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Divertimento from
Gimpel the Fool

for Clarinet in Eb/Bb, Violin, Cello, & Piano

Score and Parts



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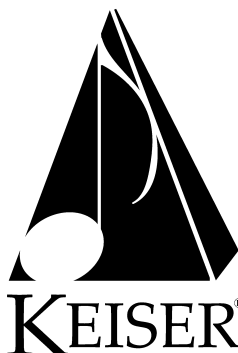
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Piano Score

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Duration ca 17'



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Program Notes

My opera, Gimpel the Fool, with libretto by I. B. Singer based on his famous story, was first staged at the 92nd Street Y in 1979 as the first offering of in the series "Jewish Opera at the Y". It tells the story of the naive baker, Gimpel, who is deceived by his wife Elka and everyone else in the village of Frampol. In 1982 I composed the Divertimento for Chamber Music Northwest, combining various numbers from the opera to form a four movement suite for clarinet, violin, cello and piano:

- 1) Overture/ The Rabbi's advice ("He who brings shame on his fellow man must lose the world to come.")*
- 2) Wedding Song ("Clouds lift me up and take me to where my heart yearns to be.")*
- 3) Bread Song (Gimpel and the Apprentice)*
- 4) Who Knows One? Mazel Tov!*

The style of the music draws on Jewish liturgical modes and on Klezmer music (which was just beginning to be revived when I began composing the opera in the mid seventies) , but I used very few folk melodies--one of them is heard in the introduction to the Bread Song.

-David Schiff

Duration ca. 17 minutes

Divertimento

from GIMPEL THE FOOL

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I: OVERTURE/THE RABBI

Vivo ♩ = 144

Clarinet in E $\flat$

Violin

Cello

Piano

f *mf* *ff* *mp* *f* *mf* *ff* *f*

sul pont. *normal* *sul pont.* *normal* *sul pont.* *sul pont.* *arco* *sul pont.*

pizz. *Reo.* *

5 7

9

gliss. *f* gliss. *mf* *f* normal *f* normal *f*

mf *ff* *f* *ff* *f*

Leo.

14

crescendo *f* *crescendo* *f* *crescendo* *f*

ff *f* *ff* *f* *ff* *f*

17

19 Quasi recitativo
colla parte

ff sul pont. *ff* normal *ff* *colla parte* *normal* *molto rubato* *mf* *fp*

ff *f*

Leo.

20

Tempo Imo

fp *fp* *dolce p* *pp* *mf*

23

Quasi recitativo
colla parte

fp *f* *fp* *f*

28

fp *fp* *fp* *fp*

30

f *pp*

8va gliss.

mf *fp*

mf *5*

ff *p*

6

12

simile

3

2

1

Reo. *

32

(8va)

pp

6

7

6

pp *6*

34 **Tempo Imo**

perky

mf

mp

pp

pizz. *p*

pizz. *p*

p

mf

39

43

44

48

52

arco

f

pizz.

p

pp

8va

ff

p

pp

8va

f

ff

p

pp

pp

The musical score consists of three systems of staves. The first system (measures 39-43) features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, and a piano accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The second system (measures 44-47) includes a melodic line with a forte (f) dynamic and a piano accompaniment with pizzicato (pizz.) and piano (p) dynamics. The third system (measures 48-52) continues the melodic and piano parts, with dynamics ranging from forte (f) to pianissimo (pp). The score concludes with a final chord in the piano part.

54

p

58

f *crescendo*

f *crescendo*

f *crescendo*

ff *f*

61

63 Quasi recitativo

ff *ff* *ff* *fp* *ff* *fp*

f *f* *f*

64

8va

fp

fp

f

5 6 3

68

fp

ff

fp

fp

ff

fp

f

ff

72

A tempo ♩ = 60

to Cl. in Bb

mf

mp

p

pp

fp

ff

f

6

secco

f

f

f

II: WEDDING SONG

1 $\text{♩} = 108$ Valse triste *cantabile*

B $\flat$ Cl. *p*

Violin *sul tasto* *c.s.* *pp*

Cello *c.s.* *pp*

Piano *pp* *con sordino*

7

13 *mp* *pizz.* *pizz.*

19

22

mp

arco

mp cantabile

p

mp

p

25

crescendo

f

mf

dolce

crescendo

f

mf

dolce

31

Ritenu

32

A tempo

p

pizz.

arco

pp

pizz.

arco

via sord.

pp

37 **Ritenuto** *rubato* **A tempo** [41] **Poco piu mosso**

pp *via sord.* *pp* *cantabile* *mf* *pp* *p* *senza sordino*

43 *p* *pp*

49 *p* *pp*

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system (measures 37-41) shows a vocal line in G major with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked 'Ritenuto' (slowed down) and 'rubato' (flexible tempo), then 'A tempo' (return to tempo), and finally 'Poco piu mosso' (a little more motion) at measure 41. The piano accompaniment is in G major and 4/4 time. It features a right hand with chords and a left hand with a bass line. Dynamics include 'pp' (pianissimo), 'p' (piano), and 'mf' (mezzo-forte). Performance instructions include 'via sord.' (without mutes), 'cantabile' (singing style), and 'senza sordino' (without mutes). The second system (measures 43-48) continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The third system (measures 49-54) shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The tempo is marked 'Poco piu mosso'. Dynamics include 'p' (piano) and 'pp' (pianissimo).

55 60

mp *mf* *cantabile*

61

pp *f* *pp* 8va con sordino

67 **Ritenuato** 70 **A tempo**

p *pp* 8va

73

espr.
p

79

82

cantabile
mp

cantabile
p

mp

senza sordino

85

mp

91 92

mp *p*

97 102

f *f* *f* *f*

crescendo

103

f *gliss.* *gliss.* *gliss.* *gliss.*

f *ff*

with pedal

Ritenuito

A tempo

110 *ff* *p* *pp* 113

pizz. *arco*

secco

115

Ritenuato **A tempo**

120 *pp* *p espr.* *pp*

con sordino

III: PANTOMIME/BREAD SONG

1 $\text{♩} = 58$ Scherzando

B♭ Cl. *p*

Violin

Cello *pizz.* *mf* *arco* *p* *gliss.*

Piano

5

9 12

pizz. *arco* *mf* *gliss.* *pizz.* *p*

13

pizz. arco pizz. arco

arco

pp

17

pizz. arco

21

24

with humor

pizz. arco

mf

pp

mf

mp

25

pizz.

29

arco pizz.

33 Ritmico

35 Slowly rubato

ff

pp

The musical score is written for a piano and guitar. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 25-28) is in D major and features a piano melody with a guitar accompaniment. The second system (measures 29-32) is in D major and features a piano melody with a guitar accompaniment. The third system (measures 33-36) is in D major and features a piano melody with a guitar accompaniment. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, accidentals, and dynamic markings.

41

43

mf

p

mf

p

mf

mp

[illegible]

49 *Ritardando...* *molto* *Gently*

pp *pp* *p* *p*

53 55 *Grazioso*

mp *pizz.* *mf* *mf* *p leggiero* *pp*

57

arco *gliss.* *p* *gliss.* *mf*

64 Allargando

Ritardando...

molto

March tempo

 8^{vb}

71 *Slowing to...* 73 **Grazioso**

The musical score is arranged in three systems, each with three staves. The first system (measures 71-73) includes a piano part with a *8vb* marking, a violin part with a *5* (quint) marking, and a cello part with an *arco* marking. Dynamics include *p*, *f*, *mp*, and *mf*. The second system (measures 74-76) continues the melodic lines with various dynamics like *f*, *p*, *mp*, and *gliss.* The third system (measures 77-79) features more complex textures with triplets and glissandos, maintaining the dynamic range from *p* to *f*.

The image displays a musical score for a piano piece, featuring three systems of staves. The first system is marked 'Molto allargando' and includes dynamics such as *mf*, *f*, and *ff*. The second system is marked 'Gently' and includes dynamics such as *p*, *pp*, and *mp*. The third system includes the instruction 'rubato' and 'dolce'. The score is written for a piano with a large, stylized watermark 'R' overlaid.

IV: Who Knows One?/Mazal Tov

1 *Quasi una cadenza*
rubato, parlando

Clarinet in E $\flat$

Violin

Cello

f

fp

f

f *p*

f *p*

f

f

Red.

4

f *fp*

f

pp

fp

p

f

Red.

7

p *mp* *pp* *p* *mp*

f *pp*

f *pp*

secco *f*

5 *gliss.*

11

mf *f* *p* *mp* *gliss.*

f *pp* *f* *pp*

secco

f

15

f *p* *pp* *mp* *mf*

f *pp* *f* *pp*

19

f *pp* *ff* *mf* *pp* *mf* *pizz.*

mf *mp* *mf*

♩ = 138 Molto Allegro

21

(at tempo)

22

f *mf* *ff* *mp* *ff*

pizz. *arco*

25

mf *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f*

pizz.

29

mf *ff* *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff*

crescendo

32 **stesso tempo** $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

Measures 32-36 of the musical score. The first system (measures 32-33) is in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second system (measures 34-35) is in 6/8 time. The third system (measures 36) is in 2/4 time. The score includes a piano (p) dynamic marking and a pizzicato (pizz.) instruction for the bass line in measure 32. A large, faint watermark is visible across the page.

Measures 37-41 of the musical score. The first system (measures 37-38) is in 3/8 time. The second system (measures 39-40) is in 2/4 time. The third system (measures 41) is in 2/4 time. The score includes a piano (p) dynamic marking and a piano (p) instruction for the bass line in measure 37. A large, faint watermark is visible across the page.

Measures 42-46 of the musical score. The first system (measures 42-43) is in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second system (measures 44-45) is in 2/4 time. The third system (measures 46) is in 2/4 time. The score includes a piano (p) dynamic marking and a piano (p) instruction for the bass line in measure 42. A large, faint watermark is visible across the page.

48

50

51

54

57

f

arco

f

ff

mp

pizz.

f

p

ff

pp

58

TACET 1st x

p

63

1. 2.

1. 2.

PLAY: pizz.

f

arco

f

1. 2.

ff

68

69

mf

f

p

pizz.

p

73 *sfz* *sfz* *mf* *f* *mf* *mp* *arco*

78 *ff* *f* *ff* *f* *ff* *f*

83 *mf* *mf* *fp* *fp* *p* *f* *p*

84

This musical score page contains measures 73 through 84. It is written for piano, violin, and cello/bass. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature changes from 3/8 to 2/4 at measure 77. Dynamics include *sfz* (sforzando), *mf* (mezzo-forte), *f* (forte), *mp* (mezzo-piano), *ff* (fortissimo), and *p* (piano). Articulations such as accents (>) and slurs are used throughout. A large, faint watermark is visible across the page.

87 (2+3)

mp

mp *mf* *f* *sfz*

mp *mf* *f* *sfz*

ff

91 *fp* *f*

pizz. *mp*

pizz. *mp*

p

94 *f* *p* *sfz* *p* *sfz*

sfz *sfz*

sfz *sfz*

98

f *mp* *f* *fp* *mp* *mf* *ff* *p* *mp*

101

fp *pizz.* *arco* *fp* *fp* *ff*

104

p *pizz.* *pizz.* *3* *3* *3* *3*

107

109

ff

arco

mf

pizz.

mp

ff

mf

8^{va} - - - - -

110

TACET 1st x

mf

(8^{va}) - - - - -

114

PLAY:

mf

(8^{va}) - - - - -

118

mf

TACET 1st x

arco

mf

(8va)

f

2nd x only

2nd x only

123

f

1. PLAY:

f

1.

2.

2nd x only

1.

2.

This musical score page contains measures 128 through 144, organized into three systems. The music is written for four staves: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Cello/Double Bass. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats), and the time signature is 2/4. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, accents, and dynamic markings.

Measure 128: The first system begins with measure 128. The Violin I staff has a *ff* marking. The Viola and Cello/Double Bass staves also have *ff* markings. The music features eighth and sixteenth notes with accents.

Measure 133: The second system begins with measure 133. The Violin I staff has a *mp* marking. The Violin II staff has a *pizz.* marking. The Viola staff has a *f* marking. The Cello/Double Bass staff has a *p* marking. The music includes a triplet in the Violin I staff and a *arco* marking in the Violin II staff.

Measure 136: The third system begins with measure 136. The Violin I staff has a *mf* marking. The Violin II staff has a *f* marking. The Viola staff has a *fp* marking. The Cello/Double Bass staff has a *p* marking. The music includes a triplet in the Violin I staff and a *ff* marking in the Cello/Double Bass staff.

141

p *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *ff*

143

p *fp* *fp* *mp*

146

ff *ff* *ff* *f* *ff*

This musical score page contains measures 141 through 146. It is arranged in three systems, each with three staves: piano (top), violin (middle), and cello (bottom). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 2/4. Measure numbers 141, 143, and 146 are indicated at the start of their respective systems. Dynamics include piano (*p*), mezzo-forte (*mf*), fortissimo (*ff*), and mezzo-piano (*mp*). Articulations such as accents (>) and slurs are used throughout. The piano part features a melodic line with slurs and accents. The violin and cello parts provide harmonic support with various rhythmic patterns, including sixteenth and thirty-second notes.

149

mp *f* *p* *pizz.* *simile* *arco* *f*

153

f *f* *f* *f*

157 **Broadly** **A tempo** 159

ff *mf* *pizz.* *f* *mf* *f* *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f*

Vivo

160

163

164

165

166

Composer and author David Schiff was born in New York City on August 30, 1945. He studied composition with John Corigliano and Ursula Mamlok at the Manhattan School of Music, and with Elliott Carter at the Juilliard School where he received his D.M.A.. He holds degrees in English literature from Columbia and Cambridge Universities. Schiff is the R.P. Wollenberg Professor of Music at Reed College in Portland, Oregon. He is the author of *The Music of Elliott Carter* (Cornell University Press) and *George Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue* (Cambridge University Press) as well as many articles on music for the New York Times, the Atlantic Monthly, Opera News and Tempo.

Major works include the opera *Gimpel the Fool*, with libretto by I. B. Singer, the *Sacred Service*, written for the 125th anniversary of Congregation Beth Israel of Portland, *Slow Dance*, commissioned by the Oregon Symphony, *Stomp*, commissioned by Marin Alsop for Concordia, and recorded by the Baltimore Symphony conducted by David Zinman, *Solus Rex*, for bass trombone and chamber ensemble commissioned by the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, and premiered by David Taylor, *Speaking in Drums*, a concerto for timpani and string orchestra commissioned by the Minnesota Orchestra for its timpanist, Peter Kogan, *Vashti*, a retelling of the Book of Esther for mezzo-soprano, clarinet and piano, commissioned by the Gold Coast Chamber Music Festival and *4 Sisters*, a concerto for jazz violin and orchestra, which premiered in Cambridge, England in 1997 and received its American premiere with Regina Carter and the Detroit Symphony in January 2004.

Recent works include *New York Nocturnes*, a piano trio written for Chamber Music Northwest, *Pepper Pieces*, arrangements of songs by Jim Pepper for jazz violinist Hollis Taylor and strings, *Canti di Davide*, a concerto for clarinet and orchestra premiered by David Shifrin and the Virginia Symphony in October 2001, *Singing in the Dark*, for Alto Saxophone and String Quartet, premiered at Chamber Music Northwest in July 2002 by Marty Ehrlich and the Miami String Quartet, *All About Love*, a song cycle for mezzo-soprano, tenor and chamber ensemble which premiered at Chamber Music Northwest in July 2004 and *Canzona* for brass, percussion and strings commissioned by the Seattle Symphony and premiered by them in January 2005 conducted by Gerard Schwarz.

Three of his compositions, *Divertimento from Gimpel the Fool*, *Suite from the Sacred Service*, and *Scenes from Adolescence*, may be heard on Delos CD #3058 performed by artists of Chamber Music Northwest and the composer's wife Cantor Judith Schiff. *Shtik*, written for David Taylor, appears on the album "Past Tells" on the New World label.



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