

1. Symposium

Oboe 2

Philip Armstrong

Allegro Moderato ♩ = 84

The musical score for Oboe 2, "1. Symposium" by Philip Armstrong, is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of Allegro Moderato (♩ = 84). The score consists of 10 staves of music, each with a letter label (A-J) and various musical notations including dynamics, articulation, and fingerings.

Staff 1: Measures 1-4. Dynamics: *p*. Articulation: slurs and accents.

Staff 2: Measures 5-8. Label: A. Dynamics: *mf*, *p*. Articulation: slurs and accents.

Staff 3: Measures 9-12. Label: B. Dynamics: *p*, *mf*. Articulation: slurs and accents.

Staff 4: Measures 13-16. Label: C. Dynamics: *p*. Articulation: slurs and accents.

Staff 5: Measures 17-20. Label: D. Dynamics: *mf*. Articulation: slurs and accents.

Staff 6: Measures 21-24. Label: E. Dynamics: *p*. Articulation: slurs and accents.

Staff 7: Measures 25-28. Label: F. Dynamics: *p*, *mf*. Articulation: slurs and accents.

Staff 8: Measures 29-32. Label: G. Dynamics: *p*, *mf*. Articulation: slurs and accents.

Staff 9: Measures 33-36. Label: H. Dynamics: *mf*, *p*, *mf*. Articulation: slurs and accents.

Staff 10: Measures 37-40. Label: I. Dynamics: *mf*, *f*, *mf*, *f*. Articulation: slurs and accents.

Staff 11: Measures 41-44. Label: J. Dynamics: *p*. Articulation: slurs and accents.

Staff 12: Measures 45-48. Dynamics: *p*. Articulation: slurs and accents.

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69

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

72 [K] 10 15 8

105 [N] [O] 7 3 3 3 3 *p* *p*

114 3 3 4 *p* *p* *mf* *p*

121 [P] [Q] 6 4 3 3 3 3 *p* *p*

133 [R] 2 2 *p* *p*

137 7 *p*

146 [S] 2 2 *p* *p*

152 [T] *f* *mf* *mf* 3 3 3 3

155 3 5 *mf* *p* *mf* *f*

161 [U] *mf* *p* *mf* *f*

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3

166

V

f *f* *mf* 3

169

mf 3 3 3 *f* 3

175 **W** *mf*

178 3 *p* *f*

2. Emmeleia

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Allegro Moderato ♩ = 108

mp $\longrightarrow$ f $\longrightarrow$ mp $\longrightarrow$ f $\longrightarrow$

6 mp $\leq$ mf p $\leq$ mf

10 p $\leq$ mf p $\leq$ mf

15 [B] 9 [C] 10

35 [D] 4 2

43 [E] 3 5

52 [F] 10 [G] 7 [H] 2 p

72 3 3 3 3 mf p

75 [I] 2 p $\longrightarrow$ f $\longrightarrow$ mf $\longrightarrow$

82 [J] 2

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Emmeleia

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84 *p* *mf* *p*

88 [K] 7 [L] *p* *mf*

97 [N] *mf* 2

101 [M] 6 5 *f* *p*

115 [O] [P] 6 4 *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

128 [Q] [R] 5 4 *p*

140 [S] 3 *p* *mf* *p*

147 *mf* [T] *p* *mf*

151 3 *p* *mf* 9

163 [U] 10

3. Threnody Mariupol

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Andante ♩=80

A **B**

16 10

29 **C** **D**

8

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

41 **E**

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

46 **F** **G** **H**

6 4 5

f

62 **I** **J**

3 7

2

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K

L

73

82 **M**

M

The first system of the musical score for 'The Little Boat' is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The tempo is marked 'Allegretto' and the dynamics are 'f' (forte) and 'mp' (mezzo-piano). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure. The dynamics change from 'f' to 'mp' in the second measure. The system ends with a double bar line.

N

O

88

The first system of the musical score for 'The Little Boat' is written on a single staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked 'Allegretto' and the time signature is '3/4'. The first measure contains a half note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The second measure contains a half note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The third measure is a whole rest. The fourth measure is a whole rest. The fifth measure contains a half note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The sixth measure contains a half note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The seventh measure is a whole rest. The eighth measure is a whole rest. The system ends with a double bar line. Dynamics include a forte (*f*) marking at the beginning and a mezzo-piano (*mp*) marking at the end. There are also markings for '3' and '2' above the staff, likely indicating fingerings or measures.

97 **P**

P

Q

99

[illegible]

R

103

S

105

107

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$$f$$

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3

114 **T**

p 3

122 **U**

p 2 *p*

132 **V**

mf 6 3

142 **W** **X**

f 3 4 3 *p*

152 **Y** **Z**

10 8 *mf* *fingering keys only* 2

Threnody

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Introduction

I have written the music as a memorial to the victims of the destruction of the Donetsk Theater in Mariupol, which was devastated by a military airstrike involving two 500kg bombs dropped by Russian warplanes on the morning of 16 March 2022.

Paul Kirby, for BBC News, wrote on 24 December 2022, "Civilians had been using the building as a refuge from the siege and a large sign spelling "children" had been daubed in Russian in front of the theatre. Some 1,200 people were inside the building when the bombs struck. Ukrainian authorities believe 300 people were killed but an AP investigation said the number was closer to 600. Many of the bodies were found in the basement."

A spokesperson for the Mariupol City Council wrote the following on March 25 2022, "The Drama Theater in the heart of Mariupol has always been the hallmark of the city. A place of meetings, dates, a point of reference. ... Now there is no more drama. In its place, a new point of pain for Mariupol residents has appeared, the ruins that had become the last refuge for hundreds of innocent people. ... We can restore buildings, but we will never get friends, neighbours, relatives and loved ones back. Blessed memory of all the innocent victims." (t.me/mariupolrada/8999)

Throughout the spring of 2022, many refugees fled the war in Ukraine into Europe. For a period of several weeks, I met a different family every day to see how our school community could help. And for weeks and months afterwards I listened to and talked with the mothers of these families and in particular with the children about their experiences, and their thoughts and feelings. It was in this context that I have written the music.

The first movement establishes the Symposium, the context for dialogue with an audience as regards the tribute. The second movement acts as a formal dance providing a pretext to the solemnities. The third and final movement is the commemorative event, the memorial to the victims of the tragedy.