

commissioned by The Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and Chorus
in celebration of their 50th anniversary season

Ecce Cecilia

for Choir and Orchestra



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Instrumentation

Piccolo
2 Flute
2 Oboe
2 Clarinets in Bb
2 Bassoon (Contrabassoon)
4 Horn
2 Trumpet in C
2 Trombone
Bass Trombone
Tuba
Timpani
3 Percussion
Harp
Strings

Duration: 6 minutes

Program Note:

Ecce Cecilia was commissioned in 2010 by The Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, Michael Hall, conductor, in celebration of their 50th anniversary season. With an appeal to music's traditional intercessor, dark sentiments are overcome by the curative and revitalizing powers of song.

*Cecilia, Behold! My heart is heavy.
I weep copious tears of blood as sorrow grips my fragile soul.
Banish the primal demons that stalk me in the night
and bring me closer to eternity each day.*

*What angels are we, dancing with the celestial beings
who haunt the dark recesses of our hearts.
The joys of Paradise dwell within our earthly eyes, which
enjoy eternal slumber, dreaming dreams of blessed treasures.*

*Cecilia, summon the goodness of our hearts
that we may enjoy the fruits of heavenly bliss in our earthly hovels.
Bring peace to the tired, the frightened, and the angry.*

*Blessed are the children of the Earth,
for they alone hear the voice of God
in the pureness of their hearts.*

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J. = 66 energetic (♩=♪ sempre)

Piccolo
Flute 1 2
Oboe 1 2
Clarinet in B^b 1 2
Bassoon 1 2

J. = 66 energetic (♩=♪ sempre)

Horn in F 1 2
3 4
Trumpet in C 1 2
Trombone 1 2
Bass Trombone
Tuba

J. = 66 energetic (hard mallets ♩=♪ sempre)

Timpani
Glockenspiel
Tambourine
Lg. Sizzle Cymbal
Tam-tam
Vibraslap
Bass Drum

Harp

J. = 66 energetic (♩=♪ sempre)

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

J. = 66 energetic (♩=♪ sempre)

Violin 1
Violin 2
Viola
Cello
Double Bass

[13]

Picc. *mf* — *mf* — *mf* — *mf* — *mf* — *mf* — *f* — *f* — *f* — *f* — *f* — *mp* —

Fl. 1 *mf* — *mf* — *mf* — *mf* — *p* — *f* — *f* — *f* — *f* — *f* — *mp* —

Ob. 1 *p* — *a2* — *f* — *a2* — *mfp* — *mp* —

B♭ Cl. 1 *p* — *f* — *f* — *mfp* — *a2* — *mp* —

Bsn. 1 *f* — *f* — *f* — *f* — *f* — *mp* —

F Hn. 1 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

F Hn. 2 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

3 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

4 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Tpt. 1 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Tpt. 2 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Tbn. 1 *mf* — *f* — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Tbn. 2 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Bs. Tbn. — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Tuba — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

[13]

Tim. — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Glk. *hard mallets* — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Tamb. *mp* — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Siz. Cym. — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Tam-tam — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Vbrslp. *Vibraslap* — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

B. Dr. *lx* — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Hp. — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

[13]

S — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

A — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

T — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

B — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

[13]

Vln. 1 *mf* — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Vln. 2 *mf* — *p* — *div.* *p* — *unis.* — — — — — — — —

Vla. *mf* — *unis.* — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Vc. *mp* — *p* — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

D.B. — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Picc. *mf*

Fl. 1 *ff*

Ob. 1 *f*

B♭ Cl. 1 *ff* *f*

Bsn. 1 *ff*

F Hn. 1 *ff* *a2 (open)*

Tpt. 1 *mp*

Tbn. 1 *f*

Bs. Tbn. *f*

Tuba *f*

Tim. *f*

Glk. *f*

Tamb. Sizz. Cym. Tam-tam *Sizzle Cymbal hard mallets*

Vbrslp. B. Dr. *Bass Drum hard mallets*

Hp. *p* *ff*

S *rit.*

A

T

B

Vln. 1 *ff*

Vln. 2 *ff*

Vla. *ff*

Vc. *ff*

D.B. *mp* *ff*

Ecce Cecilia

$\text{♩} = 60 \text{ rit.}$

[31] a tempo

Picc.

Fl. 1
mf > p

Ob. 1
mf > p

B♭ Cl. 1
mf > p

1
Bsn.

Contra
p $\overbrace{\quad \quad \quad}$ *mp > pp*

[38] ♩ = 48

[31] a tempo 1.

F Hn.
mf decresc. poco a poco
espr.

3
4

Tpt. 1
Tbn. 1
Bs. Tbn.
Tuba

[38] ♩ = 48

Timp.
mp decresc. poco a poco

Glk.

Tamb.
Siz. Cym.
Tam-tam

Vbrslp.
B. Dr.

Hp.

[31] a tempo

S
lv.

A
lv.

T
lv.

B
lv.

[38] ♩ = 48

[31] a tempo

S
lv.

A
lv.

T
lv.

B
lv.

[38] ♩ = 48

[31] a tempo div. c.s.

Vln. 1
mp decresc. poco a poco
c.s.

Vln. 2
mp decresc. poco a poco

Vla.

Vcl.
mf decresc. poco a poco

D.B.
mf decresc. poco a poco

[38] ♩ = 48

Picc.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2

Ob. 1
Ob. 2

B♭ Cl. 1
B♭ Cl. 2

1
Bsn.

Contra

1
2
F Hn.

3
4

Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2

Bs. Tbn.

Tuba

Tim.

Glk.

Tamb.
Siz. Cym.
Tam-tam

Vbrslp.
B. Dr.

Hp.

S

A

T

B

hold! Ce - ci - lia, Be - hold!

hold! Ce - ci - lia, Be - hold!

hold! Ce - ci - lia, Be - hold!

hold! Ce - ci - lia, Be - hold!

I weep co - pious tears of blood as sor - row grips my fra - gile

My heart is hea - vy. as sor - row grips my fra - gile

heart is hea - vy. I weep co - pious tears of blood as sor - row grips my fra - gile

heart is hea - vy. I weep co - pious tears of blood as sor - row grips my fra - gile

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

47

Picc.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2

Ob. 1
Ob. 2

B♭ Cl. 1
B♭ Cl. 2

Bsn.

Contra

F Hn. 1
F Hn. 2

F Hn. 3
F Hn. 4

Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2

Bs. Tbn.

Tuba

Tim. 1
Tim. 2

Glk.

Tamb.
Siz. Cym.
Tam-tam

Vbrslp.
B. Dr.

Hp.

S

A

T

B

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

The musical score consists of ten staves of music. The top six staves are for the orchestra, featuring Piccolo, Flute 1 & 2, Oboe 1 & 2, Bassoon, Double Bassoon, French Horn 1 & 2, Trombone 1 & 2, Bass Trombone, Tuba, Timpani 1 & 2, Glockenspiel, Tambourine, Small Cymbal (soft mallets), Vibraphone/Bass Drum, and Horn. The bottom four staves are for the choir: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The vocal parts begin at measure 47 with lyrics "Ce - ci - lia, Be - hold!" and continue through measure 49. The orchestra provides harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. Measure 47 includes dynamic markings like *mf*, *ff*, and *p*. Measure 48 shows woodwind entries with slurs and grace notes. Measure 49 concludes with the bassoon playing a sustained note.

Picc. *p*

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

B♭ Cl. 1

1 Bsn.

Contra

F Hn.

3 Tpt. 1

Tbn. 1

Bs. Tbn.

Tuba

Tim.

Glk.

Tamb.

Siz. Cym.

Tam-tam

Vbrslp. B. Dr.

l.v.

Hp.

S

A

T

B

hold!

that

stalk me _____ in the night _____ and

mp *mf*

hold!

Ba - nish the pri - mal de - mons that

stalk me _____ in the night _____ and

mp *mf*

hold!

Ba - nish the pri - mal de - mons that

stalk me _____ in the night _____ and

mp *mf*

hold!

Ba - nish the pri - mal de - mons that

stalk me _____ in the night _____ and

mf *f*

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

sul pont.

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

p

p

mp *mf* *pizz.*

p

mp *pp*

mf

f

Picc.

Fl. 1

Ob. 1
2

B♭ Cl. 1
2

1

Bsn.

Contra

1
2

F Hn.

3
4

Tpt. 1
2

Tbn. 1
2

Bs. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Glk.

Tamb.
Siz. Cym.
Tam-tam

Vbrslp.
B. Dr.

Hp.

S

A

T

B

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

Ecce Cecilia

poco rit.

Picc. *p*

Fl. 1 *sub p*

Fl. 2 *p*

Ob. 1 *sub pp*

Ob. 2 *p*

B♭ Cl. 1 *sub pp*

B♭ Cl. 2 *pp*

Bsn. *sub p*

Contra *p*

F Hn. 1 *ff*

F Hn. 2 *pp*

F Hn. 3 *ff*

F Hn. 4 *pp*

Tpt. 1 *p*

Tpt. 2 *p*

Tbn. 1 *p*

Bs. Tbn. *p*

Tuba *p*

Tim. *p*

Glk. *p*

Tamb. *p*

Siz. Cym. *p*

Tam-tam *p*

Vbrslp. B. Dr. *mp*

Vibraslap *l.v.*

Hp. *mp*

S *p*

A *p*

T *p*

B *p*

Vln. 1 *p*

Vln. 2 *p*

Vla. *mp*

Vc. *mf*

D.B. *mf*

67 ♩ = 60

Picc.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2 *mp*

Ob. 1
Ob. 2 *p*

B♭ Cl. 1
B♭ Cl. 2 *p*

Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2 *mp* *pp*

F Hn. 1
F Hn. 2 *p*

Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2 *p*

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2 *p*

Bs. Tbn.

Tuba

67 ♩ = 60

Tim. *p*

Glk.

Tamb.
Siz. Cym.
Tam-tam *p*

Vbrsp.
B. Dr.

Hp. *p*

67 ♩ = 60

S an - gels are we, What an - gels are we, with the ce - les - ti - al be - ings who haunt the dark re - ces - ses of our *mp*

A an - gels are we, What an - gels are we, dan - cing with the ce - les - ti - al be - ings who haunt the dark re - ces - ses of our *mf* *mp*

T What an - gels are we, What an - gels are we, dan - cing with the ce - les - ti - al be - ings who haunt the dark re - ces - ses of our *mf* *mp*

B What an - gels are we, What an - gels are we, dan - cing with the ce - les - ti - al be - ings who haunt the dark re - ces - ses of our *mf* *mp*

Vln. 1 *mp*

Vln. 2 *mp*

Vla.

Vc. *mp*

D.B.

pizz. *arco*

p

pizz. *p*

arco

p

pp

[83]

Picc.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2 *pp* *mp*

Ob. 1
Ob. 2 *mp*

B♭ Cl. 1
B♭ Cl. 2 *p* *mp*

Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2 *pp* *mp* *mp*

F Hn. 1
F Hn. 2 *pp* (*open*) *mp* *p* *pp*

Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2 *pp* *mp*

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2 *pp* *pp*

Bs. Tbn.

Tuba *pp* *mp*

Tim. *ppp* *mp*

Glk.

Tamb.
Siz. Cym.
Tam-tam *pp* *mp*

Vbrslp.
B. Dr.

Hp.

S hearts. *p* *mf* The joys of Pa-ra - dise dwell with - in our earth-ly eyes, *mp* which en-

A hearts. *p* *mf* joys *p* *mf* dwell with - in our earth-ly eyes, *mp* with - in our earth-ly eyes,

T hearts. *p* *mf* joys The joys of Pa-ra - dise dwell with - in our earth-ly eyes, *mp*

B hearts. *p* *mf* The joys of Pa-ra - dise dwell with - in our earth-ly eyes, *mp*

Vln. 1 *pp* *mp* *div.* *mp* *c.s.*

Vln. 2 *pp* *mp* *div.* *mp* *c.s.*

Vla. *pp* *mp* *unis.* *mp*

Vc. *pp* *mp* *mp*

D.B.

95

95

96

97

98

99

100

101

102

Soprano (S) lyrics: joy e-ter-nal slum-ber, dream-ing dreams of bles-sed trea-sures.

Alto (A) lyrics: dreams of bles-sed trea-sures.

Tenor (T) lyrics: en-joy e-ter-nal slum-ber, dreams of bles-sed trea-sures.

Bass (B) lyrics: en-joy e-ter-nal slum-ber, dreams of bles-sed trea-sures.

Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vc., D.B. play eighth-note patterns.

[107]

Picc.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
B♭ Cl. 1
B♭ Cl. 2
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

F Hn.
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Bs. Tbn.
Tuba

Timp.
Glk.
Tamb.
Siz. Cym.
Tam-tam
Vbrslp.
B. Dr.

Hp.

S
A
T
B

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
D.B.

[107]

Timp.
Glk.
Tamb.
Siz. Cym.
Tam-tam
Vbrslp.
B. Dr.

Hp.

[107]

S
A
T
B

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vc.
D.B.

103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112

Picc. Fl. 1 Ob. 1 B. Cl. 1 Bsn. 1 F. Hn. Tpt. 1 Tbn. 1 Bs. Tbn. Tuba Timp. Glk. Tamb. Siz. Cym. Tam-tam Vbrsp. B. Dr. Hp.

S A T B

Vln. 1 Vln. 2 Vla. Vc. D.B.

113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122

Ecce Cecilia

127 $\text{♩} = 48$ slightly faster $\text{♩} = 54$

Picc. *ff* *p*
Fl. 1 *ff* *p*
Ob. 1 *ff* *p*
B♭ Cl. 1 *ff* *p*
Bsn. 1 *ff* *p > ppp*
F Hn. 1 *f* *p*
Tpt. 1 *ff* *p*
Tbn. 1 *ff* *p*
Bs. Tbn. *ff* *mf*
Tuba *ff* *p > ppp*
Tim. *ff* *p*
Glk. *ff* *mf*
Tamb. *p*
Siz. Cym. *lv.*
Vbrslp. B. Dr. *lv.* *mp* *ppp* *pppp* soft mallets
Hpf. *ff* *f* *pp* *p*
S *mp* *127* $\text{♩} = 48$ slightly faster $\text{♩} = 54$ *pp* *p*
A *ce* *ci - lia,* sum - mon the good - ness in our hearts that we may en - joy the *p*
T *ce* *ci - lia,* sum - mon good - ness in our hearts that we may en - *p*
B *ce* *ci - lia,* sum - mon good - ness that we may en - *p*
Vln. 1 *ff* *p* *127* $\text{♩} = 48$ slightly faster $\text{♩} = 54$ *pp* *p*
Vln. 2 *ff* *p* *unis. c.s.* *pp* *p*
Vla. *ff* *p*
Vc. *ff* *p > ppp*
D.B. *ff* *p > ppp*

123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130

poco stringendo

Picc. *p*

Fl. 1 *mp*

Ob. 1 *p*

B♭ Cl. 1 *p*

Bsn. 1 *mp*

F Hn. *mp*

Tpt. 1 *pp*

Tbn. 1 *p*

Bs. Tbn. *mp*

Tuba *p*

Tim. *p*

Glk. *mp*

Tamb. *p*

Siz. Cym. *p*

Tam-tam

Vbrsp. B. Dr. *pp*

Hp. *mp*

S fruits of hea - ven - ly bliss in our earth - ly ho - vels. Bring peace to the ti - red, the *p*

A joy the fruits of hea - ven - ly bliss in our earth - ly ho - vels. Bring peace ti - red, the *p*

T joy the fruits of hea - ven - ly bliss in our earth - ly ho - vels. Bring peace ti - red, the *p*

B joy the fruits of hea - ven - ly bliss in our earth - ly ho - vels. Bring peace to the ti - red, the *p*

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc. *pizz.*

D.B. *arco*

poco stringendo

c.s.

a2

Sizzle Cymbal soft mallets l.v.

s.s.

div.

pizz.

arco

Ecce Cecilia

rit. *a tempo* *poco rit.*

[139] ♩ = 48

Picc. Fl. 1 Fl. 2 Ob. 1 Ob. 2 B♭ Cl. 1 B♭ Cl. 2 1 Bsn. Contra

mf > pp mp mp mp pp pp pp

mf mf mf mp pp pp pp

mf pp pp pp pp pp pp

mf sub. p mf pp pp pp

mf sub. p mf pp pp pp

F Hn. 1 F Hn. 2 a2 rit. a tempo poco rit. [139] ♩ = 48 a2

mp mp 3 mp mp pp mp mp

3 4 mp mp mp pp pp 1

Tpt. 1 Tpt. 2 s.s. 3 mp mp mp mp

Tbn. 1 Tbn. 2 3 mp pp pp mp

Bs. Tbn. Bs. Tbn. 3 mp pp pp pp

Tuba Tuba 3 mp pp pp pp

Tim. Tim. rit. a tempo poco rit. [139] ♩ = 48

mp pp mp mp mp

Glk. Glk. mp mp mp mp

Tamb. Tamb. mp mp mp mp

Siz. Cym. Siz. Cym. mp mp mp mp

Tam-tam Tam-tam mp mp mp mp

Vibrslap Vibrslap l.v. + mp l.v.

B. Dr. B. Dr. mp mp mp mp

Hp. Hp. l.v. p mp mp

S A T B

frigh - tened, and the an - gry. rit. a tempo poco rit. [139] ♩ = 48 pp mp

mf mf mf mf mp mp mp

frigh - tened, an - gry. mf mp mp mp

frigh - tened, an - gry. mf mp mp mp

frigh - tened, and the an - gry. rit. a tempo poco rit. [139] ♩ = 48 pp mp

mf mf mf mf pp c.s. mp

Vln. 1 Vln. 2 Vla. Vc. D.B.

3 mf sub. p div. > pp c.s. ppp c.s.

mf mf p > pp ppp c.s. ppp

mf p pp pp ppp ppp

mf sub. p sub. p pp pp ppp

mf sub. p sub. p pp pp ppp

Picc. *ff*

Fl. 1 *fp* < *fp* *fp* < *fp* *ffp* *ff*

Ob. 1 *fp* < *fp* *fp* < *fp* *ffp* *ff*

B♭ Cl. 1 *fp* < *fp* *fp* < *fp* *ffp* *f* *fff*

Bsn. *fp* *fp* *ffp*

Contra *fp* *fp* *ffp*

F Hn. 1 *fp* < *fp* *fp* *ffp* *f* *ff*

Tpt. 1 *fp* < *fp* *fp* *ffp* *f*

Tbn. 1 *fp* *fp* *ffp*

Bs. Tbn. *fp* *fp* *ffp*

Tuba *fp* *ffp*

Tim. *f* *ff*

Glk. *ff* *fff*

Tamb. *p*

Siz. Cym. *p*

Tam-tam *p*

Vbrslp. *p*

B. Dr. *hard mallets*

Hp. *p*

S *p* hearts. *p* hearts. *p* hearts.

A *p* hearts. *p* hearts.

T *p* hearts. *p* hearts.

B *p* hearts. *p* hearts.

Vln. 1 *p* *unis.* *p* *unis.* *p* *div.* *p*

Vln. 2 *p* *unis.* *p* *unis.* *p* *div.* *p*

Vla. *p*

Vc. *fp* *fp* *ffp*

D.B. *fp* *fp* *ffp*

Picc. *ff*

Fl. 1 *ff*

Ob. 1 *ff*

B♭ Cl. 1 *ff*

1 Bsn. *ff*

Contra *ff*

1 F Hn. *ff*

3 4

Tpt. 1 *ff*

Tbn. 1 *ff*

Bs. Tbn. *ff*

Tuba *ff*

Tim. *ff*

Glk.

Tamb. *lv*

Siz. Cym. *ff*

Tam-tam *ff*

Vbrslp. *lv*

B. Dr. *ff*

Hp. *ff*

S

A

T

B

rit. *molto* , *a tempo* *fff* *Ce - ci - lia!*

rit. *molto* , *a tempo* *fff* *Ce - ci - lia!*

rit. *molto* , *a tempo* *fff* *Ce - ci - lia!*

rit. *molto* , *a tempo* *fff* *Ce - ci - lia!*

Vln. 1 *ff*

Vln. 2 *fff* *unis.*

Vla. *fff*

Vc. *fff*

D.B. *fff*