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RECURRING DREAM

SECOND FANTASY
FOR VIOLA AND PIANO

Peter Dayton
(1990-)



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Recurring Dream: Second Fantasy, for Viola and Piano

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Single-movement work

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in Central Hong Kong

by Roberto Díaz and Bright Sheng

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Program Notes from the Composer: Composed for the Intimacy of Creativity composition call-for-scores, this work is technically a 'revision' of my submitted composition for that opportunity: my *Fantasy* for Viola and Piano, composed roughly a decade earlier. The final deliberation involves revision as part of actively engaging the composer in the collaborative creative process of workshopping. In my case, in evaluating my work for final selection, Bright Sheng challenged me to create a work less abruptly sectional out of some of the most memorable material from the *Fantasy*, essentially strip-mining that earlier work out of which to forge a new work. A fascinating challenge with a limited time-frame, *Recurring Dream: Second Fantasy* for Viola and Piano stands either in contradistinction to the original *Fantasy* or on its own. The primary melody, the waltz-like, *filme noire* theme, melancholy tone, and contrast of moods and colors of the original are all retained and recast in this new work – with a continuous thread running between the viola and piano parts as they travel down new musical pathways, like a dream whose elements remain the same but the order has been jumbled. Considering how many of my works are inspired by other artists, it seems somewhere between poetic justice and a logical extension of my creative practice to compose a piece inspired by my own work, from the distance of ten years. This second fantasy is dedicated to Christopher Lowry, who has sustained the life of the original *Fantasy* in performance over these many years.

Notes to the performer from the Composer:

If this or others within the viola *Fantasy* series are programmed or recorded together, it is my personal preference that they not be presented in direct succession, but instead be interspersed among other works.

Please inform me if you intend to program, perform, or record this work. I would like to keep track of performances and to cross-promote on my own network. Please email me at peterndayton@gmail.com.

Peter Dayton

composed for the Intimacy of Creativity 2019 Conference

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41

pp mp

46

passionate ff

49

f ff mf rubato, a little under tempo

54

p fp f returning to tempo

59

a tempo ff urgent, reaching

63

turning somber rit. poco a poco al... legato, tender (con vibrato) Sul Tasto p

69

pp rall. a tempo, rubato poco a poco accel. al...

79 $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 63\sim 66$
agitato
f *fpp* *ff* *crying out*

83 *f* *6* *6* *6* *6*

85 *legato, with warmth*
ff *3* *3* *3* *3* *mf*

89 *fraught* *rit. al...*
mf *pp* $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 52\sim 54$
legato, peaceful
Sul Tasto

94 *mournful*
Con sord. (Ord.)
pp *p* *p*

102 *espressivo*
poco portando *rit. poco a poco al fine*
tender, resigned
p

108 *pp* *p*

Recurring Dream

Second Fantasy, for Viola and Piano

to Christopher Lowry

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$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 63\sim 66$

legato, with warmth
Sul Tasto

pp

legato, with warmth

p

mp

poco rall.

f

12 *a tempo*

tentative

p

delicately marked

pp

15

meno p

mf

18

with gathering strength
Ord.

pp *mp* *mf*

mf *p*

21

mf

mf

24

f

f

26

singing

mf

mf

29

singing

p

29

31

31

p

8^{va}

34

f

(8^{va})

34

f

charging to the fore

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The piano part features a complex texture of triplets and sixteenth notes, often spanning across bar lines. The voice part enters at measure 29 with a melodic line marked 'singing' and 'p' (piano). The score is divided into systems. The first system covers measures 29 to 30. The second system covers measures 31 to 33, with an 8va (octave up) marking above the voice staff in measure 33. The third system covers measures 34 to 35, with a forte 'f' dynamic marking in measure 34 and an 8va marking above the voice staff in measure 35. The phrase 'charging to the fore' is written below the piano staff in measure 35. The score concludes with a final measure in measure 35.

36

mf

36

38

legato, with building urgency

(mf) *p* *mf* *pp* *mp*

8va
legato, with building urgency

38

p *f* *mf*

43

43

(8va)

47 *passionate*

ff *f*

47 *glittering*

ff *f*

47 *ff* *f*

rubato, a little under tempo

50 *ff*

50 *f* *p*

8va

50 *f* *p*

50 *ff*

50 *f* *p*

8va

50 *f* *p*

returning to tempo

53 *mf* *p* *determined* *fp*

53 *p* *mp* *determined, singing*

53 *mf* *p* *determined* *fp*

53 *p* *mp* *determined, singing*

57 *a tempo*

fp *f*

RH

60 *urgent, reaching*

ff *8va*

63 *turning somber*

ff *p* *somber, muffled* *mp* *8va* *pp*

rit. poco a poco al...*legato, tender**Sul Tasto*

♩ = c. 58

66

p

66

pp

8va

8va

76

Musical score for measures 76-78. The score is written for a piano with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is 3/4. The music features a complex, flowing melody in the right hand and a more rhythmic accompaniment in the left hand. A long, sweeping slur covers the right hand across all three measures.

 $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 63\sim 66$

79

Musical score for measures 79-81. The score is written for a piano with a grand staff. The key signature has two flats. The time signature is 3/4. The music is marked *agitated* and *f* (forte). It features a complex, flowing melody in the right hand and a more rhythmic accompaniment in the left hand. A long, sweeping slur covers the right hand across all three measures. The score includes triplets and a *fpp* (fortissimopiano) marking in the right hand at the end of measure 81. The left hand has a *pp* (pianissimo) marking in measure 81. The score includes a *8va* (octave) marking in the right hand at the end of measure 81.

82

Musical score for measures 82-84. The score is written for a piano with a grand staff. The key signature has two flats. The time signature is 3/4. The music is marked *crying out* and *ff* (fortissimo). It features a complex, flowing melody in the right hand and a more rhythmic accompaniment in the left hand. A long, sweeping slur covers the right hand across all three measures. The score includes triplets and a *8va* (octave) marking in the right hand at the end of measure 82. The left hand has a *ff* (fortissimo) marking in measure 82.

84

f

f

ff

8va

legato, with warmth

86

ff

mf

(8va)

soaring

f

fraught

89

fraught

mf

rit. al...

8va

(loco)

8va

pp

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11

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 52 \sim 54$
legato, peaceful
 Sul Tasto

92

92 *mf* *legato, peaceful* *p* *pp*

95

95 *pp* *p* *p* *mf*

98

98 *mf* *pp* *p* *mournful*
 Con sord. (Ord.)

101

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espressivo
poco portando

rit. poco a poco al fine
tender, resigned

104

104

pp

p

109

109

pp

p

legato, tender

ppp mp

pp