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December 6, 2019, Straz Center for the Performing Arts, Tampa, Florida*

Return the Echo

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Instrumentation:

Piccolo

2 Flutes

Oboe

English Horn

2 Clarinets in A

2 Bassoons

Contra-Bassoon

4 Horns in F

2 Trumpets in C

2 Trombones

Bass Trombone

Timpani

2 Percussion

1: Glockenspiel, Vibraphone, Bongos

2: Large Suspended Cymbal, Tambourine, Bass Drum

Strings

Duration: 4 ½ minutes

Program note:

A notorious lover of nature, Beethoven once wrote “... woods, trees and rocks return the echo man wishes to hear”. Many, myself included, find that Beethoven’s music itself “returns the echo” we wish to hear. In that spirit, I have written this piece as a celebration, or echo, of a fleeting moment from the final movement of his Ninth Symphony that occurs just before the baritone soloist enters for the first time. All of the material in my fanfare is drawn from this five-measure passage, which is quoted toward the end of my piece, just after a brief, slow chorale.

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Adagio ($\text{♩} = 54$)

Piccolo
Flute 1
Flute 2
Oboe
English Horn
Clarinet in A 1
Bassoon 1
Contrabassoon

Adagio ($\text{♩} = 54$)

Horn in F 1
Horn in F 2
Trumpet in C 1
Trumpet in C 2
Trombone 1
Bass Trombone

Adagio ($\text{♩} = 54$)

Timpani
Percussion 1
Percussion 2

Adagio ($\text{♩} = 54$)

Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Cello
Double Bass

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Allegro assai ($\text{♩} = 80-84$)

Picc.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2

Ob.

E. Hn.

A. Cl. 1
A. Cl. 2

Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

F. Hn.

C. Tpt.

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Vln I

Violin II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

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Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Ob.

E. Hn.

A. Cl. 1
2

Bsn. 1
2

C. Bn.

F. Hn. 1
2

3
4

C. Tpt. 1
2

Tbn. 1
2

B. Tbn.

Timp.

Perc. 1
2

Vln I

Violin II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

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Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

E. Hn.

A. Cl. 1

A. Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

F. Hn.

C. Tpt.

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Timp.

Perc.

Vln I

Violin II

Vla

Vcl

D.B.

pizz.

arco

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Picc.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2

Ob.

E. Hn.

A. Cl.
1
2

Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

F. Hn.

C. Tpt.
1
2

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.
1
2

Vln I

Violin II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

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Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

E. Hn.

A. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

F. Hn.

C. Tpt.

Tbn. 1

B. Tbn.

Timp.

Perc.

Vln I

Violin II

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

25

change D# to C#

Unis.

pizz.

solo

pizz.

f

mfp

p

ppp

p

mp

mf

mp

p

pp

ppp

pp

ppp

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Picc. -

Fl. 1 -

Fl. 2 - *mp* *pp*

Ob. -

E. Hn. - *p* *pp*

A Cl. 1 - *mp* *pp*

A Cl. 2 - *mf* *p*

Bsn. 1 - *p*

Bsn. 2 - *mp*

C. Bn. -

[29]

F Hn. 1 -

F Hn. 2 -

3/4 -

4/4 -

1 C Tpt. -

2 C Tpt. -

Tbn. 1 -

Tbn. 2 -

B. Tbn. -

[29]

Tim. -

Vibraph. l.v.

Perc. 1 - *mp*

Perc. 2 -

[29]

Vln I - *p* *pizz.*

Violin II - *mp*

Vla - *p* *mp*

Vc. - *p* *gli altri* *Unis.*

D.B. -

35

Picc.

Fl. 1

Ob.

E. Hn.

A. Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

C. Bn.

F. Hn.

C. Tpt.

Tbn. 1

B. Tbn.

Timp.

Perc.

Vln I

Violin II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

l.v.

mf

Unis. arco

mf

mf

mf

mf

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Picc.

1 Fl.

2 Fl.

Ob.

E. Hn.

1 A Cl.

2 A Cl.

Bsn. 1
2

C. Bn.

F Hn.

3
4

C Tpt.

Tbn. 1
2

B. Tbn.

Timp.

Perc.

Vln I

Violin II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

43

45

Picc. *ff* — *f*

Fl. *ff* — *f*

Ob. *ff* — *mf*

E. Hn. — *mf* — *mp*

A. Cl. *f* — *mp*

Bsn. *ff*

C. Bn. *ff*

F. Hn. — *mf*

C. Tpt. —

Tbn. *ff*

B. Tbn. *ff*

Timp. *ff*

Perc. 1 *mf* — *f*

Perc. 2 *f*

Vln I *ff* — *p*
change to sul pont. change to ord.

Violin II *ff* — *p*
change to sul pont. change to ord.

Vla *ff* — *p*
change to sul pont. change to ord.

Vc. *ff*

D.B. *ff*

change to sul pont. change to
change to sul pont. change to
change to sul pont. change to
change to sul pont. change to

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Picc. $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{rit.} \\ ff \end{smallmatrix}$ f

Fl. ff f

Ob. mf ff mf

E. Hn. mf mp mf f mf

A. Cl. mp f mp f ppp

Bsn. 1 ff mp ppp

C. Bn. ff mp f ppp

F. Hn. $rit.$ $a2$ (open) **54** $a tempo$

Tbn. 1 ff mp f ppp

B. Tbn. ff mp f ppp mf

Tim. ff f fp mf p **54** $a tempo$ change F# to F
change C# to C

Perc. f $l.v.$ mf f

Vln I $ord.$ ff p $rit.$ $sul pont.$ $change to$ $ord.$ f ppp $change to$ **54** $a tempo$

Violin II $ord.$ ff p $change to$ $sul pont.$ $change to$ $ord.$ f ppp $change to$ $sul pont.$ $Unis.$ $ord.$

Vla $ord.$ ff p $change to$ $sul pont.$ $change to$ $ord.$ f ppp $change to$ $sul pont.$

Vc. ff p v v mp v f ppp $change to$ $sul pont.$

D.B. ff p v v mp v f ppp $change to$ $sul pont.$

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Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

E. Hn.

A. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

F. Hn.

C. Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Timp.

Perc.

Vln I

Violin II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

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Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

E. Hn.

A. Cl. 1

A. Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

F. Hn. 1

F. Hn. 2

C. Tpt. 1

C. Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 Tambourine

Vln I

Violin II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

68

Picc. -

Fl. 1 1. *t* -

Fl. 2 f *ppp*

Ob. 1. *t* -

E. Hn. 1. *t* -

A. Cl. 1 1. *f* *ppp*

Bsn. 1 1. *mf* -

C. Bn. 1. *mf* -

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F. Hn. 1. *pp* -

(open)

3. 1. *pp* -

C. Tpt. 1. *con sord.* *mp* -

Tbn. 1. *mf* -

B. Tbn. -

68

Tim. -

1. *Vibraslap* *mf* -

Perc. 1. *strike and shake* *mf* -

2. *f* *ppp* -

68

Vln I 1. *f* -

Violin II 1. *f* -

Vla 1. *f* -

Vc. 1. *mf* -

D.B. 1. *mf* -

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Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Ob.

E. Hn.

A. Cl. 1
2

Bsn. 1
2

C. Bn.

F. Hn. 1
2

F. Hn. 3
4

C. Tpt. 1
2

Tbn. 1
2

B. Tbn.

Timp.

Perc. 1
2

Vln I

Violin II

Vla

Vc

D.B.

change C to D

f

Bass Drum (deadstroke)

ff

Tambourine

p ————— ppp

Vibraslap

p

pizz.

pp

ff

78

Picc.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2

Ob.

E. Hn.

A Cl. 1
A Cl. 2

Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

F Hn. 1
F Hn. 2

C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc. 1
Perc. 2

Vln I

Violin II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

Score for orchestra and large suspended cymbal. Measures 78-81. Key signature changes between 3/4 and 2/4. Dynamics include *p*, *mp*, *mf*, *f*, *fff*, *ppp*, *a2*, *(open)*, *1.*, *Large Suspended Cymbal*, *pizz.*, *arco*.

The score consists of two systems of musical staves. The top system contains woodwind and brass instruments, while the bottom system contains strings and percussion. Measure 78 starts with a rest for Picc. and Fl. 1, followed by rhythmic patterns from Fl. 2, Ob., E. Hn., A Cl. 1, Bsn. 1, C. Bn., F Hn. 1, C Tpt. 1, Tbn. 1, and B. Tbn. Measure 79 begins with a rhythmic pattern for Tim. and Perc. 1, followed by Vln I and Violin II. Measures 80 and 81 continue with similar patterns involving the entire ensemble, with specific dynamics like *ffff* for Fl. 2 in measure 80 and *Large Suspended Cymbal* in measure 81.

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85

85

change Bb to G#
change D to C#

85

Vln I
ff

Violin II
ff arco

Vla
ff

Vc.
ff

D.B.
ff

85

Bass Drum + +
ff

Bongos (with hands)
p

85

Vln I
mf pizz.

Violin II
mf pizz.

Vla
mp

Vc.
fff

D.B.
fff

88

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

E. Hn.

A. Cl. 1

A. Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

F Hn.

C Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Vln I

Violin II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

Dynamic markings: *f*, *mf*, *p*, *a2*

Performance instructions: *pizz.*, *arco*

Section: *a2*

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Picc. *ff* *sub. pp*

Fl. 1 *ff* *sub. pp*

Ob. *ff*

E. Hn. *ff*

A. Cl. 1 *ff*

A. Cl. 2 *ff* *p*

Bsn. 1 *ff* *ppp*

Bsn. 2 *ff* *pp*

C. Bn. *ff*

ff *a2*

F. Hn. 1 *ff*

F. Hn. 2 *ff*

C. Tpt. 1 *ff* *senza sord.*

C. Tpt. 2 *ff*

Tbn. 1 *ff* *p*

Tbn. 2 *ff*

B. Tbn. *ff* *p*

ff

Tim. *ff*

Glockenspiel

Perc. 1 *ff* *sub. ppp*

Perc. 2

93

Vln I Div. *ff* *sub. pp*

Violin II Div. *ff* *sub. pp*

Vla Div. *ff* *sub. pp*

Vc. *ff* *sub. pp*

D.B. *ff* *sub. pp*

Return the Echo

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98

Picc.

Fl. 1

Ob.

E. Hn.

A Cl.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

F. Hn.

C. Tpt.

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Timp.

Perc.

Vln I

Violin II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

[108] Adagio ($\text{♩} = 54$)

rit. *a tempo*

Picc.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2 1.
pp ————— *p* ————— *pp > pppp* ————— *pp* ————— *mp* —————

Ob.

E. Hn.

A. Cl. 1
A. Cl. 2 *pp* ————— *p* ————— *pp* ————— *> pppp* ————— *pppp < mp* —————

Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2 *pp* ————— *p* ————— *pppp* ————— *pppp mp > pppp* —————

C. Bn.

[108] Adagio ($\text{♩} = 54$)

rit. *a tempo*

F. Hn. 1
F. Hn. 2 *pp* ————— *p* ————— *pppp* ————— *pppp* ————— *pppp* —————

F. Hn. 3
F. Hn. 4 3.
pp ————— *pppp < pp* ————— *> pppp* ————— *pppp < pp* ————— *pppp < mp* —————

C. Tpt. 1
C. Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2 1.
pppp < pp ————— *pp* ————— *pppp* ————— *pppp* —————

B. Tbn.

[108] Adagio ($\text{♩} = 54$)

rit. *a tempo*

Tim. ————— ————— ————— ————— —————

Perc. 1
Perc. 2 ————— ————— ————— ————— —————

[108] Adagio ($\text{♩} = 54$)

rit. *a tempo*

Vln I Div. *pp* ————— *p* ————— *pppp* ————— *pppp < pp* ————— *pp* ————— *mp* —————

Violin II *pp* ————— *p* ————— *pp* ————— *pp* ————— *pp* ————— *mp* —————

Vla *pp* ————— *p* ————— *pp* ————— *pp* ————— *pp* ————— *pp* ————— *mp* —————

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

D.B. ————— ————— ————— ————— ————— *pppp < mp* —————

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113 rit. a tempo rit.

Picc. Fl. 2 Ob. E. Hn. A. Cl. 1 A. Cl. 2 Bsn. 1 Bsn. 2 C. Bn.

F.Hn. 1 F.Hn. 2 F.Hn. 3 F.Hn. 4 C. Tpt. 1 C. Tpt. 2 Tbn. 1 Tbn. 2 B. Tbn. Timp. Perc. 1 Perc. 2

Vln I Violin II Vla Vc. D.B.

113 rit. a tempo rit.

Picc. Fl. 2 Ob. E. Hn. A. Cl. 1 A. Cl. 2 Bsn. 1 Bsn. 2 C. Bn.

F.Hn. 1 F.Hn. 2 F.Hn. 3 F.Hn. 4 C. Tpt. 1 C. Tpt. 2 Tbn. 1 Tbn. 2 B. Tbn. Timp. Perc. 1 Perc. 2

Vln I Violin II Vla Vc. D.B.

Ludwig van Beethoven, Symphony #9, 4th movement

Poco Ritenente ($\text{♩} = 72$)Poco Adagio ($\text{♩} = 54$)Allegro assai ($\text{♩} = 160-168; \text{♩} = 80-84$)

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Ludwig van Beethoven, Symphony #9, 4th movement
Poco Ritenente ($\text{♩} = 72$)
Poco Adagio ($\text{♩} = 54$)
Allegro assai ($\text{♩} = 160-168; \text{♩} = 80-84$)

F. Hn.
C. Tpt.
C. Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.

Tim.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2

Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc
D.B.

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[123]

Picc. *ppp* *fff*

Fl. 1 *ppp* *fff*

Ob. *ppp* *fff*

E. Hn. *ppp* *fff*

A Cl. 1 *ppp* *fff*

Bsn. 1 *ppp* *fff*

C. Bn. *ppp* *fff*

[123]

F Hn. 1 *ppp* *fff*

3 4 *ppp* *fff*

C Tpt. 1 *ppp* *fff*

2 *ppp* *fff*

Tbn. 1 *ppp* *fff*

B. Tbn. *mf* *fff*

[123]

Timp. *ff* *p* *ff*

Perc. 1 *ff*

2 *ff*

[123]

Vln I *ppp* *fff*

Violin II *ppp* *fff*

Vla. *ppp* *fff*

Vc. *ppp* *ff*

D.B. *ff* *p* *ff*

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Picc. *f*

Fl. 1 *a2* *f*

Fl. 2 *ff* *fff*

Ob. *f* *fff*

E. Hn. *f* *fff*

A. Cl. 1 *f* *fff*

A. Cl. 2 *f* *fff*

Bsn. 1 *a2* *f* *fff*

C. Bn. *f* *fff*

F. Hn. 1 *mf* *fff*

F. Hn. 2 *mf* *fff*

C. Tpt. 1 *f*

Tbn. 1 *mf* *fff*

B. Tbn. *f* *ff* *fff*

Tim. *mf* *ff*

Perc. 1 *f* *fff*

Perc. 2 *v* *f* *fff*

Vln I *f* *fff*

Violin II *f* *fff*

Vla *f* *fff*

Vc. *f* *fff*

D.B. *f* *fff*

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Picc.

Fl. 1 & 2

Ob.

E. Hn.

A. Cl. 1 & 2

Bsn. 1 & 2

C. Bn.

F. Hn. 1 & 2

C. Tpt. 1 & 2

Tbn. 1 & 2

B. Tbn.

Timp.

Perc. 1 & 2

Vln I

Violin II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

[136]

Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Ob.

E. Hn.

1
2

A Cl.
2

Bsn. 1
2

C. Bn.

F Hn.
3
4

C Tpt.
2

Tbn. 1
2

B. Tbn.

[136]

Timp.

Vibraslap
l.v.

Perc.
1
2

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Vln I

Violin II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.

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Picc.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2

Ob.

E. Hn.

A. Cl.
1
2

Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

C. Bn.

F. Hn.
1
2

3
4

C. Tpt.
1
2

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Timp.

Perc.
1
2

Vln I

Violin II

Vla

Vc.

D.B.