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TANGO FOR TWO

*For Bb Clarinet
&
Violin*

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PROGRAM NOTES

Tango For Two is inspired by the romantic and expressive qualities of the clarinet and the violin. Rhythm and romance are at the core of the tango, and I employ both of these elements within the work by exploiting technical and natural sonic properties of both instruments in a very natural way. Extended techniques such as range, instrumental percussion, slap tonguing and dynamic extremes are the ingredients to this stew of emotions and human desire – the warmth of this stew comes from the potency and prominence of this lust, allowing for the music to reach farther into the depths of human feeling. The tango is a very personal and intimate style of interaction, and I aim to capture that style in its essence whilst remaining true to the personalities of both the clarinet and the violin; this is the basis for my expression of passion and organicism through the lens of a versatile duet.

INSTRUMENTATION

Bb Clarinet

Violin

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Tango For Two

dedicated to the Kamraton Ensemble

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With Great Conviction, ♩ = 126

Clarinet in B \flat

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Violin



A *very expressively*

B \flat Cl.

Vln.

B \flat Cl.

Vln.

B \flat Cl.

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Vln.

24

B \flat Cl. *p* *sfz* *ff* *mf* *p* *pp* *p*

Vln. *arco* *n* *f* *pizz.* *arco* *very expressively*

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p *f*

30

B \flat Cl. *sfz* *p*

Vln. *mp* *p*

36

B \flat Cl. *f* *f* *p*

Vln. *f* *n* *pp* *3*

42

B \flat Cl. *mf* *f* *p* *f* *p* *cel.*

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

47

B \flat Cl.

Vln.

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50

B \flat Cl.

Vln.

D Agressively, $\text{♩} = 180$

(flutter-tongue)

(tremelo)

ff *sfz* *ff* *sfz* *ff*

55

B \flat Cl.

Vln.

ff *fff* *f* *fff*

Light & Playful
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B \flat Cl.

Vln.

p *pizz.* *p*

69

B♭ Cl. *mf* *p*

Vln. *mf* *p*

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75

B♭ Cl. *pp* (pizz.)

Vln. *ff* *sfz* *pp*

81

B♭ Cl. *ff* *sfz* *mf* *ff*

Vln. *ff* *sfz* *p* *arco* *mf* *ff*

86 -2 (tongue-stop) -2 -2 -2

B♭ Cl. *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *p*

Vln. *mf* *sfz* *sfz* *ff*

extremely short (arco)

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B♭ Cl. *f*

Vln. *pizz. (very dry, no ring)* *f* *(very wet, much ring)*

p *f*

98

B \flat Cl. *pp* *ff*

(very dry, no ring) (very wet, much ring)

Vln. *sfz* *pp* *ff* *sfz* *sfz*

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104

B \flat Cl. *pp*

(very dry, no ring)

Vln. *sfz* *sfz* *pp*

110

B \flat Cl. *mf* *mf* *pp*

Vln. *arco* *mf* *pp*

rit. poco a poco.....

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B \flat Cl. *mp* *pp*

Vln. *mp* *pp*

(ca. ♩ = 100)

molto rit.....

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120

B♭ Cl. *pp* *mf*

Vln. *pp* *mf*

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F Melancholy, Very Passionate, ♩ = 50

*breathe as little as possible;
ideally, phrases stretch until a rest*

B♭ Cl. *pp* *mp*

Vln. *pp*



B♭ Cl. 133 *n* *pp* *mp*

Vln. *pp*



B♭ Cl. 140 *n* *pp*

Vln. *pp*

uber-passionately, with the deepest of emotions

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B \flat Cl. *f*

Vln. *mp* *mf* *n* *f*

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152

B \flat Cl.

Vln. *fp* *f*



158

B \flat Cl. *pp* *mf* *rit.*

Vln. *n* *pp* *mf*



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B \flat Cl. *n* *ff* *arco* *n* *f*

Vln. *n* *ff* *pizz.* *p*

I

very expressively

172

B \flat Cl. *ff* *mf* *p* *pp* *p* *mp* *p*

Vln. FOR PERUSAL ONLY *f* *mp* *n* *p* *mf*

pizz. arco

178

B \flat Cl. *sub. p*

Vln. *mp* *n* *pizz.* *arco* *sub. p*

184

B \flat Cl. *rit.* *a tempo* *mf* *n* *arco* *n* *f* *ff* *mf*

Vln. *f* *p* *pizz.* *f*

189

B \flat Cl. *p* *arco* *n* *f* *ff* *mf* *p* *pp*

Vln. *p* *pizz.* *f*

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