## SINFONIA OF PASSION

Sinfonía de la Pasión

FOR STRING ORCHESTRA WITH TWO SOLOISTS

DAVID JOHNSTONE

**Soloist Parts** 

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**ESPAÑOL** 

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Año de Composición: 2010

Año de Estreno: 2010 (en versión para violín y viola)

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Oboe-Corno Inglés: Juan Manuel Crespo Oboe-Viola: Ma Eugenia de Quintana

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This is an enigmatic work of David Johnstone, written in 2010. The unusual title of the composition has precise relevance to the manner of performance. The word 'Sinfonia' refers to the baroque ideals of a *sinfonia* as an overture or an extended introduction to an opera, religious work, or a theatrical production. Indeed the base of the harmony is very much guided by Bachian language. However, from this formal base grow two 'romantic trees' – for the first part the slow moving melody line of the 1<sup>st</sup> Violin section of the orchestra, which shows certain resemblance or orientation towards Bruckner with the frequent tensions, suspensions, dissonances and the like, and which gives a late romantic feel to the work. Then, and additionally to this, are two beautiful individual soloist lines (well complementing each other) which sing out with real intensity over and on top of all the other proceedings. This great *cantabile* intensity is what is meant by the reference to 'of Passion' in the work's title. As such, it is ideal not only for symphonic programmes in concert halls, but also equally to religious productions presented in churches and cathedrals. For example, as an Easter-period work, and interpreted by a chamber orchestra, it holds much promise for the next generation. One should explain that it is not, however, specifically religious or even 'Christian' as such; it simply deals with the passion of humanity as a whole. There are no upper size restrictions to the orchestral forces, as long as the soloists can be heard sufficiently in the lower registers, but at the other extreme a smallest string tutti scoring of 4-3-2-2-1 is also in theory possible (though better not to push this to the limit).

The composer feels that this creation may well have pleased many a historical cellist who revered J.S. Bach, such as did Casals, Alexanian, Eisenberg etc. Although there are a number of different possibilities with the soloist instrumentation, curiously the cello is not among them due to the high registers (or perhaps a brave cellist might try the second part!). Every soloist version has its own dedicatees – the composer's way of simultaneously pleasing a number of his closer friends and colleagues! The more usual soloist invitations will probably usually go to violinists, violists and clarinetists, but it would be worth while investigating the other offers displayed! Score, and all the soloist/orchestral parts are available from Johnstone-Music. So...

Enjoy the music!

for String Orchestra and Two Soloists

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Version for TWO CLARINET SOLOISTS

#### For String Orchestra and two soloists

Clarinet I (B<sub>b</sub>)









## For String Orchestra and two soloists

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Clarinet II





























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Version for

CLARINET AND VIOLA SOLOISTS

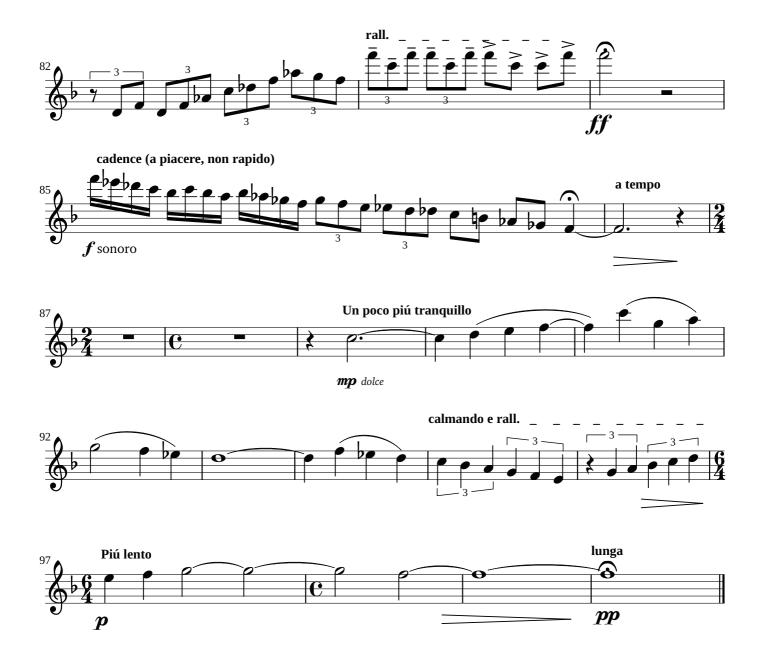
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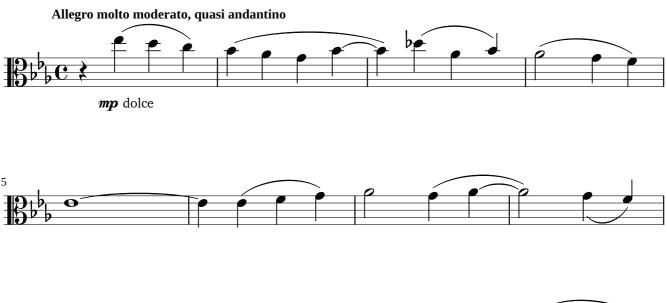




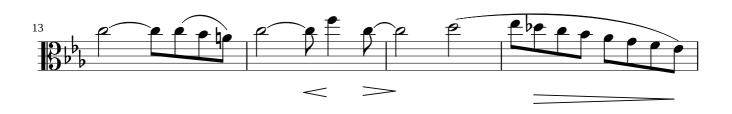


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Viola David Johnstone





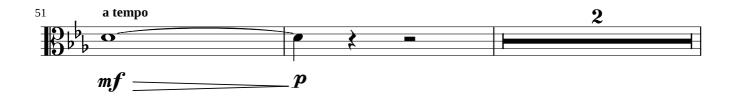


























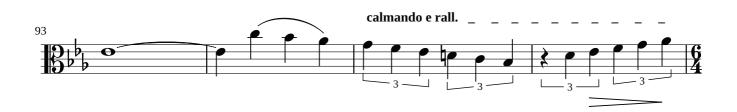


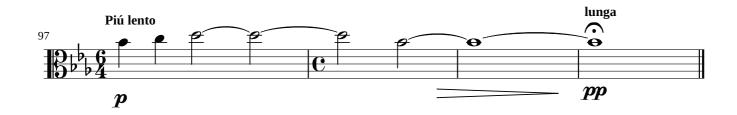












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Oboe



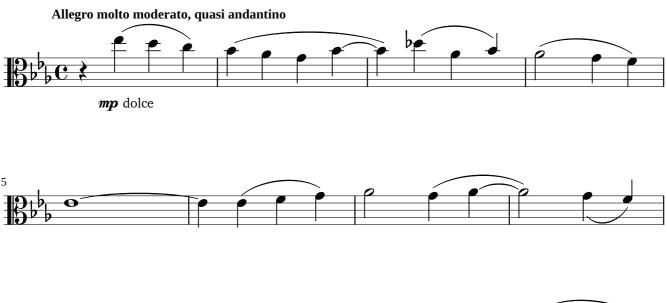




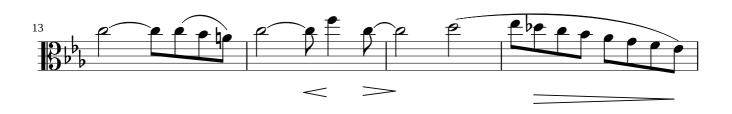


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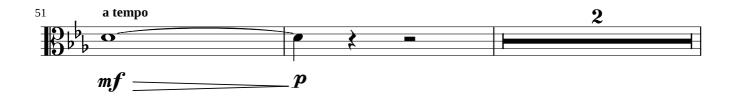


























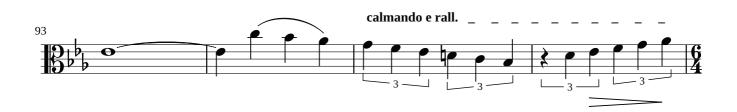


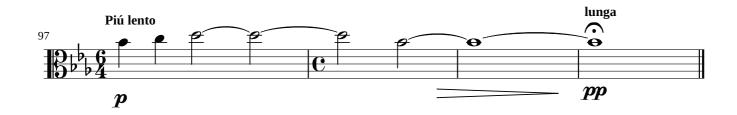












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OBOE AND CLARINET SOLOISTS

#### For String Orchestra and two soloists

Oboe









#### **Sinfonia of Passion**

#### For String Orchestra and two soloists

Clarinet David Johnstone



























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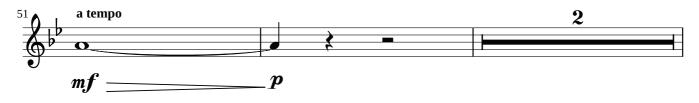
Cor Anglais

David Johnstone



















# Un poco piú tranquillo mp dolce







#### **Small Errata:**

**Bar 77** — the higher soloist part should move up a tone after the triplet quarter notes: that's to say that in the normal Eb flat key signature you will see three Eb triplet notes — but the FOURTH note (on the third beat) should be an '**F**' (creating a dissonance with the second soloist)!

**Bar 90** — in the third beat a 'D' natural is intended as indicated in the score and parts. Although this has been recorded with a Db and is acceptable a <u>D natural</u> is much to be preferred!

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