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violute

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for viola and bass flute

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Duration: 4'30

Performance Note

violute is a companion piece to *violet* for violin and clarinet; the two can be played together, beginning with *violet* and overlapping with *violute* at the point marked on the score of the former. In both pieces, the two instruments combine to form a single composite: instrumental tone colours should be blended into each other as much as possible, and the players should sit close together. The violist's vocal tone (a hum or close to a hum, whatever works best) should merge with that of the viola.

Bass flute

- ◇ move to harmonic
- breath tone (as unpitched as possible while fingering the notated pitch)
- → ○ move gradually from breath tone to pitched
- fl. fluttertongue
- fl. move into fluttertongue as seamlessly as possible
- n. *naturale* (not fluttertongue)
- ↓ a tiny adjustment of pitch downwards, circa 1/8-tone

Viola



shallow oscillation between strings, both strings sounding at once – oscillation heard only through dynamic variation

$\text{♩} = 60$ very gentle, intimate, close

Handwritten musical score for the first system. It includes staves for Sing, Bass flute, and Viola. The Sing staff has a treble clef and a single note. The Bass flute staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and notes with lyrics 'do.' and 'pp sempre'. The Viola staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and notes with lyrics 'pp sempre' and 'sul tasto'.

Handwritten musical score for the second system. It includes staves for Sing and Viola. The Sing staff has a bass clef and a single note. The Viola staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and notes with lyrics 'pp sempre' and 'sul tasto'.

Handwritten musical score for the third system. It includes staves for Bass flute and Viola. The Bass flute staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and notes with lyrics 'do' and 'fl.'. The Viola staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and notes with lyrics 'do' and 'fl.'. There is a '7:6 J' marking above a note in the Bass flute staff.

Handwritten musical score for the fourth system. It includes staves for Bass flute and Viola. The Bass flute staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and notes with lyrics 'fl.', 'n.', and 'fl.'. The Viola staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and notes with lyrics 'do' and 'fl.'.

Bf. 8 n. *legatissimo*

Vla

Bf. 8

Vla

Bf. 8 n. 7:65

Vla

Bfl.

Vla

Bfl.

Vla

Bfl.

Vla