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"It is habitual for teachers of orchestration to assign piano pieces from the established repertoire as grist for the mill of instrumentation. Alfred Reed at the University of Miami (now Frost, no relation!) School of Music gave us students some pieces among which to choose to arrange for string orchestra. Somehow, I worked up the chutzpah to ask whether I could substitute these four recent works from my pen (back then, this really meant pen...). He looked at these and assented. The present work almost entirely superseded the original piano version as I eventually came to regard the countermelodies and various effects idiomatic to strings as essential."

Victor Frost took a Masters in composition after having already earned a DMA in piano performance, a good illustration of a life bifurcated between creative and executive musicianship. He has generally chosen to adhere to established genres, finding new things to say in the old forms, so we find opera and other vocal works, orchestral and chamber music, as well as instrumental solos in his large catalog. Dr. Frost's principal teachers were Charles Dodge and Myron Fink in composition, George Roth and Jon Klibonoff in piano, Flor Peeters and Calvin Hampton in organ.

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1. Rigaudon

Allegretto ($\text{d}=70$)

Musical score for the first page of 'Rigaudon'. The score includes parts for 1st Violins, 2nd Violins, Violas, Violoncellos, and Contrabasses. The key signature is four sharps, and the time signature is common time (indicated by '2'). The music begins with a rest followed by a dynamic 'mp'. The violins play eighth-note patterns, and the cellos provide harmonic support with sustained notes. The violins then play a melodic line with grace notes and slurs. The violoncellos play eighth-note patterns with dynamics 'mf' and 'pizz.'. The contrabasses provide harmonic support with sustained notes.

Musical score for the second page of 'Rigaudon'. The score includes parts for 1Vns., 2Vns., Vas., Vcs., and Cbs. The key signature changes to three sharps. The music begins with a dynamic 'mf'. The first violin plays eighth-note patterns with grace notes. The second violin and bassoon provide harmonic support with sustained notes. The bassoon and cello play eighth-note patterns with dynamics 'mf' and 'pp'. The double basses provide harmonic support with sustained notes. The bassoon then plays a melodic line with dynamics 'mp' and 'mf'.

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Musical score for orchestra and woodwind quintet (1Vns, 2Vns, Vas., Vcs., Cbs.). The score consists of two systems of music.

System 1 (Measures 9-12):

- 1Vns:** Playing eighth-note patterns.
- 2Vns:** Playing eighth-note patterns.
- Vas.:** Playing eighth-note patterns.
- Vcs.:** Playing eighth-note patterns.
- Cbs.:** Playing eighth-note patterns.

System 2 (Measures 13-16):

- 1Vns:** Playing eighth-note patterns. Dynamics: *mf*, *f*.
- 2Vns:** Playing eighth-note patterns. Dynamics: *f*, *mf*.
- Vas.:** Playing eighth-note patterns. Dynamics: *f*, *mf*.
- Vcs.:** Playing eighth-note patterns. Dynamics: *f*, *mf*.
- Cbs.:** Playing eighth-note patterns. Dynamics: *f*, *mf*.

Large, stylized letters (S, O, N, C) are overlaid on the musical staves, likely indicating specific performance techniques or sections of the score.

17

1Vns. 2Vns. Vas. Vcs. Cbs.

cresc. *ff, dim.*

21

1Vns. 2Vns. Vas. Vcs. Cbs.

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

24

1Vns. *mf*

2Vns. *mf*

Vas. *mf*

Vcs. *mf* *fff*

Cbs. *mf*

27

29

1Vns. *ff*

2Vns. *ff*

Vas. *ff*

Vcs. *ff*

Cbs. *ff*

34

1Vns. 2Vns. Vas. Vcs. Cbs.

1 2

fff *fff p*

fff *fff p*

fff f *fff p*

fff *p*

fff *fff p*

44

1Vns. 2Vns. Vas. Vcs. Cbs.

mfp p

45

1Vns. 

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

51

1Vns. 

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

56

1Vns.

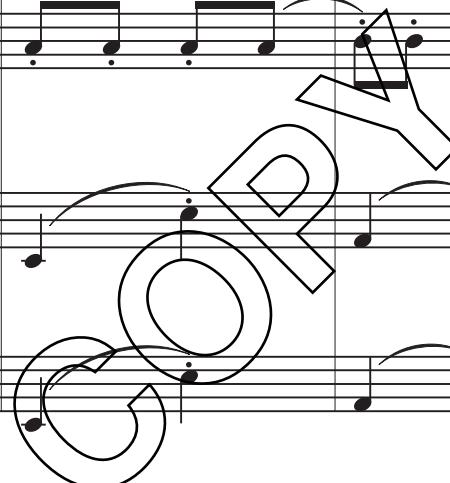
*mf**mf**mf*

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.



1Vns.

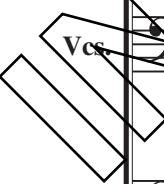
*f* *mf**f* *mf**f* *mf**f* *mf*

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.



64

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

68

1Vns. *cresc.* *ff, dim.* *mf*

2Vns. *cresc.* *ff, dim.* *mf*

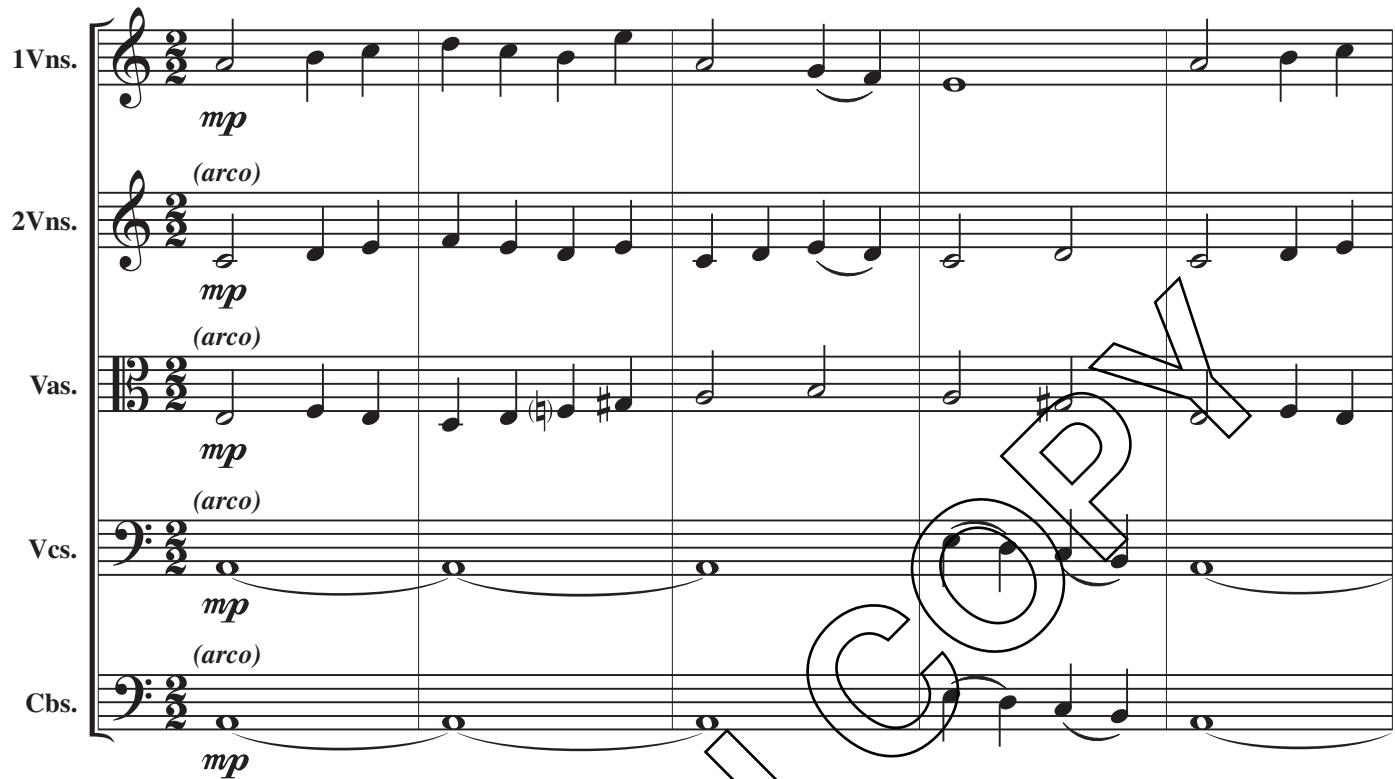
Vas. *cresc.* *ff, dim.* *mf*

Vcs. *cresc.* *ff, dim.* *5* *mf*

Cbs. *cresc.* *ff, dim.* *5* *mf*

2. Hébraïque

Andantino comodo ($\text{♩}=42$)

1Vns. 

TION

77

1Vns. 

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

83

1Vns. *mf*

2Vns. *pizz.* *mf*

Vas. *pizz.* *mf*

Vcs. *pizz.* *mf*

Cbs. *pizz.* *mf*

SPOON

84

89

1Vns. *mf*

2Vns. *pizz.* *mf*

Vas. *pizz.* *mf*

Vcs. *pizz.* *mf*

Cbs. *pizz.* *mf*

SPOON

Largo

ppp *cresc. poco a poco*

SOON

ppp *cresc. poco a poco*

94

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

100 Allegretto, sempre accelerando

mf, sempre cresc.

102

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

106

Presto

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

Ritornando al

110

1Vns. dim.

2Vns. dim.

Vas. dim.

Vcs. dim.

Cbs. dim.

SONG

114

1Vns. *mp*

2Vns. *arco* *mp*

Vas. *arco* *mp*

Vcs. *arco* *mp*

Cbs. *arco* *mp*

SONG

116 **Tempo I**

118

1Vns. 2Vns. Vas. Vcs. Cbs.

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

124

1Vns. 2Vns. Vas. Vcs. Cbs.

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

pizz.

mf

pizz.

mf

pizz.

mf

pizz.

mf

pizz.

mf

pizz.

130

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

136 Calando

136 Calando

1Vns. *pp*

2Vns. *pp*

Vas.

Vcs. *pp*

Cbs. *pp*

Largo

140

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

3. Mélodie

Lento cantabile (♩ = 62)

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

L'istesso tempo ($\text{♩}=124$)

151

149

1Vns. *sul A*

2Vns. *sul A*

Vas. *sul A*

Vcs.

Cbs.

L'istesso tempo ($\text{♩}=124$)

pp *mf*

pizz. *mp*

pizz. *mp*

pizz. *mp*

153

1Vns. *f*

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

mf

157

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

161

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

ritenuto

164

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

4. Valses nobles

Allegretto ($\text{♩} = 152$)

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

pizz.

mf

pizz.

mf

173

1Vns. *cresc.*

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs. *cresc.*

Cbs. *cresc.*

ff *sffz mf*

sffz mf

sffz

179

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs. *mf* *arco*

Cbs. *mf*

185

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

191

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

p

mf

p

mf

p

mf

p

mf

195

197

1Vns. 2Vns. Vas. Vcs. Cbs.

203

1Vns. 2Vns. Vas. Vcs. Cbs.

cresc. *ff*

cresc. *ff*

cresc. *ff*

cresc. *ff*

cresc. *ff*

210

209

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

f

f

f

ff *f*

SION

215

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

226

221

1Vns. *ff*

2Vns. *ff*

Vas. *ff*

Vcs. *ff*

Cbs. *ff*

dim.

f

dim.

f

dim.

f

dim.

f

227

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs. *ff*

Cbs.

233

1Vns. 

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

dim.

ff

fff

dim.

ff

fff

dim.

ff

fff

dim.

239

1Vns. 

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

f

f

f

f

242

5

245

1Vns. 2Vns. Vas. Vcs. Cbs.

SONG

249

1Vns. 2Vns. Vas. Vcs. Cbs.

SWEET

253

1Vns. *ff* 5 *dim.*

2Vns. *ff* *dim.*

Vas. *ff* *dim.*

Vcs. *ff* *dim.*

Cbs. *ff* *dim.*

SONG

257

1Vns. *f* 5

2Vns. *f*

Vas. *f*

Vcs. *f*

Cbs. *f*

SONG

261

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

The vocal line consists of large, hollow letters spelling "SONG". The letter "S" is positioned below the bassoon staff, "O" above the bassoon staff, "N" above the cello staff, and "G" above the double bass staff. The letters are connected by thin lines. The vocal line begins with a dotted half note, followed by eighth notes, then a sixteenth-note pattern, and finally another sixteenth-note pattern. The letter "G" ends with a fermata.

265

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

The vocal line consists of large, hollow letters spelling "SONG". The letter "S" is positioned below the bassoon staff, "O" above the bassoon staff, "N" above the cello staff, and "G" above the double bass staff. The letters are connected by thin lines. The vocal line begins with a dotted half note, followed by eighth notes, then a sixteenth-note pattern, and finally another sixteenth-note pattern. The letter "G" ends with a fermata. Dynamics "ff" are indicated for the brass parts.

269

1Vns. *fff* 5 *dim.*

2Vns. *fff* *dim.*

Vas. *fff* *dim.*

Vcs. *fff* *dim.*

Cbs. *fff* *dim.*

dim.

273

1Vns. *f* *pizz.*

2Vns. *pizz.* *fff*

Vas. *f* *fff* *pizz.*

Vcs. *f* *fff*

Cbs. *f* *fff*

278

1Vns. *dim.* *f* *fff*

2Vns. *dim.* *f* *fff*

Vas. *dim.* *f* *fff*

Vcs. *dim.* *f* *fff*

Cbs. *dim.* *f* *fff*

SECTION

284

1Vns. *dim.*

2Vns. *dim.*

Vas. *dim.*

Vcs. *dim.*

Cbs. *dim.*

290

291

1Vns. *f* *mp* *arco*

2Vns. *f* *mp* *arco*

Vas. *f* *mp* *arco*

Vcs. *f* *mp*

Cbs. *f* *mp*

296

1Vns. *f* *mp*

2Vns. *f* *mp*

Vas. *f* *mp*

Vcs. *f* *mp*

Cbs. *f* *mp*

302

1Vns. 

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

307

pizz.

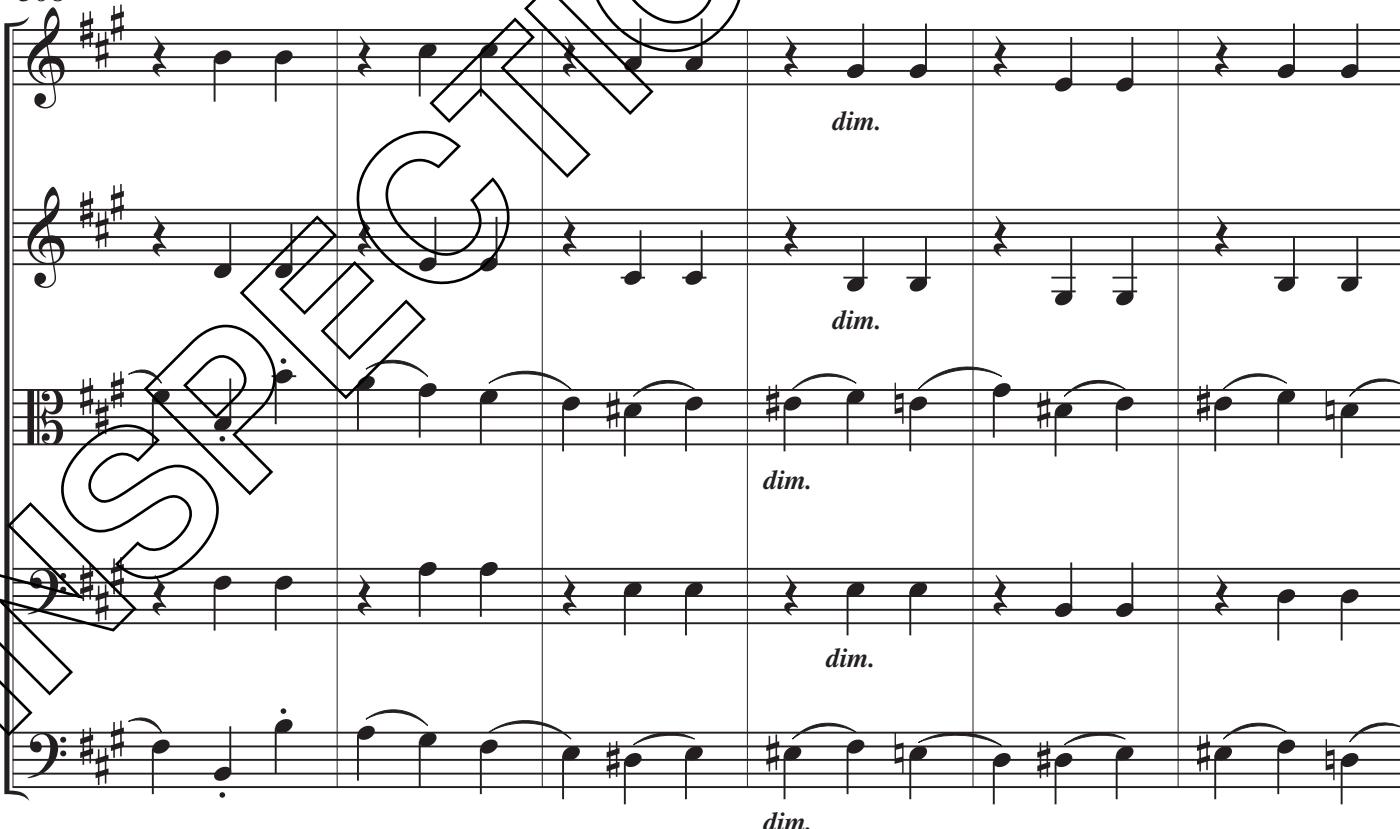
fff

pizz.

fff

pizz.

308

1Vns. 

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

314

1Vns. *f* *fff* *dim.*

2Vns. *f* *fff* *dim.*

Vas. *f fff* *dim.*

Vcs. *f* *fff* *dim.*

Cbs. *f fff* *dim.*

SPECIATION 323

320

1Vns. *p* *cresc.*

2Vns. *f* *p* *cresc.*

Vas. *f*

Vcs. *f* *cantabile arco* *pizz.* *cresc.*

Cbs. *f* *p* *pizz.* *cresc.*

326

1Vns. *mp* *cresc.* *mf*

2Vns. *mp* *cresc.* *mf*

Vas.

Vcs. *mp* *cresc.* *mf*

Cbs. *mp* *cresc.* *mf*

332

1Vns. *dim.*

2Vns. *dim.*

Vas.

Vcs. *dim.*

Cbs. *dim.*

338

1Vns. 

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

339

SPE**EL****LI****ON**

1Vns. 

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

SPE**EL****LI****ON**

350

1Vns. *dim.*

2Vns. *dim.*

Vas. *dim.*

Vcs. *dim.*

Cbs. *dim.*

355

mp

f

arco

f

arco

356

1Vns. *mf*

2Vns. *mf*

Vas. *mf*

Vcs. *mf*

Cbs. *mf*

f

f

f

mf

f

362

1Vns. *mf* *f*

2Vns. *mf* *f*

Vas. *mf* *f*

Vcs. *mf* *f*

Cbs. *mf* *f*

368

1Vns. *mf* *pp* *cresc.*

2Vns. *mf* *pp, cresc.*

Vas. *mf* *pp, cresc.*

Vcs. *mf* *pp, cresc.*

Cbs. *mf* *pp, cresc.*

SONG 371

374

1Vns. *mf* dim. *pp*

2Vns. *mf* dim. *pp*

Vas. *mf* dim. *pp*

Vcs. *mf* dim. *pp*

Cbs. *mf* dim. *pp*

379

1Vns. *cresc.* *mf* dim.

2Vns. *cresc.* *mf* dim.

Vas. *cresc.* *mf* dim.

Vcs. *cresc.* *mf* dim.

Cbs. *cresc.* *mf* dim.

387

385

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

391

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

396

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

mf *f*

mf *f*

mf *f*

mf

f

401

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

mf

mf

mf

pizz.

406

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

411

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

416

1Vns.

419

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

421

1Vns.

2Vns.

Vas.

Vcs.

Cbs.

426

1Vns. 

2Vns. 

Vas. 

Vcs. 

Cbs. 

SON

431

1Vns. 

2Vns. 

Vas. 

Vcs. 

Cbs. 

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