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Duration: ca. 20 minutes

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Program Note

Pas de Deux was commissioned by dear friends Pamela and Stephen Dillon as a surprise Stephen's fortieth birthday. Over the course of numerous conversations with Pam it became clear to me that she had very concrete ideas for the piece. Pam wanted to somehow describe the course of an intimate relationship in ways that would be both specific to the two of them and universal to all. Knowing the special closeness that exists between Pam and Steve, and their strong personalities, the title *Pas de Deux* immediately came to mind. Rarely does one meet two people who are so joyfully intertwined in their daily existence and yet manage to keep their individuality. Pam's aphoristic writings provided a distinctive framework that made the process of composing this piece akin to text-setting. The work is in four sections: I. Prologue; II. Youth; III. The Limits of Life, a. Dialogue and b. How Time Ends; and IV. Pas de Deux.

During this past year (2001), so full of unusually intense emotional experiences, I decided to revisit *Pas de Deux* as I felt that the original work implied much more than it actually explored. What I didn't expect was that the piece would take on a life of its own, expanding by almost half its original length. In particular, the middle section, written throughout the late summer and fall of 2001 took on a much darker hue.

One of music's greatest strengths is its ability to seem to be both concrete and ephemeral in its meaning at the same moment. I will leave it to the listeners to find for themselves how the program is realized in the music and who, or what, the various instruments, gestures, or sections could represent.

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Selected Works

Orchestral

Concerto (In the Form of Variations) for Viola & Orchestra (1988, Rev. 1989) 21'
viola and orchestra

One Evening's Poems - A Song Cycle (1983, Rev. 1987) 14'
soprano, tenor, and chamber orchestra

Chamber Works

Trio de Janeiro (1998) 15'
flute, cello, piano/synthesizer

Extreme Measures (1997) 13'
piano trio (prepared piano)

Elastic Band (1996, Rev. 2002) 15'
clarinet, string quartet, and percussion

Pas de Deux (1994, Rev. 2002) 20'
cello and piano

Two By Two (1994) 1:10'
two trumpets (or two trombones)

Quicksilver (1994) 3:30'
flute and tape

Flauto Oscuro (1984, Rev. 1991) 7'
solo alto or C flute

Vocal

One into One – a song cycle (1995) 19'
soprano and piano

(songs may also be performed separately)

In the Solitude of Sounds (1995) 7'

What the Living Do (1995, Rev. 1999) 6:30'

One into One (1992) 5'

Theatrical Works

Stew! - educational music theater piece (1991-2)

Personals – a musical (1985) (published by Samuel French)

Knock On the Door (1987) (from the musical *Let Freedom Sing*)

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Commissioned by Pamela Dillon for her husband Stephen on the occasion of his 40th birthday

Pas de Deux

Prologue

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**Largo, sombre
rubato**

Violoncello

p

5 **poco rit.** *morendo* *ppp* *p* *sfz*

8 *cresc.* *(poco port.)* *p sub.*

11 *f* *ppp* *f* *mp cresc.* *ff* *pp sub.* *ten.*

15 *(pressing ahead)* *cresc.* *mp*

16 *(back in tempo)* *f* *mp* *decresc.* *3*

quasi ♩ = ca. 44 impetuously, rushing ahead

quasi ♩ = ♩

Pno.

(*rubato*) continue in the original tempo but always independent of the piano

17 *decresc.* *p* *sotto voce* (*poco port.*)

quasi ♩ = ♩ (♩ = ca. 88) with restless energy
(un poco secco)

Pno. *f* *p* *sfz*

20 *ecstatic*

Pno. *mf*

22 *8va* *f* *mf* *cresc.* *3* *8va*

Pno. *f* *mf* *cresc.* *3*

24 *impetuous and joyful*

Pno. *f*

25

Vc. *decresc.*

Pno.

26

Pno.

27

Pno.

8^{vb} cresc.

8^{vb}

slowly

28

Vc.

p

loco

p dolce

Pno.

fff

(8)

(8)

I. Youth

30 ♩ = ca. 88 naive, spritely, with restless energy

Vc.

Pno.

33

Vc.

Pno.

36

Vc.

Pno.

38 poco accel.

a tempo

//

Vc.

Pno.

un poco meno mosso, gently, dance-like

5

41

Vc. *pizz.*
p marcato

Pno. *p*

44

Vc. *mf*

Pno. *secco*

47

Vc. (match piano in volume)
arco
poco legato

Pno. *mf* (match cello in volume)
poco legato

50

Vc. *pizz.*
sfz

Pno. *f*

53

Vc. *arco*
p leggiero

Pno. *mp dolce*

56

Vc.

Pno.

58

Vc. clumsy, stuttering
f

Pno. *f*

pizz.
p

p "echo"

61

Vc. *arco*
f

Pno. *f*

64

Vc.

Pno.

cresc.

66

a tempo ♩ = ca. 88 exuberantly!

Vc.

Pno.

f

8va

69

Vc.

Pno.

72

Vc.

Pno.

cresc.

75

Vc. *joyful!*
f *espress.*

Pno.

78

Vc. *short* //

Pno. *short* //

at first tentative, gently, dance-like
gradually becoming wild, emotionally intense and unhinged

81

Vc. *mp sub. grazioso*

Pno. *mp sub. grazioso*

becoming more animated

84

Vc. *cresc.*

Pno.

86

Vc. *fragmented, like a kaleidoscope* *sfz* *mf*

Pno. *cresc.*

88

Vc. *cresc.* *mf poco cresc.*

90

Vc. *f*

Pno.

91

Vc.

Pno. *f*

92

Vc.

Pno.

Measures 92-93 of the musical score. The Violoncello (Vc.) part is in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including slurs and accents. The Piano (Pno.) part consists of two staves. The right hand is in 4/4 time with a treble clef, playing a melodic line with slurs and accents. The left hand is in 4/4 time with a bass clef, playing a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Both parts end with a double bar line and a 5/4 time signature change.

93

Vc.

Pno.

Measures 93-94 of the musical score. The Violoncello (Vc.) part continues in 5/4 time with a bass clef, featuring a melodic line with slurs and accents. The Piano (Pno.) part continues with two staves. The right hand is in 5/4 time with a treble clef, playing a melodic line with slurs and accents. The left hand is in 5/4 time with a bass clef, playing a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Both parts end with a double bar line and a 3/4 time signature change.

94

Vc.

Pno.

Measures 94-95 of the musical score. The Violoncello (Vc.) part continues in 3/4 time with a bass clef, featuring a melodic line with slurs and accents. The Piano (Pno.) part continues with two staves. The right hand is in 3/4 time with a treble clef, playing a melodic line with slurs and accents. The left hand is in 3/4 time with a bass clef, playing a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Both parts end with a double bar line.

95

Vc.

Pno.

96

Vc.

Pno.

97

Vc.

Pno.

98

Vc.

6

5

ff

(8)

Pno.

cresc.

più f

99

Vc.

ugly, raw

ff

marcato e pesante

(8)----

Pno.

ff pesante

101

Vc.

cresc.

8^{va} |

8^{va} |

8^{va} |

Pno.

cresc.

103

non vibr. - as if harmonics

Vc.

p sub. (un poco marcato)

Pno.

p sub., dolce

leggiere

106

Vc.

Pno.

109

Vc.

Pno.

112

Vc.

Pno.

115

Vc.

leggero e dolce

Pno.

117

Vc.

Pno.

120

Vc.

Pno.

123 **joyfully!**

Vc.

mf

Pno.

mf

126

Vc.

Pno.

129

Vc.

Pno.

131

Vc.

Pno.

cresc.

f

134

Vc.

Pno.

ff

8va

pp

8va

$\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 88$ **Crazed, obsessive, emotionally unhinged** *begin moody, emotionally removed gradually becoming more impassioned*

Vc. 138 *mf* (jarring, obsessive)

Pno. *mp* *sfz* *sfz*

Vc. 141 *mechanical*

Pno. *mechanical*

Vc. 144 *più mf appassionato*

Pno. *mechanical*

Vc. 147 *(poco port.) port.* *mp*

Pno. *mp*

150

Vc.

Pno.

cresc. poco a poco

mechanical

obsessive

152

Vc.

Pno.

154

Vc.

Pno.

cresc.

156

Vc.

Pno.

agitato

f

3

158

Vc. *f* 3 3 5 5

Pno.

160

Vc. *ten. a tempo* *sfz* *ff* //

Pno. *f* *ff ten.* *sffz* //

♩ = ca. 54 **meno mosso e semplice**

163

Vc. *p dolce (accompagnando)* *mf* *più mosso, jarring and annoying*

Pno. *mp dolce* *scampering*

167 **rall.**

Vc. *p*

Pno.

170 **a tempo (ma rubato)** **ethereal, glittering**

Vc. *mp* *Ad lib. - rhythmically free* *gliss. sul D* *8va*

Pno. *p accompagnando* *p cresc.* *poco*

172 *gliss. sul G*

Vc. *8va*

Pno. *a*

173 *gliss. sul C* *8va* *in tempo (use finger nail)*

Vc. *mp*

Pno. *poco* *6* *6* *6* *mf* *sfz*

174 ♩ = ca. 88 **più mosso**

Vc.

Pno. *mp*

Ped. _____ Ped. _____

177 *sul A (at pitch)* *sul A* *sul D* *3* *3* *rall.*

Vc. *pp* *gently* *pp*

Pno. *8va* *depress keys silently l.v.* *sfz*

II. The Limits of Life

21

a. Dialogue

$\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 88$ Mournful

Vc. *mp espress.* *poco rit.* *flautando* *a tempo* *ord.* *pp mp*

Pno. *mp* *ben marcato ma non staccato*

Vc. *pp*

Pno. *p*

Vc. *cresc.* *poco rit.* *a tempo* *mp* *p accompagnando*

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

185

Vc. *cresc.* *mf* *mp* *smoothly flautando* 5

Pno. *cresc.* *f* *mf*

poco a poco agitato

187

Vc. 8 9 9 9

Pno. *mp* *mf*

188

Vc. 10 11

Pno. *cresc.*

189

Vc. *ord.* 10 7 5 *f*

Pno. *f*

♩ = ca. 50 exultantly, rubato

190

Vc.

mp *f* *mp* *p* *f* *p*

Pno.

f *mp dolce*

8va

Red.

*The trill should start slowly, accelerate, and then slow down - but **perfectly** synchronized with the piano at all times!

* *tr*

193

Vc.

mp dolce *mp* *p* *mf*

Pno.

mp *p* *mf*

Red.

*The trill should start slowly, accelerate, and then slow down - but **perfectly** synchronized with the 'cello at all times!

* *tr*

Tempo I ♩ = ca. 88 a tempo

197

Vc.

mp *decresc.* *p*

Pno.

mp *decresc.* *p* *pp*

espress.

Red.

199

Vc. *delicato e misterioso*

Pno. *pp accompagnando*

p

5

200

Vc. *pizz.*

Pno.

p

202

Vc. *rit.*

Pno. *morendo*

al niente

a tempo

arco

mf

203

Vc. *yearning*

Pno. *mp*

mp

204

Vc.

Pno.

mp

cresc.

cresc.

205

Vc.

Pno.

poco

a

poco

a

206

Vc.

Pno.

poco

f

poco

f

un poco più mosso
stern and intense, driving and rhythmically precise

208

Vc.

Pno.

sempre f

sempre ben marcato ma non staccato

210

Vc.

Pno.

211

Vc.

Pno.

213

Vc.

Pno.

214

Vc.

Pno.

mf cresc.

215

Vc.

Pno.

216

Vc.

ff pesante e marcato

Pno.

f pesante

f

217

Vc.

Pno.

218

Vc.

Pno.

5

5

6

allargando

219

Vc.

Pno.

6 6 6

a tempo

Dark, intense, gritty

* optional: each 16th note can be performed as a repeated 16th note triplet for added intensity

221

Vc.

Pno.

ff molto appassionato!

ff molto appassionato!

Vc.

Pno.

3 3 3 3

222

Vc.

Pno.

Vc.

Pno.

223

Vc.

Pno.

224

Vc.

Pno.

sfz

225

Vc.

Pno.

p cresc.

p cresc.

tr

226

Vc.

Pno.

tr

tr

tr

mf

tr

228

Vc.

Pno.

cresc.

cresc.

tr

tr

This musical score page contains measures 229 and 230 for a Violin (Vc.) and Piano (Pno.) duo. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 6/8.

Measure 229:

- Vc. (Violin):** Features a melodic line with eighth notes and a triplet of eighth notes. The staff includes a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.
- Pno. (Piano):** The right hand plays a complex chordal texture with many beamed notes. The left hand has a bass line with a triplet of eighth notes and a trill (tr) over a dotted quarter note.

Measure 230:

- Vc. (Violin):** Continues the melodic line, including a triplet of eighth notes and a final flourish. Dynamics include *sffz* (sforzando) and *ff* (fortissimo).
- Pno. (Piano):** The right hand features a dense texture of beamed notes, with a *f* (forte) dynamic. The left hand has a bass line with a trill and a final flourish. Dynamics include *f* and *ff*.

The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat signs at the end of both staves.

b. How Time Ends

33

231 hushed, mysterious, suspenseful

Vc.

Pno.

ppp

ff

ff

Red.

232

Vc.

Pno.

pp

loco

f

ff

8va

Red.

9

233

Vc.

Pno.

ff

(8)

a shimmering haze

ff pp

Red.

9

234

Vc.

ff

(8)

Pno.

ff p ff p

Red.

235

Vc.

ff

(8)

Pno.

mp

f intensely

236

Vc.

(8)

Pno.

mp

237

Vc.

ff

(8)

Pno.

mp *ff* *mp*

Ped.

238 **dramatic**

Vc.

f, sempre e sonore

(8)

Pno.

mp *mp*

f intensely

3

3

3

Ped.

239

Vc.

(8)

Pno.

mp *f*

Ped.

240

Vc.

Pno.

(8)

f intensely

sub.*mp*

funky

f

241

Vc.

Pno.

(8)

f

3

Ped.

242

Vc.

Pno.

(8)

mp

(loco)

Ped.

Ped.

243 *port.* *port.*

Vc.

Pno. *mp* *f intensely* *mp*

244 *sfz*

Vc.

Pno. *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

245 *(nondecrs.!)* *decrsc.* 3 9 9

Vc.

Pno.

246

Vc.

cresc.

ff

Pno.

p

247

Vc.

Pno.

f

Ped.

9

248

Vc.

Pno.

decresc.

p

Ped.

Quasi cadenza,
un poco più mosso
(quasi $\text{♩} = \text{♪}$)

Quasi cadenza, un poco più mosso
(quasi $\text{♩} = \text{♪}$)

39

249 ($\text{♩} = 82$)

Vc.

Pno.

f sempre

ff

f sempre

Vc.

Pno.

f

Vc.

Pno.

Vc.

Pno.

254

Vc.

Pno.

255

Vc.

Pno.

256

Vc.

Pno.

257

Vc.

Pno.

p

f sempre

f sempre

p

Detailed description: This page contains four systems of musical notation for Violoncello (Vc.) and Piano (Pno.). Each system represents two measures of music. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The time signature changes from 4/8 to 6/8 at measure 257. The Vc. part features various melodic lines with slurs and accents. The Pno. part provides harmonic support with chords, arpeggios, and sustained notes. Dynamic markings include *p* (piano) and *f* sempre (fortissimo, always). Measure 257 includes a repeat sign at the end.

Ecstatic! Wild!
Faster, if possible

41

259

Vc.

Pno.

261

Vc.

Pno.

263

Vc.

Pno.

264

Vc.

Pno.

265

Vc.

Pno.

267

Vc.

Pno.

decresc.

269

Vc.

Pno.

poco a poco non vibr.

poco

a

poco

272

Vc.

Pno.

ord.

cresc. molto!

f

275 $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 92$ **Biting (più mosso)** **mysterious (allargando)**

Vc. *mp* *ppp sub.*

Pno. *mp* *pp sub.* *(b) tr*

277 **a tempo** **un poco flautando**

Vc. *cresc.* *mf*

Pno. *cresc.* *mp* *bell-like* *8va* *(b) tr* *loco* *(b) tr*

lamentoso, meno mosso (exhaustedly, without energy) **un poco meno mosso**

Vc. *p* *sul pont.* *"ruminating" sul tasto*

Pno. *p* *una corda*

282 "dull" sound (*sul tasto e non vibr.*)

Vc.

Pno.

284

Vc.

Pno.

poco cresc. *mp* *mf* *pp* *ord.*

poco cresc. *mf* *pp*

decresc.

286 **Tempo I**, ♩ = ca. 88 **un poco misterioso**

Vc.

Pno.

cresc. *poco*

cresc. *poco*

288

Vc. *8* *8* *8* *8*

Pno. *a*

289

Vc. *8* *8* *8* *9*

Pno. *poco*

290

Vc. *9* *3* *3* *tr* *allargando*

Pno. *mf cresc.* *f cresc.*

III. Pas de Deux

♩ = ca. 50 rubato, molto espressivo e appassionata

291

Vc.

f

7

3

Pno.

f

294

Vc.

5

7

mf cresc.

Pno.

296

Vc.

f

3

mf

Pno.

298

Vc.

3 cresc.

f

3

mf

port.

p

5

Pno.

mf

300

Vc.

rit.

Pno.

mp

302 a tempo (un poco rubato)

Vc.

Pno.

p

gentle

5

(c)

5

304

Vc.

Pno.

mp

7 (c)

3

7

cresc.

In tempo

306

Vc.

Pno.

mf

cresc.

mf

5

8va

with growing urgency, pushing forward

308

Vc.

Pno.

f

f

loco

3

7

8va

7

310

Vc.

Pno.

cresc.

cresc.

3

9

3

3

9

3

312 **relaxing a bit (poco rubato)**

Vc. *più f* 5 *mf* *dim.* 3 3 5

Pno. *più f* 5 *mf* *dim.* 3 5 *mf* *dim.* 3 3 5

8^{va} *loco* *ten.*

314 **quasi cadenza - poco rit. e rubato (like a conversation)**

Vc. *mp, delicato* *un poco rit.* "echo" *decresc.* *p* *short*

Pno. *mp, delicato* *decresc.* *p* *short* *mp espress.*

"echo" *8^{va}*

316 **pressing ahead (un poco più mosso)**

Vc. *mp espress.* 6

Pno. *mp espress.* 3 *sonore* *pp, ma sonore*

(8) *5*

318 **allargando**

Vc.

Pno.

6/4

320 **a tempo (rubato)**

Vc.

Pno.

pp teneramente

p

pp teneramente

pp

6/4

322 **rit.** *flautando*

Vc.

Pno.

5/4

323 **a tempo**

Vc. *ord.*
mp dolce

Pno. *mp dolce*

325 **with urgency (un poco più mosso e rubato)** **a tempo**

Vc. *mf espress.* *ten.* *p*

Pno. *f* *p*

327

Vc. *mp*

Pno. *mp* *p*

329

Vc.

Pno.

p

p

p

//

331

Vc.

Pno.

p

pp

pp

pp

decresc.

rall.

333

poco accel. al fine

Vc.

Pno.

f

niente

cresc.

molto cresc.!

fff

l.v.

l.v.

Stay motionless until all sound has faded

Stay motionless until all sound has faded

8^{va}

8^{va}