

Abating Shadows

for clarinet, harp, and vibraphone

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Duration: 9'

Notations:

vibraphone:



soft mallets



bowed

harp:

Tune lowest D to D#.

Harmonics sound one octave above where written.



Xylophonic sounds: left hand presses fingers against base of strings indicated by diamond noteheads; right hand plays normally.

clarinet:



Timbre trill: trill between alternate fingerings for the same pitch.

If slap-tounge is not feasible, articulate harshly, imitating the sound of slap-tounge as closely as possible

Notes:

Abating Shadows begins reluctantly, with hesitant lines stretching out like long shadows at dawn. Brighter, more playful sounds temporarily drive these shadows away. After the new music gains strength, the same arching lines that defined the opening reappear, emerging from the energetic texture transformed, now majestic, forward-looking, and hopeful.

– Amy Nam (b. 1994)

score in C

Abating Shadows

for the Lyra Society's Costello Competition for Composition

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Nostalgically, reluctantly ♩ = 30

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Vibraphone
RH: mallets
LH: bow

Harp

Cl.

Vib.

Hp

mf *mf* *f* *mp*

mf *f* *Red.*

mf *p*

(muffle diamond-head notes)

f *sim.*

mp *f* *Red.*

f *p*

4

1 2

3

3

A $\flat$ A $\sharp$

B $\flat$ B $\sharp$

7

Cl.

p *pp*

Vib.

p *Red.*

Hp

(plaque)

pp

11

Cl.

Vib.

(Red.)

Hp

E $\flat$ D $\flat$ C $\flat$ D $\sharp$

16

Hp

p

C $\sharp$ B $\flat$ A $\flat$

PERUSAL SCORE

LH: to mallets

A

Hp

#5

Cl.

Vib.

Hp

Cl.

Hp

33 **B Cautious but hopeful** ♩ = 80

Cl. *pp*

Vib. *pp*

Hp

pp

♯ E $\flat$ F $\sharp$
C $\sharp$ D $\flat$

36

Cl. *mf* *ppp*

Vib.

Hp

bisb.

p

E $\flat$
D $\flat$

38

Cl. *f* *p* *mf*

Vib. *f* *p*

Hp *f* *p* *mf*

40

Cl. *mf* *mf*

Vib.

Hp *mf*

Cl D $\sharp$

F $\sharp$ *mf*

8va

[illegible]

47

Cl.

D

pp

Vib.

RH: to mallets

mp

(Led.)

Hp

mp

E $\flat$

B $\flat$

A $\sharp$

50

Cl.

timb. tr

Vib.

(Led.)

Hp

E $\flat$

B $\flat$

B $\flat$

B $\flat$

52

Cl. *tr* *mf* *ppp* *timb. tr* **E**

Vib. *pp* *mp* *ppp* *(Ped.)*

Hp *mp* *ppp*

B $\flat$ A $\flat$ B $\sharp$

57

Cl. *mp*

Vib. *(Ped.)*

Hp *mp* *p* A $\sharp$

61

Cl.

Vib.

Hp

mp

f sub. ppp

mp

ppp

mp

64

Cl.

Vib.

Hp

ppp

mp

3

6

6

This musical score is for a piece titled "Abating Shadows" and is page 11 of the manuscript. It features three staves: Clarinet (Cl.), Vibraphone (Vib.), and Piano (Hp.). The score is divided into two systems, starting at measures 61 and 64. The first system (measures 61-63) is in 4/4 time. The Clarinet part begins with a melodic line of eighth and quarter notes. The Vibraphone part has a sustained chord in the left hand and a melodic line in the right hand. The Piano part has a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The second system (measures 64-66) is in 2/4 time. The Clarinet part has a single note. The Vibraphone part has a sustained chord in the left hand and a melodic line in the right hand. The Piano part has a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The score includes dynamic markings such as *mp* (mezzo-piano), *f sub. ppp* (fortissimo subito pianissimo), and *ppp* (pianissimo). There are also performance instructions like *(Led.)* and *(Led.)* with a triangle symbol. The score is marked with a large "PERUSIA SCORE" watermark.

66

Cl.

Vib.

Hp

f

67

Cl.

Vib.

Hp

f_{sub.}

mp

This musical score page contains measures 66 and 67 for three instruments: Clarinet (Cl.), Vibraphone (Vib.), and Piano (Hp.).

Measure 66:

- Cl.:** Treble clef, key of D major. Notes: D4 (half), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), tied to the next measure.
- Vib.:** Treble clef, key of D major. Notes: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G#4 (quarter), A5 (half). A slur covers the first four notes, and a '6' indicates a sixteenth-note triplet. A large slur covers the entire measure.
- Hp.:** Grand staff, key of D major. Treble: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G#4 (quarter), A5 (half). Bass: D3 (half). A slur covers the first four notes of the treble, and a '6' indicates a sixteenth-note triplet. A large slur covers the entire measure. The dynamic is *f*.

Measure 67:

- Cl.:** Treble clef, key of D major. Notes: D4 (half), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), tied to the next measure. The measure ends with a 2/4 and 4/4 time signature change.
- Vib.:** Treble clef, key of D major. Notes: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G#4 (quarter), A5 (half). A slur covers the first four notes, and a '6' indicates a sixteenth-note triplet. A large slur covers the entire measure. The measure ends with a 2/4 and 4/4 time signature change.
- Hp.:** Grand staff, key of D major. Treble: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G#4 (quarter), A5 (half). Bass: D3 (half). A slur covers the first four notes of the treble, and a '6' indicates a sixteenth-note triplet. A large slur covers the entire measure. The dynamic is *f_{sub.}*. The measure ends with a 2/4 and 4/4 time signature change.

The page concludes with the dynamic *mp* centered below the piano part.

69 **F**

Cl. *mp*

Vib. *p*
Red.

Hp *p*
A $\flat$

70

Cl. *mp*

Vib. *mp*

Hp *mp*

PERUSAL CORE

rit. **Expansive** ♩ = 52

71

Cl. *mf* *p* *f*

Vib. *mf* 6 *p* *f* *Red.* LH: to bow

Hp *mf* 6 5 *p* *f*

74

Cl. *mp*

Vib. *Red.* *mp*

Hp *p*

D₄

78 **G**

Cl. *mp*

Vib. *f* (20.) *pp*

Hp *mp* *p*

81 *rit.* **Brightly** ♩ = 80

Cl. *mf* *p*

Vib. (20.) (sim.)

Hp *mf* *p*

D#

PERUSAL SCORE

84

Cl. *mp* *mp* *ppp* LH: to mallets

Vib. *mf* *mf* *ppp* (Xed.)

Hp *mp* *ppp* A#

89

Cl. *ff* *ppp* *p* *f* *H* timb. *tr* slap-tounge

Vib. *ff* *p* (deadstroke)

Hp *ff* *p* Xyl.

92

Cl. *timb. tr* *slap-tounge* *p* *f* *f*

Vib. *mf* *f*

Hp *p* *f* *mf* *p* *f*

Db

95

Cl. *mf* *Red.*

Vib.

Hp *8ba*

98 timb. *tr* *slap-tounge*

Cl. *p* *f* *mf*

Vib. *f* *mf*

Hp (muffle immediately) *mf* *p* *f* *mf* Xyl.

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101

Cl. *f* *p* *f*

Vib. *p* *f* *p* *f*

Hp *p* *f* *p* *f* D#

104

Cl.

Vib.

Hp

RH: to bow

pp

p

(Led.)

Eb
Bb

107

Cl.

Vib.

Hp

RH: to mallets

mf

f

pp

f

mf

ff

(Led.)

3

Ab Gb F#
Db C#

b2.

b2.
Cb

111

Cl.

mf

Vib.

f

(*Red.*)

Hp

mf

mp

114

Cl.

mp

p

Vib.

mp

f

p

(*Red.*)

Hp

f

p

This musical score is for the piece 'Abating Shadows' and is located on page 20. It features three staves: Clarinet (Cl.), Vibraphone (Vib.), and Piano (Hp.). The score is divided into two systems, starting at measures 111 and 114. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system (measures 111-113) shows the Clarinet playing a melodic line with a *mf* dynamic, the Vibraphone playing a rhythmic pattern with a *f* dynamic and a *Red.* (Reduction) marking, and the Piano providing harmonic support with *mf* and *mp* dynamics. The second system (measures 114-116) continues the melodic development for the Clarinet with *mp* and *p* dynamics, the Vibraphone with *mp* and *f* dynamics and a *Red.* marking, and the Piano with *f* and *p* dynamics. A large 'PERUSAL' watermark is visible across the page.

117

Cl.

mp *ppp*

Vib.

(*Red.*)

mp *mf* *p*

RH: to bow

Hp

mp *mf* *p*

122 **K** Serene, hypnotic ♩ = 60

Cl.

p

Vib.

(sim.)

p

Hp

p

Cl

3

This musical score is for a percussion ensemble, featuring parts for Clarinet (Cl.), Vibraphone (Vib.), and Harp (Hp.). The score is divided into two systems, starting at measures 126 and 129.

System 1 (Measures 126-132):

- Clarinet (Cl.):** Plays a melodic line starting on B-flat, moving to A-flat, and then to G-flat. Dynamics include *f* and *p sub.*
- Vibraphone (Vib.):** Plays a melodic line starting on B-flat, moving to A-flat, and then to G-flat. Dynamics include *f* and *p sub.*
- Harp (Hp.):** Plays a complex melodic line with triplets and slurs. Dynamics include *f* and *p sub.*

System 2 (Measures 129-135):

- Clarinet (Cl.):** Plays a melodic line starting on B-flat, moving to A-flat, and then to G-flat. Dynamics include *p* and *mf*.
- Vibraphone (Vib.):** Plays a melodic line starting on B-flat, moving to A-flat, and then to G-flat. Dynamics include *p* and *mf*.
- Harp (Hp.):** Plays a complex melodic line with triplets and slurs. Dynamics include *p* and *mf*.

133

Cl.

p

mp

L

Vib.

(*2ed.*)

mp

Hp

mp

3

3

135

Cl.

Vib.

(*2ed.*)

mp

mp

Hp

3

3

137

Cl. *timb. tr* *p* *f* *p*

Vib. *(Led.)* *p* *L.V.* *f*

Hp *p* *f* *L.V.* *p* *f*

142

Cl. *Flz.* *timb. tr* *f* *f* *ff* **M Majestically**

(sim.) RH: to mallets

Vib. *(Led.)* *ff*

Hp *L.V.* *f* *ff*

3 *6*

145

Cl.

ff

Vib.

(*2nd.*)

f

Hp

Fb

147

Cl.

Vib.

(*2nd.*)

mp

Hp

mp

149

Cl. *mp* **N**

Vib. *mp* *Red.*

Hp

152

Cl.

Vib. *Red.*

Hp

6 5 3

F#
Cb

This musical score page, numbered 26, is for the piece 'Abating Shadows'. It contains two systems of music. The first system starts at measure 149 and includes a Clarinet (Cl.) part with a melodic line marked *mp* and a box labeled 'N', a Vibraphone (Vib.) part with a melodic line marked *mp* and *Red.*, and a Piano (Hp) part with complex rhythmic patterns including triplets and sixteenth notes. The second system starts at measure 152 and continues the parts for Cl., Vib., and Hp. The Vib. part is marked *Red.*. The Hp part features a melodic line with a slur over measures 152-154, with fingerings 6, 5, and 3 indicated. At the bottom of the page, the notes F# and Cb are written.

molto rit...... **Slow, ceremonial** ♩ = 44

154

Cl.

Vib.

(Xeo.)

RH: to bow

6

5

3

p

Hp

156

Cl.

Vib.

(Xeo.)

p

pp

p

pp

Hp

Ch

pp