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WHIRLER OF THE DANCE THREE MUSES FOR SOLO GUITAR

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for my friend Rene Izquierdo

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1970

I - PRELUDE

♩ - 112-120

The musical score for the prelude is written for solo guitar and consists of six staves of music. The tempo is marked as 112-120 beats per minute. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, and fingerings. The first staff begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The second staff includes a section marked 'VIII' and a triplet. The third staff includes a section marked 'III'. The fourth staff includes a section marked 'IV' and a triplet. The fifth staff includes a section marked 'II' and a triplet. The sixth staff includes a section marked 'I' and a triplet. The score concludes with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic.

53 *f*

57

61 IV II ⑤

64 *mf*

67 *mp* IV

71 IV III V IV *mf*

75 V VI V VIII *f*

79 *mf* *mp*

82 *p* *f*

85 *VIII* *VII*

89 *VIII*

93 *ff*

96 *pizz.* *ord.* *ff* *sfz*

II - EVOCATION

♩ = 60

VIII

IV

mf

4

II

mp

9

rit.

A tempo ♩ = 72
Slightly Faster

mf

14

mf

19

IV

VII

mp

p

24

accel.

VI

mp

mf

rit. A tempo, rubato ♩ = 60

27 *f* VII

31 IV III II

36 *mf* *mp*

40 VI IV II *mf*

45 ♩ = 90 IV I *mp*

49 *mf*

53 *mp* v

58 $\text{♩} = 60$

mf *f* *mf*

64 *mp* *p*

68 *mp* *mf* *rit.* *p* VII

III - DANCE

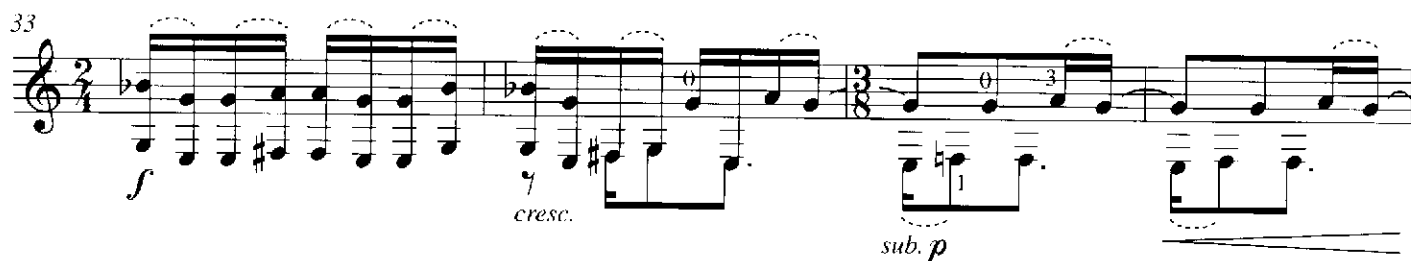
$\text{♩} = 192-200$

pizz. *f*

6

11

16 *sim.*



48

mp

54

mf

59

64

f

69

74

Measures 74-78 of a musical score. The system consists of two staves. The upper staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a half note A4, and a whole note B4. The lower staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G3, a half note A3, and a whole note B3. The music is in 4/4 time and features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the lower staff.

79

Measures 79-83 of a musical score. The system consists of two staves. The upper staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a half note A4, and a whole note B4. The lower staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G3, a half note A3, and a whole note B3. The music is in 4/4 time and features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the lower staff. A *mf* dynamic marking is present at the beginning of measure 79.

84

Measures 84-88 of a musical score. The system consists of two staves. The upper staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a half note A4, and a whole note B4. The lower staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G3, a half note A3, and a whole note B3. The music is in 4/4 time and features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the lower staff.

89

Measures 89-93 of a musical score. The system consists of two staves. The upper staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a half note A4, and a whole note B4. The lower staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G3, a half note A3, and a whole note B3. The music is in 4/4 time and features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the lower staff. A *f* dynamic marking is present at the beginning of measure 89. A *pizz.* marking is present above the first measure. A *ff* dynamic marking is present at the beginning of measure 91. A *mf* dynamic marking is present at the beginning of measure 93.

94

Measures 94-98 of a musical score. The system consists of two staves. The upper staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a half note A4, and a whole note B4. The lower staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G3, a half note A3, and a whole note B3. The music is in 4/4 time and features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the lower staff. A *ff* dynamic marking is present at the beginning of measure 94. A *pizz.* marking is present above the first measure. A *f* dynamic marking is present at the beginning of measure 96. A *ff* dynamic marking is present at the beginning of measure 98.

99 ord. pizz. ord. pizz.

103 ord. *f*

108 *mf*

113

118 *f*

123 VII II VII *mp* *mf*

deciso

128 I 0 4 0 16 9 1 3 0 4 0 0 1 0 0 0 3 II 1 0 0 6 16

131 IV 3 0 4 16 9 1 3 0 4 1 2 1 0 6 16

135 V 3 0 4 0 6 1 3 0 4 1 0 0 16

sub. mp

139 *mf* *mp*

144 II 1 0 0 6 1 0 0 6 1 2 3 1 0 6 16

ff

148 pizz. *p* *f* *mp* *mf*

152 IV ord. 1 3 0 4 0 0 1 0 0 0 16

f

155 *mf*

159 *f*

162 *ff* *f*

165 *mf*

169 *mp*

174 *mf*

178 *f* *ff* *fffz*

Le titre de cette pièce s'inspire du nom donné par le poète grec, Hésiode, au Terpsichore, une des neuf muses anciennes de la religion gréco-romaine.

Le premier mouvement, dans un caractère de fanfare, rappelle la musique folklorique espagnole. D'allure noble, le deuxième mouvement se présente comme une prière solennelle et personnelle. Il rappelle la musique brésilienne en ce qu'elle a de velouté. Le dernier mouvement est basé sur des rythmes de danses africaines. Par des contrastes tendus entre les jeux *Pizzicato* et *Ordinario*, le monde harmonique familier du premier mouvement revient, concluant la Danse de façon exubérante.

La première de *Whirler of the Dance* a été exécutée par Matt James à l'Université de Californie du Sud. La pièce s'est mérité le *1998 ASCAP Foundation / Morton Gould Young Composer Award* et a été gagnante du *1998 Guitar Foundation of America Set Piece Competition*.

Les œuvres de Carlos Rafael Rivera ont été jouées aux États-Unis et au Canada, incluant la première mondiale de son *Motet for Twelve Singers* donnée par le réputé ensemble vocal Chanticleer en 1997. M. Rivera a reçu des commandes du Los Angeles Guitar Quartet et s'est vu décerner plusieurs prix pour ses compositions dont le *44th Annual BMI Student Composer Award*. Il est compositeur en résidence au *June in Buffalo Music Festival*.

Né à Washington, DC en 1970, M. Rivera poursuit une maîtrise en composition en tant qu'assistant gradué à l'Université de Californie du Sud, où il étudie avec Stephen Hartke et Don Crockett.

The title for this work was inspired from the name the Greek poet, Hesiod, gave to Terpsichore, one of the nine ancient muses of Greco-Roman religion.

The first movement is of fanfare-ish character, and is reminiscent of Spanish folk music. The second movement is of dignified character; a solemn, personal prayer. It is reminiscent of lush, Brazilian music.

The final movement is based on African dance rhythms. By means of tense contrasts between *Pizzicato* and *Ordinario* playing, the familiar harmonic world of the first movement returns, bringing the Dance to an exhilarating close.

Whirler of the Dance was first premiered by Matt James at the University of Southern California. It is winner of *The 1998 ASCAP Foundation / Morton Gould Young Composer Award*, and the *1998 Guitar Foundation of America Set Piece Competition*.

Carlos Rafael Rivera's works have been performed in the United States as well as in Canada. Among the performances was the world premiere in 1997 of his *Motet for Twelve Singers* by the renowned vocal ensemble Chanticleer. He has been commissioned by the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, and received several awards for his compositions. Among those are the *44th Annual BMI Student Composer Award* as well as a residency fellowship for the *June in Buffalo Music Festival*.

Born in Washington, DC, 1970, Mr. Rivera is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Music Composition as Graduate Assistant at the University of Southern California, where he is studying composition with Stephen Hartke and Don Crockett.