

JUDITH SHATIN

Ignoto Numine

Piano Trio



Program Notes: *Ignoto Numine*

Ignoto Numine, whose title means "Unknown Spirit," was the first piece I composed after my divorce from my first husband during a residency at the Virginia Center for Creative Arts. While I didn't think about it at the time, it gradually became clear to me that there was a link between the fierce elements of the piece and that experience. I built the piece on a bipartite structure that refers to traditional formal elements only to systematically destroy them both timbrally and structurally. Subversion becomes strategy. Rather than focusing on traditional harmonic closure, the overall pitch motion descends from D to A, never to return. Instead, the ending explodes with voices screaming together with the instruments in a final apotheosis. From the opening timpani mallet strikes on the lowest D of the piano, to the microtonal glisses in the strings, there is an extreme range of tones of voice, from the tender quality of the secondary theme to the extravagantly wild cadenzas and ending. *Ignoto Numine* was commissioned, premiered and recorded by the Monticello Trio on their album on the CRI label. For more information, visit www.judithshatin.com –JS

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Duration: 15:15

NOTATION

Ensemble:

1. Numbers in brackets above the system indicate duration in seconds.
2. Feathered beaming indicates an acceleration or ritard over the given duration. It does not indicate the exact number of notes unless specified.
3. Accidentals above the trill apply to the diatonic neighbor above the notated pitch. Likewise, accidentals below apply to the diatonic neighbor below the notated pitch.

Piano:

1. Percussion Mallets



Tympani mallet



Snare stick

2. All diamond-shaped notes should be performed on the piano strings.
3.  Fingernail Pluck
4. III Lowest two sections of piano strings, separated by
IV frame bars.

Strings:



+ and - indicate microtonal gliss that expands into a larger glissando as size of expansion glyph indicates. There are two indicated pitches, with one sustained while the other moves.

IGNOTO NUMINE

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Violin

Violoncello

Piano

Incantatory

sul pont

ord.

p

sf

p cresc.

f

f ord.

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

6

8

pp

pp

p

ord.

cresc.

f

ord.

p

mp

p

5:3

11

f

10

f

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Vln. 15 $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 60$ senza vib. sub. p ord. mp 3 p pp

Vlc. senza vib. sub. p ord. 3 mp 3 p pp

Pno. 15 $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 60$ p 5

Vln. 20 Numinous mute p pp

Vlc. mute p pp

Pno. 20 mp 3 mp p mf 3

Vln. 26 pp

Vlc. pp

Pno. 26 $8va$ ord. 14 14 7 pp

29

Vln. *pp*

Vlc. *pp*

Pno. *mp*

ord.

3

3

3

2

mute off

34

Vln. *p* *f* *p*

Vlc. *p* *f* *p*

Pno. *p* *f* *p*

ord.

Surging

3

4

4

3

38

Vln. *p* *pp*

Vlc. *p* *pp*

Pno. *mf* *mp*

ord.

Shimmering ♩ = ca. 60

6

5

5

42

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

finger gliss.
R.H. gliss. up and down string, let harmonics ring.

ord.

ord.

$\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 60$

pp

pp

mp

ord.

47

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

Delicate

mute off

7:3

p

mp

p

ord.

7:2

mp

mf

53

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

Assertive

mp

mf

mp

p

mf

3

mp

ord.

p

mf

3

3

3

60

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

mf *mp* *p*

ord.

sul pont

3

6

65

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

mf *mp* *ord.* *sul pont*

3

6

70

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

ord. *cresc. poco a poco* *f* *mp* *ca. 60*

3

7

3

5

6

6

3

74 *mf* *accel.*

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

mf 3

mf 3

accel.

cresc. 5 3

77 ♩ = ca.80 Intense

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

fp *f* *pizz.* (*f*)

fp *f* *pizz.* (*f*)

77 ♩ = ca.80 Intense

f *f* *mp*

81 (pizz.) 3

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

mf *f* *mf* 3 *f* 3

86

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

mf *f*

p *cresc.* *f*

arco

3

3

3

6

3

90

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

poco meno mosso ♩ = ca.72

Sonorous

f

3

3

3

3

3

3

94

Vln.

Vlc.

mp *mf*

3

3

3

3

3

3

99

Vln.

Vlc.

mp *cresc.* *mf*

3

3

3

3

3

3

103

Vln. *mp* *p* *mp*

Vlc. *p* *mp*

108

Vln. *cresc.* *mf* *f* Urgent, subito

Vlc. *cresc.* *(mf)* *f* ritard. ♩ = ca. 92

113

Vln. *f*

Vlc. *f*

118 ritard. ♩ = ca. 76

Vln. *mf* *(mf)* *dim.*

Vlc. *mf* *(mf)* *dim.*

124 rit. a piacere ♩ = ca. 80 flessibile

Vln. *p* *(p)* *f* *mf* *f*

Vlc. *p*

Vln. *senza vib.* *ord.* *cresc.*

Vlc. *sub. p*

Vln. 

Vln. 

Vln. 
Vlc. 

Cadenza

♩ = ca. 80 flessibile

Vlc. 

Vlc. 

Vlc. 

Vln. 
Vlc. 

139 $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 88$

Vln. (cresc.) 5 5 6 ff

Vlc. (cresc.) 5 5 6 ff

Pno. $139 = \text{ca. } 88$ ff $\text{Excited } \text{♩} = \text{ca. } 60$ sfp cresc.

142 (tr) 3 2 ff 2 3

Vln. (cresc.) ff

Vlc. (cresc.) ff

Pno. 142 no tremolo ff no tremolo

146 tr 3 2 cresc. molto

Vln. (b) cresc. molto

Vlc. cresc. molto

Pno. 146 $\text{gliss. on middle section of piano strings}$ mp cresc. molto

149

Vln. *ff* 3 1 détaché dense, jagged, dissonant rise, fast as possible 5 1

Vlc. *ff* 13 13

Pno. 149 ord. *ff*

153

Vln. *ff* 5 1 2 2 3 sul pont ord. dim. *p* ord. *p*

Vlc. *ff* 15 15 15 15 15 sul pont dim. *p*

Pno. 153 *ff* *f* depress silently let ring

158

Vln. *f* 2 2 3 2 3 sul pont ord. sul pont *pp*

Vlc. *f* 15 15 15 15 15 sul pont ord. sul pont *pp*

Pno. 158 depress silently let ring *f*

Violin I (Vln.) and Violin II (Vlc.) parts are shown in 3/4 time. The Piano (Pno.) part is also in 3/4 time. The score includes a large 'MANANCE' watermark.

Violin I (Vln.) and Violin II (Vlc.) parts are shown in 3/4 time. The tempo is marked as ca. 60 (Tender). The Violin I part starts with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a half note B4. The Violin II part starts with a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, and then a half note B3. The Piano (Pno.) part starts with a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, and then a half note B3. The Piano part includes a section marked "poco cresc." and a section marked "mp" and "p".

Violin I (Vln.) part: Measures 172-177. Measure 172 starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a triplet of eighth notes. Measure 173 has a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. Measure 174 has a piano (*p*) dynamic and a long note with a fermata. Measure 175 has a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measure 176 has a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measure 177 has a piano (*p*) dynamic.

Violin II (Vlc.) part: Measures 172-177. Measure 172 is a whole rest. Measure 173 has a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and a triplet of eighth notes. Measure 174 has a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measure 175 has a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measure 176 has a piano (*p*) dynamic. Measure 177 has a piano (*p*) dynamic.

Piano (Pno.) part: Measures 172-177. The piano part is a whole rest in both staves for all measures.

178

Vln. sul pont ord.

Vlc. sul pont ord.

Pno. 178 ord. ord. ord.

3

184

Vln. (♩ = ca.60) sul pont ord. Violent ♩ = ca.80

Vlc. sul pont ord. cresc. - - - - -

Pno. 184 (♩ = ca.60) mf p f 5:3

189

Vln. Introspective mp

Vlc. mp 3

Pno. 189 10 6 8^{va} - 1

193 $\text{♩} = \text{ca. 50 Gentle}$

Vln. *p*

Vlc. *p*

Pno. *p* *mp*

198 Numinous

Vln. *p* *pp*

Vlc. *p* *pp*

Pno. *p*

203

Vln. *p*

Vlc. *p*

Pno. *ord.* *p*

204

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

pp

mp

ord.

3

3

p cresc.

210

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

mp

f

p

mp

f

p

(cresc.)

ord.

mp

f

214

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

Glistening

p

p

mf

ord.

mp

ord.

6

5

5

3

3

8

(♩ = ca. 60)

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

219

R.H. gliss. up and down strings.

ord.

mf

mp

ord.

223

mute off

7:3

7:2

7:2

mf

ord.

228

mf

mf

ord.

mf

ord.

3

3

3

3

ord.

ord.

234

Vln. *v* 3

Vlc. *v* 3

Pno. 234 *ord.* *mf* *mp* *ord.* *mf* *mp*

sul pont *mp* 6 6

238

Vln. *ord.* *cresc. poco a poco* 3 7 *f*

Vlc. *ord.* 3 *cresc. poco a poco* 3 *f*

Pno. 238 *cresc. poco a poco* 5 6 6 *f*

Cadenza

241 *p* 3 3 *più mosso* *f* 6

♩ = ca. 69 Tranquil *♩ = ca. 76 Agitated*

245 3 3 6 3 3 *accel.* 3

$\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 84$

Pno.

249

mf *f* *mf* *f*

254

Pno.

258

Pno.

f *sf*

262

Pno.

265

Pno.

ff *dim.* *p*

268

$\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 76$

Pno.

6

3

8^{va} 7

8^{va} 7

Pno.

Measures 261-266 of the piano score. The piece is in 2/4 time. Measures 261-263 feature a melody in the right hand with a *mf* dynamic and a crescendo leading to a *f* dynamic in measure 264. The left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Measures 265-266 continue the *f* melody in the right hand and the eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand.

Pno.

Measures 267-270 of the piano score. Measures 267-269 continue the *f* melody in the right hand and the eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand. In measure 270, the right hand has a *ff* dynamic and a crescendo, while the left hand continues the eighth-note accompaniment.

Vln.

Wild ♩ = ca.72

267

Vlc.

267

Pno.

267

Wild ♩ = ca.72

Violin, Viola, and Piano scores for measures 267-270. The Violin and Viola parts have a tempo marking of *Wild ♩ = ca.72*. Measures 267-269 feature a *sf* dynamic in the Violin and Viola parts, with a crescendo leading to a *f* dynamic in measure 270. The Piano part continues the *f* melody in the right hand and the eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand.

Vln.

271

Vlc.

271

Pno.

271

Violin, Viola, and Piano scores for measures 271-274. Measures 271-273 feature a *sf, mf* dynamic in the Violin and Viola parts, with a crescendo leading to a *f* dynamic in measure 274. The Piano part continues the *f* melody in the right hand and the eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand.

274

Vln. *f*

Vlc. *f*

Pno. *f*

sf, mf *cresc.*

6 6 3

277

Vln. *f*

Vlc. *f*

Pno. *f*

sf, mf *cresc.*

3

279

Vln. *f*

Vlc. *f*

Pno. *f*

sf, mf *cresc.*

6 6 6 6 3

281

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

6

6

6

6

3

sf, mf

cresc.

3

sf, mf

cresc.

3

sf, mf

cresc.

3

3

283

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

5

3

5

f

cresc.

ff

sf

f

cresc.

ff

sf

f

ff

f

ord.

6 3 4 3

286 *sul pont*

Vln. *mf* cresc. - - - - - *f* ord. sub. *pp* cresc. - - - - - *ff*

Vlc. *sul pont* *mf* cresc. - - - - - *f* ord. sub. *pp* cresc. - - - - - *ff*

Pno. 286 *mf* cresc. - - - - - *f* ord. sub. *pp* cresc. - - - - - *ff* pick up L.H. takes

With utter abandon 16

290 Voices of all 3 players [Stagger vocal entries, voices imitate shape of instrumental glissando]

Ah, *p* cresc. - - - - - *fff* [Turns into a wailing shout.]

Vln. *pp* cresc. - - - - - *fff*

Vlc. *pp* cresc. - - - - - *fff*

Pno. 290 (III) *pp* cresc. - - - - - *fff* (IV)

pp cresc. - - - - - *fff* [Random Ped, accelerate rate of change for jagged effect.]