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Kassia

Instrumental Septet



Instrumentation

Bb Clarinet
Harp
Violin 1
Violin 2
Viola
Cello
Contrabass

Program Note

Kassia was a 9th-century Byzantine abbess, poet and hymnographer. She is the only woman whose hymns are represented in the Eastern Orthodox liturgy and is likely the first named woman whose music has survived until now. The Kassia Ensemble, with support from the Spark Foundation and Opportunity Fund of Pittsburgh, commissioned this piece as the first for their complete ensemble, and asked that it reflect their namesake in some way. The ensemble consists of clarinet, harp and string quintet offering a unique timbral world. In responding to their desire for reference to Kassia, I decided to reach back across time, drawing on a few melodic fragments from Kassia's major chants *The Fallen Woman* and *Augustus the Monarch*, translated into contemporary notation thanks to the meticulous research of musicologist Diane Touliatos-Banke. I also arranged for classical scholar Christina Boltsi to record some of Kassia's poetry in the original Greek to get a sense of their sound and rhythmic flow. My music moves from a gentle opening and meditation to cries of regret, and from pensive yearnings to dreams of a world beyond. During the 2020 pandemic, my virtual sessions with the members of the Kassia Ensemble provided inspiring connections in dark times. Imagining across the centuries in composing this piece reminded me how music is of time yet enables us to feel outside of it. For more information, visit www.judithshatin.com. –JS

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Duration: 12:30

Notation

General

Accidentals apply to the note within register throughout the measure

•	Denotes a brief pause, a breath
10"	A number like this in brackets indicates seconds. Return to the prevailing tempo at the end of this symbol.
n.v.	non vibrato

Strings

	Increase bow pressure, with increasing noise content
X	x notehead and indication 'chop' indicate a quick, strong attack with heavy bow pressure. The sound is mainly noise with a small amount of pitch.
sp.	sul ponticello
msp.	molto sul ponticello

Harp

	Fingernail
	Mute
p.d.l.t.	Prés de la table
	Pedal Buzz
	Thunder

Clarinet

T. Tr.	Timbral Trill
t.s.	Tongue slap

Tranposed Score

To the Kassia Ensemble

Kassia

In Tempore Plaga

With Infinite Gentleness ♩ = 68

Judith Shatin

Cello solo
con sord.

n.v. -----> vib.

n.v. , vib.

Cello

5

n *mp* *p* *mp* *cresc.*

3 3

B♭ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

con sord.

pp *p* *pp* *p*

con sord. III.

pp *p*

con sord.

pp *p*

con sord.

pp *p*

A Animated

21

B♭ Cl. *T. tr.*

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

p mp p mp

mf

3 3 3

24

B♭ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

mf bis. f

gliss.

3 6 3

mp mf p

mf p

mf p

mf p

[illegible]

33

B♭ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

PERUSAL SCOPE, NOT

37

B♭ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

mf

pp

pp

pp

pp

40

B♭ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

f

p

mp

p

mp

p

mp

43

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

ff
Aeolian rustle

Vln. I

f

Vln. II

f 6

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

mf

45

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

bis.
ff

l.v.

Vln. I

mf

Vln. II

mf

Vla.

f

Vc.

f 6

D.B.

f

[illegible]

55

B $\flat$ Cl. *f*

Hp. *f* $\oplus$

Vln. I *f* *mp* 3 6 6

Vln. II *f* *mp*

Vla. *f* *mf*

Vc. *f* *mf*

D.B. *f* *mf*

57

B $\flat$ Cl. *mp*

Hp. P.d.l.t. *mp* ord. *mf* 5

Vln. I *p*

Vln. II *p* *mp*

Vla. *p* *mp* 3

Vc. *p* *mp* 3 3

D.B. *mp*

PERUSAL SCORE! NOT FOR PERFORMANCE

62

B♭ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

67

B♭ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

sf-mf

f

sf-mf

sf-mf

sf-mf

sf-mf

f

sf-mf

Solo

3

3

3

72

B $\flat$ Cl. *mf* Solo

Hp. *mf*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc. *mf*

D.B.

76

B $\flat$ Cl. *f* *sf*

Hp. *f* *sf*

Vln. I *f* *sf*

Vln. II *f* *sf*

Vla. *f* *sf*

Vc. *f* *sf*

D.B. *f* *sf*

80

B $\flat$ Cl. *mf*

Hp. *mf* P.d.l.t.

Vln. I *mf*

Vln. II *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

D.B. *mf*

86

B $\flat$ Cl. *p*

Hp. *f* ord. *mp*

Vln. I *mp*

Vln. II *mp*

Vla. *mp* con sord. *p*

Vc. *mf* *pp*

D.B. *mp* *pp*

C Yearning, Poco più mosso

B $\flat$ Cl.

mp

ord.

Hp.

p

ord.

Vln. I

con sord.

p

Vln. II

p

Vla.

con sord.

Vc.

con sord.

p pizz.

arco

D.B.

p

96

B $\flat$ Cl.

mf

Hp.

Vln. I

mp

Vln. II

mp

Vla.

mp

Vc.

mp

D.B.

mp

mf

poco rit.

Darkening ♯ = 72

[illegible][illegible]

D Ominous and Rough

The musical score for 'D Ominous and Rough' is written for a chamber ensemble. The instrumentation includes Bb Clarinet, Harp, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass. The time signature is 3/4. The score is divided into two systems. The first system (measures 1-11) features a Bb Clarinet part starting with a half note G2, followed by a half note F#2, and then a half note E2. The Harp part begins with a half note G2, followed by a half note F#2, and then a half note E2. The Violin I and Violin II parts are marked 'f' and play a half note G2, followed by a half note F#2, and then a half note E2. The Viola part is marked 'f' and plays a half note G2, followed by a half note F#2, and then a half note E2. The Violoncello and Double Bass parts are marked 'f' and play a half note G2, followed by a half note F#2, and then a half note E2. The second system (measures 12-22) features a Bb Clarinet part starting with a half note G2, followed by a half note F#2, and then a half note E2. The Harp part begins with a half note G2, followed by a half note F#2, and then a half note E2. The Violin I and Violin II parts are marked 'f' and play a half note G2, followed by a half note F#2, and then a half note E2. The Viola part is marked 'f' and plays a half note G2, followed by a half note F#2, and then a half note E2. The Violoncello and Double Bass parts are marked 'f' and play a half note G2, followed by a half note F#2, and then a half note E2. The score includes dynamic markings such as *f*, *ff*, and *cresc.* (crescendo). There are also performance instructions like 'to sp.' (to soprano) and 'ord.' (order). The score is marked '112' at the beginning of the second system.

114

B $\flat$ Cl.

sf *ff*

Hp.

(between $\flat$ & $\natural$) *ff* $\$$ $\oplus$ $\$$ $\oplus$ (between $\flat$ & $\natural$)

Vln. I

ord. *sf* sp. *ff* ord.

Vln. II

ord. *sf* sp. *ff* ord.

Vla.

ord. *ff* *sf* sp. *ff* ord.

Vc.

ord. *ff* *sf* sp. *ff* ord.

D.B.

ord. *ff* *sf* sp. *ff* ord.

119

B $\flat$ Cl.

ff

Hp.

ff 3

Vln. I

sf *ff* pizz.

Vln. II

sf *sf* *ff* pizz.

Vla.

sf *sf* *ff* arco

Vc.

arco *sf* *sf* *ff*

D.B.

arco *sf* *sf* *ff* *f*

E Cri de Cœur

Score for **Cri de Cœur**, featuring instruments: B♭ Cl., Hp., Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., D.B., and B♭ Cl. (repeated).

The score is divided into two systems. The first system includes measures 135 and 136. The second system includes measures 137, 138, 139, 140, and 141.

Key performance markings include **ff** (fortissimo), **sf** (sforzando), **ord.** (order), **P.d.l.t.** (Pédalier à la tasto), and **T. tr.** (Trompe en travers).

The score is marked **PERUSAL SCORE, NOT FOR PERFORMANCE**.

140

B $\flat$ Cl.

growl

TS.

Hp.

P.d.l.t.

ff

fng. nail buzz

Vln. I

chop

ord.

Vln. II

chop

ord.

Vla.

chop

Vc.

chop

D.B.

chop

ff

143

B $\flat$ Cl.

growl

TS.

Hp.

P.d.l.t.

ff

dead slap

ord.

Vln. I

chop

sfp

ff

Vln. II

chop

sfp

ff

Vla.

ord.

sfp

ff

Vc.

ord.

sfp

ff

D.B.

ord.

sfp

ff

Ferocious

145

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

146

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

PERUSAL SCORE! NOT FOR PERFORMANCE

147

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

148

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

PERUSAL SCORE! NOT FOR PERFORMANCE

149

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

150

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

151

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

152

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

153

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

6"

154

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

sf *ff*

ff hit metal strings

ord. *sp.*

ff *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Wild

Start with sharp accent, hold for ca. 1", then separate, becoming more and more dense and out of control

**Draw on these pitch classes & techniques;
Strong accents, multiphonics, tongue slaps,
rough sounds, dense, wild, jagged rhythms
& registers.**

**Draw on these pitch classes & techniques;
Thunder, pedal buzz, wood sounds, pizz,
gliss, fingernails, chords and individual notes;
wild, jagged rhythms & registers.**

Draw on these pitch classes; Distorting sounds, changing bow pressure, MSP, sp, ord, scrapes, pizz, double-stops tremolo gliss, rough dense, wild, jagged rhythms & registers

**Increasingly sparse,
Still intense**

for ca. 1", then separate, becoming more and more dense and out of control

Draw on these pitch classes & techniques; Strong accents, multiphonics, tongue slaps, rough sounds, dense, wild, jagged rhythms & registers.

Draw on these pitch classes & techniques; Thunder, pedal buzz, wood sounds, pizz, gliss, fingernails, chords and individual notes; wild, jagged rhythms & registers.

Draw on these pitch classes; Distorting sounds, changing bow pressure, MSP, sp, ord, scrapes, pizz, double-stops tremolo gliss, rough dense, wild, jagged rhythms & registers

Increasingly sparse, Still intense

FOR PERFORMANCE

Still Struggling (♩ = 68)

159 Still Struggling (♩ = 68)

B♭ Cl.

ff

sf

ff

P.d.l.t.

ff

Vln. I

ff

Vln. II

ff

Vla.

ff

Vc.

ff

D.B.

ff

162

B $\flat$ Cl.

f

T. tr.

ord.

f

Hp.

Vln. I

sfp

Vln. II

sfp

Vla.

sfp

Vc.

sfp

D.B.

pizz.

arco

f

sfp

f

f

165

B $\flat$ Cl.

sf

ff

sfp

f

Hp.

sf

ff

bis.

ff

Vln. I

ff

sfp

f

Vln. II

ff

pizz.

arco

sfp

f

Vla.

arco

ff

pizz.

arco

sfp

f

Vc.

ff

pizz.

arco

f

D.B.

ff

ff

169

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

f

P.d.l.t.

ord.

pizz.

arco

6

3

173

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

f

pizz.

arco

7

178

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

182

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

186

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

mf

mp

f

mp

mp

mp

G **Pensive, poco più mosso**
(cl. & hrp. duet)

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

mf

mp

Intensifying $\text{♩} = 68$

194

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

198

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

203

Imploring

B♭ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

Solo

mf

mp

pizz.

pp

mf

pp

mp

207

[H] Brightening

B♭ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

mp

mp

p

p

212

B $\flat$ Cl. *mp*

Hp.

Vln. I *p* arco

Vln. II *p* arco

Vla. *p*

Vc.

D.B.

217

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp. *mf*

Vln. I *mp*

Vln. II *mp*

Vla. *mp*

Vc. *mp* pizz.

D.B. *mp*

222

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

arco

227

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

mp

I

[illegible]

239

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

mp

p

solo

mf

p

mp

mp

mp

246

B $\flat$ Cl. *mf*

Hp. *mf* *f*

Vln. I *mf*

Vln. II *mp* *mf* *f*

Vla. *mf* *f*

Vc. *mf* *f*

D.B. *f*

251

B $\flat$ Cl. *mf*

Hp. *f*

Vln. I *f*

Vln. II *f*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

D.B. *mf*

255

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

mf

mp

259

B $\flat$ Cl.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

f

[illegible]

Musical score for measures 275-280. The score includes parts for B♭ Clarinet (Cl.), Harp (Hp.), Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), Violoncello (Vc.), and Double Bass (D.B.).

- B♭ Cl.:** Measures 275-276 are marked *p*. Measure 277 is marked *pp*. Measure 279 has a fermata.
- Hp.:** Measures 275-276 are marked *p*. Measure 277 is marked *pp*. Measure 279 has a fermata.
- Vln. I & Vln. II:** Measures 275-276 are marked *p* and include the instruction "con sord.". Measures 277-279 are marked *pp*.
- Vla., Vc., D.B.:** Measures 275-276 are marked *p* and include the instruction "con sord.". Measures 277-279 are marked *pp*.

The score features various musical notations including rests, notes, dynamics (*p*, *pp*), articulation marks (accents, slurs), and performance instructions like "con sord." and "n". A large diagonal watermark reading "PERUSAL SCORE NOT" is overlaid across the page.