

SONATA FOR VIOLIN AND PIANO



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Violin

Piano

SIX DEBUSSY SONATAS

III. SONATA FOR VIOLIN AND PIANO

In 1914 Claude Debussy embarked on a series of six “sonatas for various instruments” (*Six sonatas pour divers instruments*), dedicated to his second wife. Having completed the first three, for cello and piano; flute, viola, and harp; and violin and piano, his death in 1918 forever interrupted the set.

In the manuscript of the violin sonata Debussy outlined his plans for the remainder of the cycle: sonatas for oboe, horn, and harpsichord; clarinet, bassoon, trumpet, and piano; and a final chamber orchestra “concerto where the sonorities of the ‘various instruments’ combine, with the gracious assistance of the double bass.” I have used this plan to compose my own sonata cycle inspired by the evocative instrumental combinations imagined by Debussy.

Six Debussy Sonatas follows an overall harmonic form that binds each of the sonatas together and to one another; likewise, structural cycles control the rhythmic, melodic, and textural material. All of the material was first freely composed according to the sound I wanted to create for each individual piece, then shared between sonatas as seemed to fit. Although there are no musical connections to Debussy’s original sonatas, they have the same brevity, both in terms of length and compression of musical content.

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I

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Violin

Piano

Measures 1-4: Violin part features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, starting with a $\text{♩} = 108$ tempo marking and a $3x$ repeat sign. The Piano part provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. Dynamics include p (piano).

13

Vln.

2nd x

Pno.

2nd x

play lower octave 2nd x only

18

Vln.

sul pont.

norm.

Pno.

f

22

Vln.

sul pont.

norm.

Pno.

26

Vln.

f *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

7 6 7 6

3x

Pno.

f *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

5 5 5 5

8va

Vln.

p 3 3 3 3

4x

Pno.

p 3 3 3 5

3

Vln.

6 6

4x

Pno.

7 16

7 16

35

3x

Vln.

Pno.

p *f*

39

Vln.

Pno.

p

41

Vln.

Pno.

p *f*

45

46

Vln.

Pno.

2nd x

48

50

Vln.

Pno.

ff

pp

IV III II 6

6

8va

5

5

51

Vln.

Pno.

(8)

5

5

5

5

5

5

SONATA FOR VIOLIN AND PIANO

II

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$\text{♩} = 120$

The musical score is for a piece titled "SONATA FOR VIOLIN AND PIANO II" by Eric Shanfield. The tempo is marked as $\text{♩} = 120$. The score is in 5/16 time and is marked *ff* (fortissimo). The Violin part (Vln.) and Piano part (Pno.) are written for two staves each. The Violin part includes a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure of the first system, marked with a circled "3x". The Piano part includes a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure of the first system, marked with a circled "3x". The score is divided into three systems, each with measures 1 through 8. The first system (measures 1-8) is in 5/16 time. The second system (measures 9-16) is in 4/4 time. The third system (measures 17-24) is in 3/4 time. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and fingerings (e.g., 5, 6, 7, 8). The Violin part includes a triplet of eighth notes in measure 1 of the first system, marked with a circled "3x". The Piano part includes a triplet of eighth notes in measure 1 of the first system, marked with a circled "3x".

11

Vln.

Pno.

8va

13

Vln.

Pno.

15

Vln.

Pno.

loco

ff

p

ff

p

ff

p sub.

21

Vln. 19 *ff* 5 5 5 5 *ff* *p* 3

Pno. *ff* *sub.* 3 3 3 3 *ff* *p*

23

Vln. *f* 3 3 3 3

Pno. *f* 5 5 5 5

25

Vln. *f molto espress.* 8va

Pno. 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

29

28

Vln.

Pno.

f

5 5 5 5

3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3

30

Vln.

Pno.

(8)

5 5 5 5

3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3

33

Vln.

Pno.

ff

6 6 6 6

ff

5 5

5 5

35 ^{8va}

Vln.

Pno.

40

41 *loco*

Vln.

Pno.

Ped.

42

Vln.

Pno.

Ped.

44

Vln.

Pno.

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

Ped.

46

Vln.

Pno.

p sub. *fff* 5 5 5 5

p sub. *fff*

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III

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$\text{♩} = 96$
pizz.
mf

Violin

Piano

7

Vln.

Pno.

1. 2.

3 3 (3x) (3x)

mf *p*

ben *mf*

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16

Vln. *mf*

Pno.

21

Vln.

24

Pno.

Ped.

26

Vln. *arco*

Pno.

Ped.

30 32 *play 2nd x only*

Vln.

Pno.

7

34

Vln.

Pno.

37

Vln.

Pno.

8va

40

Vln.

Pno.

Measures 40-42. The violin part features a continuous eighth-note pattern. The piano part has a sustained chord in the right hand and a moving bass line in the left hand.

43

Vln.

Pno.

Measures 43-45. The violin part continues with the eighth-note pattern. The piano part has a sustained chord in the right hand and a moving bass line in the left hand.

46

48

Vln.

Pno.

Measures 46-48. The violin part continues with the eighth-note pattern. The piano part has a sustained chord in the right hand and a moving bass line in the left hand. Measure 48 is marked with a box.

50

Vln.

Pno.

50

53

Vln.

Pno.

53

57

Vln.

Pno.

57

61

Play 2nd & 3rd x only

3x

Vln.

Pno.

p *mf* *p* *p* *mf*

mf *p*

Ped.

66

69

Vln.

Pno.

p *mf* *p cresc. through repeat*

71

73

Vln.

Pno.

f 6 6 *f*

75

Vln.

Pno.

8va

6

6

6

6

79

Vln.

Pno.

ff

81

Vln.

Pno.

8va