

# *Three Pairs Suite*

*for Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Cello, Piano, and Percussion*

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### **PROGRAM NOTES:**

*Three Pairs Suite* was commissioned by Stephanie Sant'Ambrogio, Artistic Director of the Cactus Pear Music Festival for their 2010 summer concerts. When I was first approached about writing this piece, I immediately thought of composing something in reference to the cactus pear – something sweet and something prickly - that would serve as lighter fare for those hot summer days in San Antonio. My initial ideas led me to a suite written for three pairs: two woodwinds, two strings, and two percussion instruments. The idea of a suite also gave me the chance to re-examine classical models that work in a more direct and tuneful style and I wondered if old elements could be reworked into fresh material.

The result is a work meant to charm, surprise, and entertain. The *overture* starts with a traditional dotted rhythm that soon gives way to a number of ideas framed in an energetic allegro. The *nocturne* uses calm, open fifths and a delicate melodic line. The next three movements are meant to be played in quick succession. The *variations* are very mechanical, but sound something like a jam session gone awry. The *intermezzo* – marked “a bit sinister,” use a rhythm from a courante by J.S. Bach in a scherzo frame. The *musette* exploits drones of fifths and is also playful in nature. (The percussion, who rested in the *intermezzo*, nearly takes over at one point.) The closing *chorale and dance* alternates between a chorale and a syncopated, contrapuntal section. The work closes by revisiting material from the rest of the suite.

# *Three Pairs Suite*

*Commissioned by and dedicated to David and Laura Hirsch*

*for the Cactus Pear Music Festival  
Stephanie Sant'Ambrogio, Artistic Director*

## **Mvt. I - Overture**

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**With Strength and Nobility**  $\text{d} = 66$

Flute  
Bb Clarinet  
Violin  
Cello  
Percussion  
Piano

Fl.  
Cl.  
Vln.  
Vc.  
Perc.  
Pno.

*poco rall.*

**15** **Energetic**  $\text{♩} = 152$

Fl. *ff* *f* *ff* *fff* *f*

Cl. *ff* *f* *ff* *fff* *f*

Vln. *ff* *f* *ff* *fff* *f*

Vc. *ff* *f* *ff* *fff* *f*

Perc. *fp* *ff* *mf*

Tambourine (on desk)

Pno.

**16**

Fl. *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Cl. *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Vln. *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Vc. *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Perc. *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Pno.

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

**27**

*mp*

*cresc.*

*mp*

*cresc.*

*mp*

*sub. p*

*cresc.*

30

Fl. *mf*

Cl. *mf*

Vln. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Perc.

Pno. *mf*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*Sm. Sus. Cym.*

*p*

35

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*p* *mf* *p*

*f*

*sub. p*

*mf*

*p*

*mf*

40 44

Fl.      cresc.

Cl.      cresc.

Vln.      ff sub.mf

Vc.      ff sub.mf cresc.

Perc.

Pno.      > p      p      mf      mp      mf

50 53

Fl.      f      ff      f

Cl.      f      ff      f

Vln.      f      ff      f

Vc.      f      ff      f

Perc.

Pno.      3 3 3 3 f      ff > > > > f

*poco rit.* -----

58 Slightly Relaxed (♩. = 48)

Fl.  
Cl.  
Vln.  
Vc.  
Perc.  
Pno.

*mf*      *dim.*

*mf*      *mf*

*mp*

Pno.

*mf*      *dim.*

*Reo.*      \*

*Reo.*      \*

59

Fl.  
Cl.  
Vln.  
Vc.  
Perc.

*p*  
*cantabile*

*mf*

*cantabile*

*mf*

Perc.

Pno.

*p*

*Reo.*      \*      *sim.*

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc. *cantabile*

Perc.

Pno.

62

64

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc. *cresc.*

Perc.

Pno.

65

68

Fl.

Cl.

Vln. *cresc.*

Vc.

Perc. *p*

Pno.

70 (♩ = 144)

*f*

*f*

73

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc. (solo)

Perc. *Sm. Triangle* *mp*

Pno. (solo)

77

*f* — *ff*

82

Fl.

(solo) Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

87

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

**93**

Fl. *f p cresc.* ----- *mp* ----- *f*  
 Cl. *f p cresc.* ----- *mp* ----- *f*  
 Vln. *p cresc.* ----- *mp* ----- *f*  
 Vc. *p cresc.* ----- *mp* ----- *f*  
 Perc. **7** -----  
 Pno. **7** ----- *mf* -----

**98**

Fl. -----  
 Cl. -----  
 Vln. -----  
 Vc. -----  
 Perc. **7** -----  
 Pno. **7** ----- *f* ----- *cresc.* -----

**101**

Fl. -----  
 Cl. ----- *cresc.* -----  
 Vln. ----- *cresc.* -----  
 Vc. ----- *cresc.* -----  
 Perc. **7** -----  
 Pno. **7** ----- *f* ----- *cresc.* -----

102

105

Tempo I ( $\text{\textcaption} = 66$ )

*// Sm. Sus. Cym.*

Perc.

Pno.

106

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Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

Energetic ♩ = 152

110

*poco rall.*

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

114

*fff* < *ff*

*fff* < *ff*

*fff* < *ff*

*fff* < *ff*

*secco* **Cym.**

*Sm. Kick Drum*

115

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

120

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

121

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

125

124

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

127

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

130

132

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

135

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

140

141

146

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

fff

fff

fff

(secco)

## II. - Nocturne

17

Soft; Placid  $\text{♩} = 56$

Flute

Bb Clarinet (solo)  $\text{♩} = 56$

Violin

Cello pizz.  $\text{♩} = 56$  arco

Percussion Marimba (soft yarn)  $\text{♩} = 56$  simile

Piano  $\text{♩} = 56$

**7**

accel.

**11**

Slightly Faster; Floating  $\text{♩} = 66$

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

21

Fl.  
Cl.  
Vln.  
Vc.  
Perc.  
Pno.

29

Fl.  
Cl.  
Vln.  
Vc.  
Perc.  
Pno.

37

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

43

46

poco rit.

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

49

Soft; Placid  $\text{♩} = 56$

*(solo)*

Fl. 56

Cl. 56

Vln. 56

Vc. 56

Perc. 56

Pno. 56

*p*

Fl. 61

Cl. 61

Vln. 61

Vc. 61

Perc. 61

Pno. 61

*pizz.* *arco*

*pp* *pp*

*pp* *pp* *simile*

Fl. 65

Cl. 65

Vln. 65

Vc. 65

Perc. 65

Pno. 65

*pp*

*p*

*pp*

71

**Calando**

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

ppp

ppp

ppp

ppp

n.

pp

ppp

\*

## III. - Variations

Mechanical (like clocks)  $\text{♩} = 168$

Flute

Bb Clarinet

Violin

Cello

Percussion

Piano

9

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc. *pizz.*  
*p*

Perc.

Pno.

*p*

Fl. - #  
Cl. - *pizz.*  
Vln. - *pizz.*  
Vc. - *pizz.*  
Perc. - **Marimba** (hard cord)  
Pno. - *mp*

16 17

25

Fl.  
Cl.  
Vln.  
Vc.  
Perc.  
Pno.

22 25

**Sm. Splash Cym.** **Marimba** *mf*

*p* < *mf*      *mf*      *p* < *mf*      *mf* < *f*

*mf*

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

**31**

**33**

Sm. Splash Cym.

Marimba

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

35

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

39

41

(f)

mf

Marimba

Cym.

f

Fl.

Cl. *< f*

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno. *fp* — *f* *fp* — *f*

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc. *fp* — *f*

Perc. Cym. Marimba

Pno. *fp* — *f*

47 49 (f) ff (f) pizz. ff

Fl.

Cl. *f*

Vln.

Vc.

Perc. *f*

Pno. *fp* — *f*

Fl.

Cl. *ff* — *f*

Vln.

Vc.

Perc. *Cym.* *Marimba*

Pno. *fp* — *f*

57

Fl.  
Cl.  
Vln.  
Vc.  
Perc.  
Pno. (f)

*ff*  
*ff*  
*ff*  
*arco ff*  
*f*

60

Fl.  
Cl.  
Vln.  
Vc.  
Perc.  
Pno.

5

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

63

Cym. Mar. Cym. Mar.

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

66

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

Cym. Mar. Cym. Mar. Cym. Mar.

ff

fff

fff

fff

ff

L.H.

R.H.

73

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

move on quickly to the next mvt.

## IV. - Intermezzo

31

**A Bit Sinister**  $\text{♩} = 152$

**Flute**

**Bb Clarinet**

**Violin**

**Cello**

**Piano**

**Fl.**

**Cl.**

**Vln.**

**Vc.**

**Pno.**

(8)

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Fl. 11

Cl. *fp* *f*

Vln.

Vc.

Pno. *fp* *cresc.* - - -

**16** *fp*

*fp* *cresc.* - - -

Fl. *mf*

Cl. *ff*

Vln. *mf*

Vc. *ff*

Pno. *ff*

**17** *f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*ff*

*ff*

*ff*

*ff*

23

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

This section of the score consists of five staves. The first four staves (Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Cello) are in treble clef and common time. The Flute, Clarinet, and Violin play eighth-note patterns with various slurs and grace notes. The Cello provides harmonic support with sustained notes. The fifth staff (Piano) is in bass clef and common time, featuring eighth-note chords. Measure 23 starts with a dynamic of *f*. Measures 24-27 show a continuation of these patterns, with the piano part becoming more active in measure 27.

28

31

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

This section of the score consists of five staves. The first four staves (Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Cello) are in treble clef and common time. The Flute, Clarinet, and Violin play eighth-note patterns with slurs and grace notes. The Cello provides harmonic support. The fifth staff (Piano) is in bass clef and common time, featuring eighth-note chords. Measure 28 starts with a dynamic of *f*. Measures 29-31 show a continuation of these patterns, with the piano part becoming more active in measure 31.

33

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

39

41 With Humor

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

46

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

49

*pizz.*

*pizz.*

*mf*

*mf*

*pizz.*

*mf*

*mf*

*mp*

*p*

55

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

58

*dim.*

*ppp*

*p*

*mp*

*dim.*

*ppp*

*p*

*mp*

*arco*

*p*

*arco*

*p*

*mp*

*dim.*

*pp*

*mp*

64

Fl. *pizz.* **mf**

Cl. *pizz.* **mf**

Vln. *pizz.* **mf**

Vc. *pizz.* **mf**

Pno. **mf** **mp**

**66**

73

Fl. **pp** **mp**

Cl. **pp** **p** **mp**

Vln. *arco* **mp**

Vc. **p** **mp**

Pno. **pp** **p** **mp** **mp**

**75**

Fl. *mf*

Cl. *mf*

Vln. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Pno.

81 83

Fl.

Cl. *ff*

Vln. *ff*

Vc. *ff*

Pno.

88 89

## 94 Raucous

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

99

100

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

104

108

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

110

114

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

**116**

**120**

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

**123**

**126**

130

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

*move on quickly to the next mvt.*

## V. - Musette

**Playful** ( $\text{♩} = 84$ )

This section starts with a dynamic of  $p$ . The Flute and Bb Clarinet play eighth-note patterns. The Violin and Cello provide harmonic support with sustained notes and eighth-note patterns. The Percussion and Piano provide rhythmic and harmonic foundation. Measure 8 concludes with a dynamic of  $mf$ .

**9**

The dynamic changes to  $f$  for the Flute and Clarinet. The Violin and Cello continue their eighth-note patterns. The Percussion and Piano maintain the rhythm. The section ends with a dynamic of  $f$ .

**( solo )**

**Marimba**

The Marimba enters with a rhythmic pattern. The Piano provides harmonic support with sustained notes.

Fl. 12

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

15

Fl. 16

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

16

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

Fl. *fp* *f*

Cl. *fp* *f*

Vln. *pizz.* *arco*

Vc. *fp* *f*

Perc.

Pno.

Fl. *f* *f*

Cl. *f* *f*

Vln. *f*

Vc.

Perc. **Tom-Toms** *mf*

Pno.

**38**

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc. ( solo )

Cym.

Kick Drum

Pno.

**43**

**45**

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

Fl. 49

Cl.

Vln.

Vc. *ff*

Perc.

Pno. Marimba

Fl. 53

Cl. *ff*

Vln. *ff*

Vc. *ff*

Perc. *ff*

Pno. *ff*

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

This section contains six staves for Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Cello, Percussion, and Piano. Measures 57 and 58 show melodic lines for Flute, Clarinet, Violin, and Cello. Measure 59 features a rhythmic pattern for Percussion. Measure 60 includes a dynamic instruction *pianissimo* and a melodic line for Piano. Measure 61 begins with a dynamic *f*.

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

This section continues with six staves. Measures 59 and 60 continue the established patterns. Measure 61 begins with a dynamic *f* for Flute, Clarinet, and Violin. Measures 62 and 63 feature sustained notes and rhythmic patterns for Percussion and Piano.

63

Fl. *mf*

Cl. *mf*

Vln. *mf* (Sul C)

Vc. Glissando *f* pizz.

Perc.

Pno.

(non vibrato) Glissando *f* *ppp*

## VI. - Chorale and Dance

Singing, but with clarity ( $\text{d} = 52$ )

Flute *f*

Bb Clarinet *f*

Violin *f*

Cello *f*

Percussion *mf*

**Bass Drum**

Piano *f*

*Ped. ad lib.*

**5** *poco rall. ----- a tempo*

Fl. *poco rall. ----- a tempo*

Cl. *poco rall. ----- a tempo*

Vln. *poco rall. ----- a tempo*

Vc. *poco rall. ----- a tempo*

Perc. *poco rall. ----- a tempo*

Pno. *poco rall. ----- a tempo*

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

**12**

**poco rall.**

**15**

**a tempo**

**molto rall.**

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

**17**

**Poco Presto** ( $\text{d} = 160$ )

**Tambourine** (*on stand*)

23

26

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

29

32

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

Marimba (hard cord) *f*

34

This section contains six staves for Flute (Fl.), Clarinet (Cl.), Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vc.), Percussion (Perc.), and Piano (Pno.). Measures 34-35 show mostly rests. Measure 36 begins with a melodic line in the Flute and Clinet staves. Measures 37-38 feature a rhythmic pattern in the Violin and Cello. Measures 39-40 show a continuation of the melodic line from measure 36. Measures 41-42 conclude the section with a final melodic flourish.

42

This section contains six staves for Flute (Fl.), Clarinet (Cl.), Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vc.), Percussion (Perc.), and Piano (Pno.). Measures 40-41 show a melodic line in the Flute and Clarinet. Measures 42-43 continue this melodic line, with the Violin and Cello providing harmonic support. Measures 44-45 conclude the section with a final melodic flourish.

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

This section contains six staves of musical notation for Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Cello, Percussion, and Piano. The music consists of eighth-note patterns with grace notes. Measure 45 starts with a forte dynamic. Measures 46-48 show sustained notes with grace notes. Measure 49 concludes with a forte dynamic.

50

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

This section contains six staves of musical notation for Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Cello, Percussion, and Piano. Measures 50-53 feature eighth-note patterns with grace notes. Measure 54 concludes with a forte dynamic.

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

This section of the musical score shows six staves for Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Cello, Percussion, and Piano. The music consists of six measures (55-59). Measures 55-57 feature eighth-note patterns with grace notes. Measure 58 begins with sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 59 concludes with eighth-note patterns. Measure 60 starts with sixteenth-note patterns.

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

This section of the musical score shows six staves for Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Cello, Percussion, and Piano. The music consists of three measures (58-60). Measures 58-59 show sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 60 begins with sixteenth-note patterns and includes crescendo markings ("cresc.") above the staves.

62

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

67

**Like Bells** ( $\text{d} = 52$ )

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Sm. Sus. Cym.

Perc.

Bass Drum

Pno.

*poco rall.* ----- *a tempo*

70

Fl. Cl. Vln. Vc. Perc. Pno.

**Sus. Cym.** **Bass Drum**

*mf* *ff*

*Acc.*

73 *a tempo*

Fl. Cl. Vln. Vc. Perc. Pno.

**Sus. Cym.** **B. D.**

*f*

*Acc.*

*poco rall.*

Fl. Cl. Vln. Vc. Cym. Perc. Pno.

75

Poco Presto ( $\text{♩} = 160$ )

Fl. Cl. Vln. Vc. Perc. Pno.

79

(*secco*)

Fl. Cl. Vln. Vc. Perc. Pno.

83 84

*f* *cresc.*

*f* *cresc.*

*f* *cresc.*

*f* *cresc.*

*cresc.*

Fl. Cl. Vln. Vc. Perc. Pno.

87 88

*ff*

*ff*

*ff*

*ff*

*fp* *f*

*f* *ff*

90

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

*sim.*

A musical score page featuring six staves. The top four staves are for Flute (Fl.), Clarinet (Cl.), Violin (Vln.), and Cello (Vc.). The bottom two staves are for Percussion (Perc.) and Piano (Pno.). Measure 90 begins with a whole rest followed by eighth-note patterns. Measure 91 starts with a half note. Measures 92 and 93 continue the eighth-note patterns. Measure 94 begins with a whole rest. The piano part in measure 94 has grace notes above the main notes. A dynamic instruction 'sim.' is placed under the piano staff in measure 93.

93

94

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

Marimba

*ff*

A musical score page featuring six staves. The top four staves are for Flute (Fl.), Clarinet (Cl.), Violin (Vln.), and Cello (Vc.). The bottom two staves are for Percussion (Perc.) and Piano (Pno.). Measure 93 continues the eighth-note patterns from the previous page. Measure 94 begins with a whole rest. The Marimba part starts in measure 94 with eighth-note patterns. The piano part in measure 94 has dynamics 'ff'. Measure 95 continues the eighth-note patterns.

96

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

99

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

Sm. Sus. Cym.

102

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

**Sm. Kick Drum**

(l.v.)

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Like Bells ( $\text{d} = 52$ )

107

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

Pno.

**ff**

**f**

**ffp**

**f**

**molto rall.**

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**Presto** ( $\text{♩} = 168$ )

*accellerando*

110

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

**Kick Drum**

Pno.

115

118

**Prestissimo** ( $\text{♩} = 184$ )

Fl.

Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Perc.

**Marimba**

Pno.

Musical score page 64, featuring six staves of music for Flute (Fl.), Clarinet (Cl.), Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vc.), Percussion (Perc.), and Piano (Pno.). The score is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp. Measure 119 begins with a dynamic of *molto*. The Flute, Clarinet, Violin, and Cello play eighth-note patterns. The Cello has a sustained note with a wavy line. The Percussion and Piano staves show rhythmic patterns with slurs and grace notes. A box labeled "Sm. Sus. Cym." is positioned above the Percussion staff. The piano part includes a dynamic marking of *ff*.

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