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*dedicated to Ashley Addington and Rachel Barringer*

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## Duration

15 minutes

## First performance

Ashley Addington and Rachel Barringer at the Advent Church Library concert series, Brimmer St, Boston, MA USA, Matt Samolis, artistic director on January 18, 2013

## About Examineate Variations

Examineate Variations originated in a one-minute composition for flute, viola and doublebass that I wrote for a Composer's Voice project. The little snatch of music had a dramatic shape and many more possibilities, so I decided to treat it as a theme in this piece for Ashley and Rachel. The variation titles illustrate some of the processes. The short Canon starts out at the octave six beats apart, but it slips and slides, both in pitch and distance. In Upside Down, the players move in opposite directions. In Static, I reduced the theme to just rhythms in four different parts, then reduced it for the two players.

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## 1. Theme

## Theme - Allegretto ♩ = 92

Flute

Violoncello

pizz.

*mf*

*p*

*mp*

*arco*

*f*

*5*

*mp*

*p*

*f*

*5*

*mp*

*sul pont.*

*mf*

*ord.*

*f*

*5*

*mp*

*sul pont.*

*mf*

*f*

*5*

*mp*

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10

*mf* *mp* *mf* *ord.*

13

*mp* *f* *mp* *f*

15

*sul pont.* *mf* *ff* *f* *ord.* *mp* *pizz.*

18

*arco* *mf* *5* *mp* *5* *p* *mf* *f*

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21

*fp*      *mp*

5      *mf*

24      **Piu mosso**  $\text{♩} = 104$

*f*      *p*      5      *cresc. poco* 5 *a poco*

*f*      l.h. pz      *mp*      5

27

*cresc. poco* 5 *a poco*

29

5      5      5      *ff*

5      5      5      *ff*

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**II. Canon**

**Allegretto  $\text{d} = 76$**

1

5

10

14

19

rit.

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### III. Upside Down

*I Allegro* ♩ = 120

gliss. over harmonics *mf*

*p* change grad. sul tasto to pont.

*sul pont.* *mp*

*ord.* *mp*

*mf* *mp*

*mf* *p* *mf*

*mf* *flutter*, *sul pont.*,

*mf* *ord.* *f* *mp*

6

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19

24

27

31

37

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41

*mp*

45

*f*

49

*ff*

*f*

*ff*

*ff*

*mf*

*mf*

54

*ff*

*ff*

*mf*

*mf*

58

*f*

*f*

*mf*

*mf*

*3*

*3*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

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**IV. Sostenuto****Moderato**  $\text{♩} = 60$ 

tremolo with alt. fingering

1

8

16

23

30

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37

*pp*

*mp*

*mp*

44

*f*

*mp*

*mf*

*mp*

*mf*

52

*p*

*pz arco*

*p*

*pz arco*

60

*mf*

*mp*

*f*

*f*

68

*mp*

*mf*

*f*

*f*

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76

83

91

97

104

110

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**V. Will o'the Wisp**I Allegro scherzando  $\text{♩} = 120$ 

Version 1 for C flute

1 Allegro scherzando  $\text{♩} = 120$

Version 1 for C flute

4

9

13

17

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## V. Will o'the Wisp

Alto Flute in G

1 Allegro scherzando  $\text{♩} = 120$

Version 2 for alto flute

The sheet music for the Alto Flute in G, Version 2 for alto flute, titled "Will o'the Wisp", is composed of six staves of musical notation. The music is in 4/4 time and starts at a tempo of  $\text{♩} = 120$ . The first staff shows a melodic line with grace notes and slurs. The second staff continues the melodic line. The third staff begins with a dynamic of  $mf$ . The fourth staff starts with  $mp$  dynamics. The fifth staff begins with  $mf$  dynamics. The sixth staff begins with  $f$  dynamics. The music includes various performance techniques such as grace notes, slurs, and dynamic markings like  $mp$ ,  $mf$ ,  $f$ , and  $pp$ . The notation also features some triplets indicated by '3' under brackets.

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## **VI. Static**

## **Moderato, but sprightly** ♩ = 88

Moderately, but springily

**Flute**

1

p

pizz.

arco

f

5

p

p<sup>3</sup>

f

mp

10

mf

mf

14

p

p<sup>3</sup>

p

17

mp

pp

mp

pp

mp

pp

mp

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Sheet music for cello variations, featuring four staves of music with large diagonal gray X marks across them.

**Staff 1 (Measures 20-23):**

- Measure 20: Treble clef, key signature of one flat. Dynamics:  $p$ ,  $p$ ,  $pp$ ,  $pp$ . Articulation:  $\ddot{\text{b}}$ ,  $\ddot{\text{p}}$ .
- Measure 21: Treble clef, key signature of one flat. Dynamics:  $p$ ,  $p$ .
- Measure 22: Treble clef, key signature of one flat. Dynamics:  $p$ ,  $p$ .
- Measure 23: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp. Dynamics:  $pizz.$ ,  $pp$ .

**Staff 2 (Measures 24-27):**

- Measure 24: Treble clef, key signature of one flat. Dynamics:  $f$ ,  $pp$ ,  $mp$ ,  $p$ . Articulation:  $\ddot{\text{b}}$ ,  $\ddot{\text{p}}$ ,  $\text{arco}$ ,  $pizz.$
- Measure 25: Bass clef, key signature of one sharp. Dynamics:  $f$ ,  $pp$ ,  $mp$ ,  $p$ .

**Staff 3 (Measures 29-32):**

- Measure 29: Treble clef, key signature of one flat. Dynamics:  $pp$ ,  $mp$ ,  $mf$ . Articulation:  $\text{arco sul pont.}$
- Measure 30: Bass clef, key signature of one flat. Dynamics:  $pp$ ,  $mp$ ,  $mf$ .

**Staff 4 (Measures 32-35):**

- Measure 32: Treble clef, key signature of one flat. Dynamics:  $f$ . Articulation:  $\ddot{\text{b}}$ .
- Measure 33: Bass clef, key signature of one flat. Dynamics:  $f$ .
- Measure 34: Treble clef, key signature of one flat. Dynamics:  $ord.$ .
- Measure 35: Bass clef, key signature of one flat.

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35 sing G (opt)

38

42

46

50

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53

53

*mf* *p* *pp*

*p* *mf*

56

*p* *f* *mp* *f* *p* *mf* *p* *mp* *p*

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

59

*mf* *mp* *p* *ppp*

*p* *mp* *p* *pp*

62

*mf* *pp* *pp* *pp*

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## VII. Slinky

## *I* Moderato, lazy & insinuating $\text{♩} = 54$

(balance dynamic of arco and pizz.)  
pizz. portamento ad lib.

(or arco/pizz. ad lib. to m.10)  
arco pizz.

5 pizz. (lazily, same dynamic as before) arco pizz. arco

9 mp pizz. arco

13 poco rubato mf

17 mf f mf

20 p 5 mf p < f pizz. arco

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24

pizz. arco  
mp

27

31

sul pont. ord.

34

(overblow) sf  
mf

37

f molto rit.

The musical score consists of five staves of music for a string quartet. Staff 1 (Violin I) starts with a sixteenth-note pattern. Staff 2 (Violin II) has a eighth-note pattern. Staff 3 (Viola) has a eighth-note pattern. Staff 4 (Cello) has a eighth-note pattern. Staff 5 (Double Bass) has a eighth-note pattern. Measure 24 includes pizzicato and arco markings with dynamics mp. Measure 27 shows a continuation of the rhythmic patterns. Measure 31 includes sul ponte and ordinario markings. Measure 34 features overblowing techniques with dynamics sf and mf. Measure 37 ends with a molto ritardo.

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41 **a tempo**

44

48

50

52

pizz. arco

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- Triptoe Suite (2222-4221, 1pc, timp, strings) in 4 mvts
- Through the Mist (2222-2220, harp, 3pc, timp, strings) in 3 mvts
- A chill wind in autumn (solo voice, 2222-4221-3pc, strings)
- Traditional Christmas (treble chorus or soloist, 2222-4221, harp, 3pc, timp, strings)
- Three Appalachian Carols (2222-4231, harp, 2pc, timp, strings)

### Keyboard

- Suite for harpsichord or piano
- For piano: Daydream, Stomp, Imagine That Time Stops
- Wordless Prayer for piano or organ
- Playbook (Pacem Student Composing Project) for piano

### Vocal

- Deepest Shade for SATB chorus
- The Future of Life for SATB chorus, trombone, piano
- Shepherds and Angels for SATB chorus, violin, harp, tamborine
- Weaving the World for SATB chorus, oboe, piano
- Windshine for SATB chorus and cello
- Wordless Prayer for SATB chorus
  
- Body and Soul Vol.1 for mezzo-soprano and string trio
- Body and Soul Vol.2 for soprano, flute, cello, piano
- Ariel's Songs for high or medium voice and piano
- Remember the Old Songs for high voice and piano
- Sky's Mirror for voice and cello
- A chill wind in autumn for voice and piano

### Strings

- Arcanum for solo violin, Soliloquy for solo cello
- Elusive Sleep for cello and piano
- Pascal's Theorems for cello and doublebass
- Truth Becoming for string quartet
- Soliloquy for cello
- Rising for viola
- Quinteto sobre las poemas de Carlos Pintado for violin, viola, cello, doublebass, piano
- Through the Mist for flute, violin, harp or guitar

### Winds & Brass

- Poetry-Inspired solos for flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn
- Enchanted for oboe and chamber orchestra or piano
- Wanderer for brass quintet
- Resonances for alto saxophone, trumpet, 2 trombones, percussion
- Waves and Fountains for oboe, horn, piano
- "wild horn whose voice the woodland fills" for 8 horns
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