CARMEN FANTASY

(on themes from the opera of Bizet)

arrangement and preparation for SOLO CELLO and STRING ORCHESTRA

by

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GENERAL SCORE

Notes

There have been a number of marvellous arrangements of themes from Bizet's opera 'Carmen' into instrumental masterworks, such as the wonderful violin showstoppers of Sarasate and Waxman, or the virtuoso rendition from Borne for flute. However, for some reason or another, cellists have been left out in the cold. Is it because we are not virtuosic enough? No, not at all, I feel that not all the themes are necessarily suited to solo cello but yet other Bizet themes that have not been included by the afore mentioned masters are! I have checked up in depth on this, and perhaps the best I have found for cello is that which I have found by J. Hollman, so this has served as the initial base for me. However, I have tried to open up the possibilities for cellists into a new creation well programmable in the 21st century – that of a solo cellist accompanied by either string orchestra (the 'normal' scoring) or by an orchestras of cellists (more unusual, but great fun!).

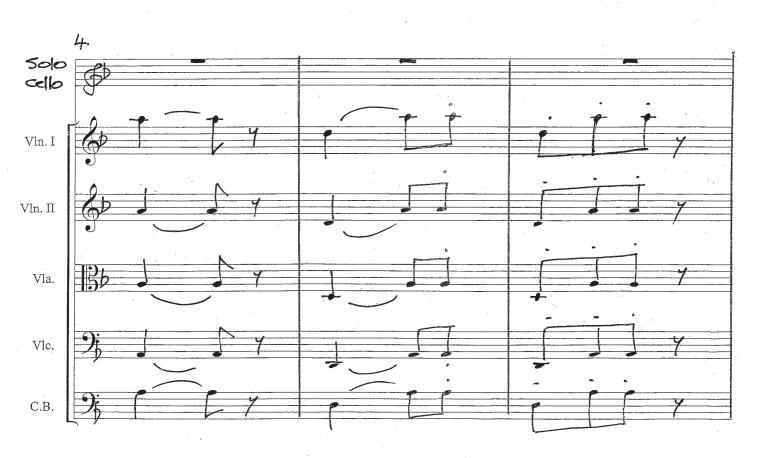
The solo part has been very carefully graded to be on a par with the difficulty of writing encountered in the Saint-Saens A minor or Lalo concertos, and therefore is perfectly playable by nearly all senior students at music conservatoire. However, the concept is virtuosic and grandiose throughout and should be convincing to all professional soloists. Special mention should be made of an original large-scale cadenza for the soloist. The orchestrations, in both scorings, should not present any unforeseen difficulties and indeed the lower parts are especially comfortable.

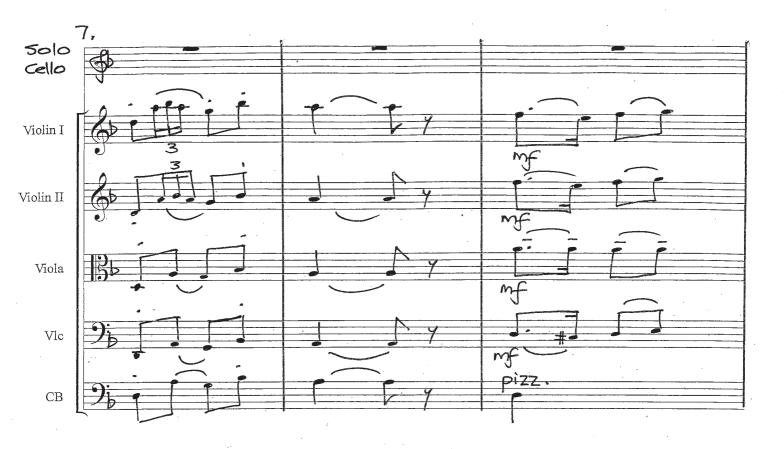
The work might be played at varying tempos in many moments but the performance duration is reckoned between 11 minutes and 11 and a half minutes. Enjoy the music, as always free on johnstonemusic!! affectionately dedicated to Rodolfo Zanni

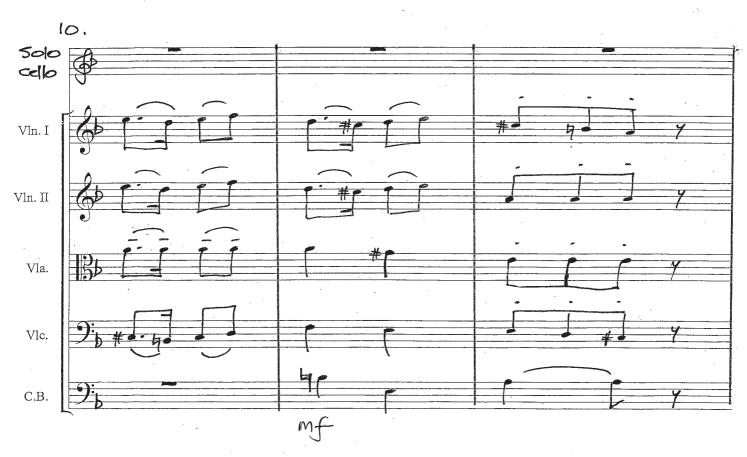
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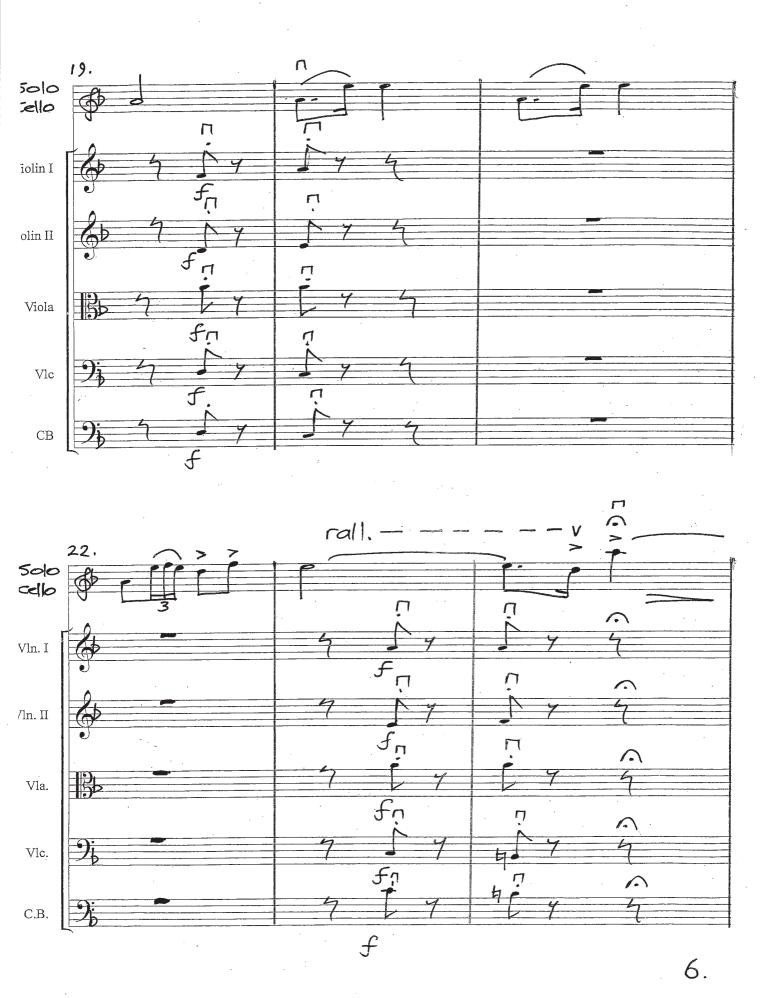






















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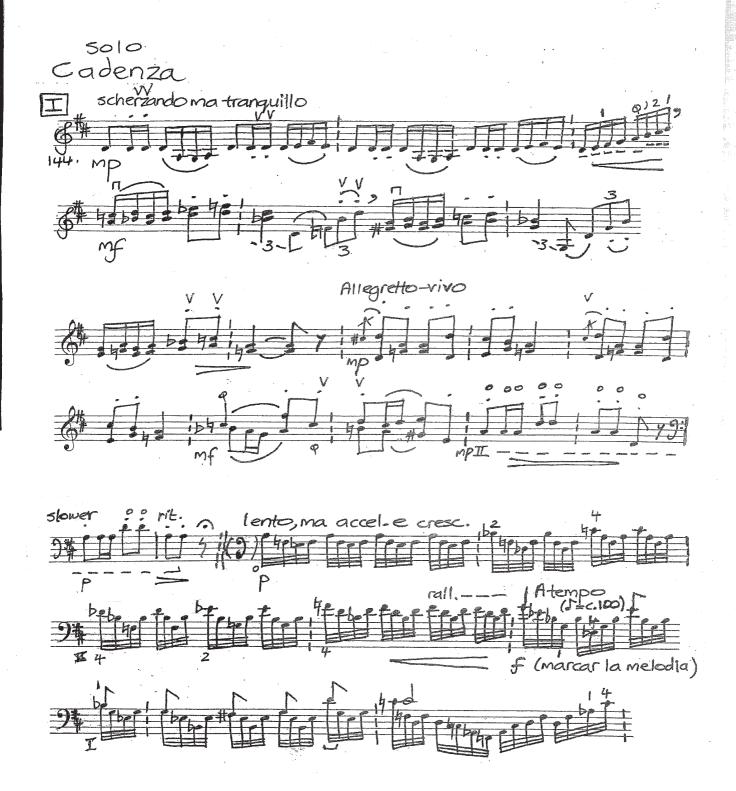






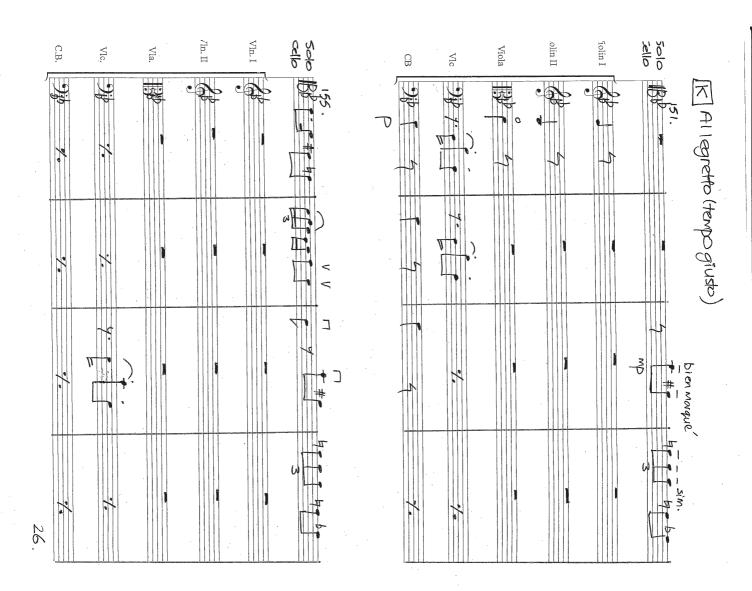




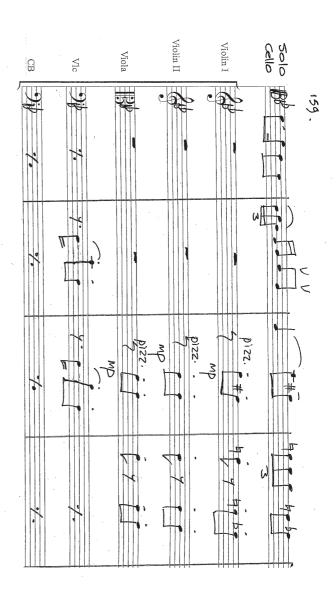


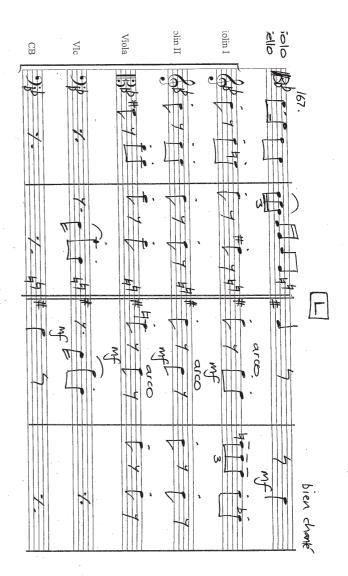




































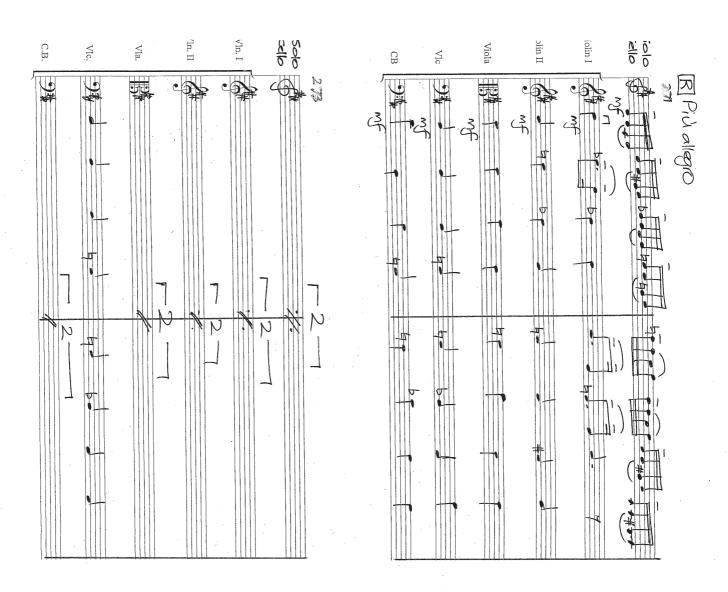




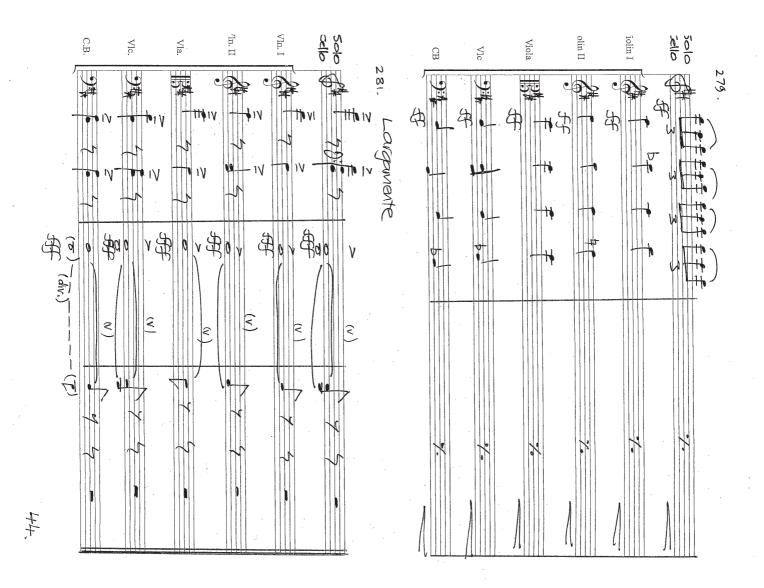


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