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Scenes from Battleship Potemkin

for Orchestra

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For Chamber Orchestra

Score is Transposed

Flute/Piccolo
Oboe/English Horn
Clarinet in B-flat
Bassoon
Horn in F
Trumpet in C
Trombone

Percussion (1 player)
Harp
Piano
Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Violoncello
Contrabass

Performance Notes

- The percussion part utilizes the following instruments: finger cymbals, suspended cymbal, snare drum, two toms, anvil, and two timpani (29"/28" and 26"/25", covering a range of F2-F3). Instrument names are included in the score at each entrance, with reminders given in parentheses after page turns.
- All trills should be performed using the note a half-step above the indicated pitch.
- The work can be performed with an accompanying video of selected scenes from the film. Please contact the composer for more information.

Program Notes

Battleship Potemkin was written to accompany scenes from the silent film of the same title. The movie depicts an uprising triggered by the murder of a sailor by one of his officers, and this work explores the growing unrest after the death occurs. The music moves through a series of moods ranging from calm to elegiac to determined and eventually frenzied, mirroring the rising intensity of the story and visuals. Though originally intended as a score, the piece can be performed with or without the accompanying excerpts from the film.

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