Magnus Hexeberg 2024

The Forgotten Room

From Table Pieces

For Orchestra or Sinfonietta



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Instrumentation - Orchestra or Sinfonietta

Flute Oboe Clarinet in Bb Bassoon

Horn in F Trumpet in Bb Trombone

Percussion - one player

String Section - Can be symphonic or quintet

Percussion

Vibraphone Glockenspiel Suspended Cymbal Triangle Snare Drum Bass Drum

Duration: 6 minutes

The Forgotten Room was originally written for a workshop with Dirigentleftet, where composers were invited to write for a sinfonietta. At the time, I was working on my album *Table Pieces*, which features intimate and tactile soundscapes created with tiny instruments like the kalimba and music box.. *The *Forgotten Room* is kind of the opposite to that in terms of instrumentation. But in style and timbre, I felt like the piece would fit right in with the rest of the album. All the other pieces is named after a character. There's the Storyteller, the Dancer, the Watchmaker, the Cartographer, the Child, the Mother, and the Innkeeper. I decided to name this piece *The Forgotten Room*, to signify that diverts from the rest of the pieces, and at the same time make it contribute to the overall story of the album. This title indicates that maybe these characters all meet in this forgotten room.

In the album, the piece is performed by virtual instruments. I used BBC Symphony Orchestra by Spitfire Audio with its full string section (16+14+12+10+8), and I think that this scale suites the piece best. However, it works perfectly fine to be performed by a sinfonietta consisting of a single instrument per string part as well, as demonstrated during the workshop.

Performance notes:

- Glissandi: All glissando lines should be played as portamenti at the end of the note, like you would in a score by Mahler
- Cues: The cues in cello at 9 and clarinet at 37 can be performed to supplement the line if the conductor find it appropriate.
- Expressivity: Play with expression and feel free to stretch the timing where it feels natural. This is not a piece by Stravinsky embrace a flexible and lyrical interpretation.
- **Non-vibrato:** From measures 63 to 82, the strings should play with little to no vibrato to achieve a more ethereal sound.
- **Reference:** For a reference, listen to the version from the album *Table Pieces*. You can find it at Spotify and other streaming platforms.

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