mf* arco

vla. pizz. *mf* arco

vcl. *mf*

148

clar.

150

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vcl.

150

This block contains the musical notation for measures 150 and 151. The instruments are Clarinet (clar.), Violin 1 (1st vln.), Violin 2 (2nd vln.), Viola (vla.), and Violoncello (vcl.). Measure 150 shows the clarinet entering with a melodic line. The strings are mostly sustained. Measure 151 continues the clarinet line, with the viola part becoming more active and marked with a forte (f) dynamic.

clar.

152

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vcl.

152

This block contains the musical notation for measures 152 and 153. The instruments are Clarinet (clar.), Violin 1 (1st vln.), Violin 2 (2nd vln.), Viola (vla.), and Violoncello (vcl.). Measure 152 continues the clarinet line. The strings are mostly sustained. Measure 153 continues the clarinet line, with the viola part becoming more active. A watermark 'NB noter' and 'this music is copyright protected' is visible over the score.

clar. 154

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vcl. 154

clar. 155

1st vln. *p*

2nd vln. *p*

vla. *p*

vcl. 155 *p*

clar.

156

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vlc.

156

clar.

160

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vcl.

160

clar. 164

1st vln. arco ff pizz. f simile

2nd vln. arco ff pizz. f simile

vla. arco ff pizz. f simile

vcl. arco ff pizz. f simile

clar. 169

1st vln. mf arco

2nd vln. mf arco

vla. mf arco

vcl. arco

clar. 175

1st vln. *f*

2nd vln. *f*

vla. *f*

vlc. 175 *f*

clar. 181

1st vln. *f*

2nd vln. *f*

vla. *f*

vlc. 181 *f*

rit. *p* *a tempo* *f*

rit. *a tempo* *pizz.* *mf* *simile*

rit. *a tempo* *pizz.* *mf* *simile*

rit. *a tempo* *pizz.* *mf* *simile*

rit. *a tempo* *pizz.* *mf* *simile*

clar. 187

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vcl. 187

arco

f

clar. 193

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vcl. 193

pizz.

mf

simile

decresc.

clar. 199

Molto rit. *a tempo* *f*

1st vln. *Molto rit.* *agitato* *a tempo*

2nd vln. *arco* *Molto rit.* *ff* *agitato* *a tempo*

vla. *arco* *Molto rit.* *ff* *agitato* *a tempo*

vlc. *arco* *Molto rit.* *ff* *agitato* *a tempo*

199

clar. 205

dolce

1st vln. *pizz.* *arco*

2nd vln. *pizz.* *arco*

vla. *pizz.* *arco*

vlc. *pizz.* *arco*

205

211

clar.

211

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vlc.

211

pizz.

simile

rit.

pizz.

simile

rit.

pizz.

simile

rit.

pizz.

simile

rit.

clar. *a tempo*
217 *f*

1st vln. *a tempo*
f *arco* *pizz.*

2nd vln. *a tempo*
f *arco* *pizz.*

vla. *a tempo*
f *arco* *pizz.*

vlc. *a tempo*
f *arco* *pizz.*

clar. 223 *simile* *arco* *p* *accel.*

1st vln. *simile* *p* *arco* *accel.*

2nd vln. *simile* *p* *arco* *accel.*

vla. *simile* *p* *arco* *accel.*

vcl. 223 *simile* *p* *arco* *accel.*

clar. 229 *f* 6

1st vln. *f*

2nd vln. *f*

vla. *f*

vcl. 229 *f*

clar. 234

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vcl.

234

clar. 238

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vcl.

238

ff

ff

ff

ff

clar. 243

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vlc. 243

6

pizz. *f*

pizz. *f*

pizz. *f*

pizz. *f*

clar. 246

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vlc. 246

6

arco *f*

mf

mf

mf

clar.

250

1st vln.

2nd vln.

vla.

vcl.

250

This music

clar.

255

fff

5

arco

1st vln.

fff

2nd vln.

fff

vla.

fff

vcl.

fff

255