

EMBIOSIS

for orchestra

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INSTRUMENTATION

Flute
Piccolo
Oboe
Cor Anglais
2 Clarinets in B \flat
2 Bassoons

4 Horns in F
2 Trumpets in C
2 Trombones (tenor, bass)
Tuba

2 Percussion
[Tubular Bells; Vibraphone]
[Bass Drum; Timpani (3 drums)]

Harp

Solo Strings*
[Violin I; Violin II; Viola; Violoncello]

Strings

* solo string parts to be played by section leaders,

Duration: c.a. 5'
Transposed Score

Composer's Note

Embiosis is an invented word, an assimilation of *em-* (in/within) and *-biosis* (mode of life), thus 'within a lifeform'. It is an elegy and a nostalgia for a state of being encapsulated in a warm cocoon of safety, and a time of present acceptance. The four string soloists lead the music with tiny weeping glissandi, emoting what lies between the stability of notes. They can be thought of abstractly as the 'life-form' enveloped within the cushion of the orchestral surroundings and colourings. The soloists are less 'soloists', and more representative conceptually and timbrally of the idea of the embiosis, with a set up of a solo-tutti relationship. *Embiosis* is built simply upon a harmonic progression, diminuted at the end. There is a great fluidity to the lines and orchestration, an ebb and flow of a living entity.

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Largo ♩=50 **A**

Flute
Piccolo
Oboe
Cor Anglais
Clarinets in B♭ 1,2
Bassoons 1,2
Horns in F 1,2
Horns in F 3,4
Trumpets in C 1,2
Trombone
Bass Trombone
Tuba
Percussion 1
Percussion 2
Harp
Violin I solo
Violin II solo
Viola solo
Violoncello solo
Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Violoncello
Contrabass

tune low Db

Bass Drum

ppp sempre

p

solo

gliss.

pp

ff

mf

pp

div.3

non div.

div.2

ppp

ff

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2

B

Fl. *pp* *mp* *pp* *f* *pp*

Picc.

Ob.

C. A.

Cl. 1,2 *p tenderly* *ppp* *mf* *pp* *mf*

Bsn. 1,2 *pp* *p* *p* *p*

Hn. 3,4

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Tub. B. *pp* *l.v.* *to Vib.*

B. D. *to Timp.*

Hp. *with flute* *mf* *l.v.*

B

Vln. I solo *pp tenderly* *gliss.* *mp* *pp* *mf* *pp*

Vln. II solo *pp tenderly* *gliss.* *mf* *pp*

Vla. solo *pp*

Vc. solo *pp* *pp* *gliss.*

Vln. I *pp* *mf* *div.* *mf*

Vln. II *pp* *mf* *mp* *tr.*

Vla. *non div.* *nat.* *p*

Vc. *ppp* *pp* *non div.* *mf* *mp*

Cb. *div. 3* *ppp* *pp* *mf* *pp*