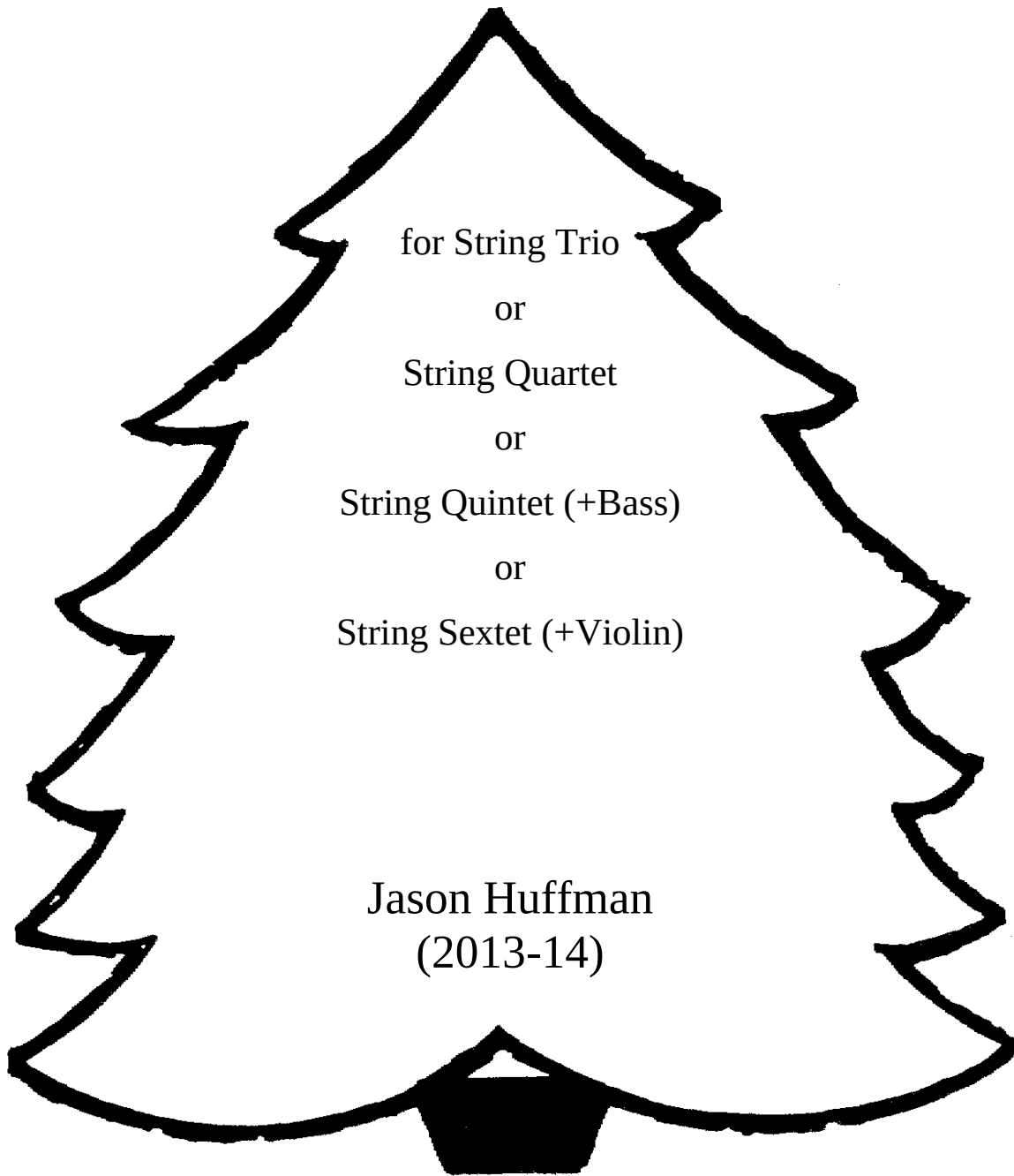


Christmas Tree





Hyman Bloom, *Christmas Tree*, 1983-84
60 x 46 inches

Christmas Tree is the first in a larger series of works based on the numerous Christmas Trees Hyman Bloom painted throughout his life. Each piece, scored for different standard trios of instruments is constructed to be performed singly, or in simultaneous sounding combination with any or all of the other trios, recalling Bloom's extensive set of paintings and drawings of forests in Maine. Additionally, each trio can be optionally performed as a quartet, quintet or sextet, the additional parts coloring and thickening the existing trio textures. Formally, the piece follows the painting horizontally across the canvas in imperfect symmetry, ending on the central fulcrum of the unseen trunk, musically represented by a nearly unrecognizable quote of a well known, contextually appropriate tune.

Christmas Tree can be performed as a:

String Trio using the Violin 1, Viola and Violoncello parts

String Quartet using the Violin 1, Violin 2A, Viola and Violoncello parts

String Quintet using the Violin 1, Violin 2B, Viola, Violoncello and Bass parts

String Sextet using all parts

All harmonics throughout may be played using alternate fingerings and nodes. Natural harmonics should remain played on an open string.

Toneless bowing, indicated only in the Violin 2A part and notated with square noteheads, is accomplished through the use of too little bow pressure to make the notated pitch speak. A barely audible hiss is achieved, very slightly colored by the notated pitch.

Sul Ponticello should always be played as near to the bridge as possible without entirely losing the fundamental pitch. The player should always err on the side of too much while still striving to maintain the fundamental.

Sul Tasto should approximate the flute-like, overtone-devoid quality of a natural harmonic and thus should also be played with no vibrato.

Christmas Tree

Transparent, connected $\text{♩} = c.52-56$

sul pont. -----

sul pont. -----

Violin 1

A

Violin 2

B

Viola

Violoncello

Bass

accel. ----- a tempo

Vln.1

A

Vln.2

B

Vla.

Vlc.

Bs.

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

pizz. *mp* *mp*

ppp *ppp* *ppp* *ppp* *ppp* *ppp*

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

p *pp* *p* *pp* *p*

ppp *ppp* *ppp*

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

ff *f* *p* *p* *pp*

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

f *ff* *f* *f* *pp*

f *ff* *f* *f* *pp*

13

Vln.1

A

Vln.2

B

Vla.

Vlc.

Bs.

pp *p* *p*

pp *p* *pp*

p

f

sul tasto

19

Vln.1

A

Vln.2

B

Vla.

Vlc.

Bs.

f

p *pp* *p*

sul tasto

pp *p* *p*

p *pp*

s.t.

sul tasto

24

Vln.1

p

n

A

pp

B

24 s.t.

pp

Vla.

f

p

Vlc.

p

f

mf

mp

p

Bs.

24 s.t.

pp

sul tasto

The first system of the musical score for 'The Swan' by Maurice Strakosky. The score is for a full orchestra and includes parts for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass. The music is in 6/8 time and features a variety of dynamics and articulations.

Violin I (Vln.1): Starts with a rest, then plays a half note G4 (marked *pp*), followed by a half note F#4 (marked *f*). The part ends with a half note G4 (marked *pp*).

Violin II (Vln.2): Starts with a half note G4 (marked *pp*), followed by a half note F#4 (marked *f*). The part ends with a half note G4 (marked *pp*).

Viola (Vla.): Starts with a half note G4 (marked *pp*), followed by a half note F#4 (marked *f*). The part ends with a half note G4 (marked *pp*).

Violoncello (Vlc.): Starts with a half note G4 (marked *pp*), followed by a half note F#4 (marked *f*). The part ends with a half note G4 (marked *pp*).

Double Bass (Bs.): Starts with a half note G4 (marked *pp*), followed by a half note F#4 (marked *f*). The part ends with a half note G4 (marked *pp*).

36

Vln.1

p > *pp* *p* > *pp* *ff* *pp* *f*

A

pizz. *mp* *mp* *mp*

Vln.2

B

ppp *ppp* *ppp*

Vla.

pizz. arco *ff* *pp* *f* *pp* *p* *f* *pp* *p* *f* *ff*

Vlc.

f *pp* *p* < > *f* *ff* *pp* *p* > *pp*

Bs.

ppp *ppp* *ppp*

pizz. arco

accel. -----, rit. -----, a tempo

36

Vln.1

ff *p* *mf* < *f* *f* > *mp* > *p* > *pp* *p*

A

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

Vln.2

B

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

Vla.

arco *p* *mp* < *mf* *f* > *mf* > *p* > *pp* sul pont.

Vlc.

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

Bs.

mp *p* *pp* *pp*

pizz. arco

sul pont. ----- 1

49

sul pont. -----

Vln.1

pp *p* *pp* *p* *pp*

A

mp *mp* *mp*

Vln.2

B

pp *pp*

Vla.

s. p. *pp* *p* *pp* *sul pont.* -----

Vlc.

pp *p* *pp* *p*

Bs.

pp

accel. ----- *a tempo*

54

Vln.1

f *ff* *pp* *p* *fp*

A

ff *pp* *f*

Vln.2

B

f *ff* *pp*

Vla.

f *ff* *pp* *f* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

Vlc.

pp *f* *ff* *pp* *p* *fp*

Bs.

f *ff* *pp*

pizz. *arco*

60

Vln.1

sfz *p* *mp*

A

pizz. *mp* arco *fp*

Vln.2

B

p

Vla.

pizz. *ff* arco *fp*

Vlc.

sfz *sfz* *p* *mp*

Bs.

p

63

Vln.1

mf

A

p

Vln.2

B

Vla.

p

Vlc.

mf

Bs.

65

Vln.1 *f*

A

Vln.2 *fp*

B

Vla. *fp*

Vlc. *f*

Bs.

66

Vln.1

A

Vln.2

B

Vla.

Vlc.

Bs.

Centrally slow ♩ = 40-44

68

Vln.1

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

A

Toneless bowing

pppp

Vln.2

B

pp *pp* *ff*

Vla.

p *p*

Vlc.

f *p* *p* *ff*

Bs.

f *pp* *ff*

pizz. arco pizz. pizz. arco pizz. arco pizz. arco

75

Vln.1

f *p* *f* *p*

A

75

Vln.2

B

pp *pp*

Vla.

p *ff* *p* *p*

Vlc.

p *p* *f*

Bs.

pp *f*

arco pizz. arco pizz. arco pizz. arco

Transparent, connected (Tempo I) ♩ = c.52-56

81

Vln.1 *ff*

A *p*

Vln.2 *p*

B *p*

Vla. *p*

Vlc. *arco* *ff*

Bs. *arco* *p*

83

Vln.1 *f*

A *f*

Vln.2

B

Vla. *f*

Vlc. *f*

Bs. *f*

84

Vln.1 *mf*

A

Vln.2

B

Vla.

Vlc. *mf*

Bs.

86

Vln.1 *mp* *p* *sfz* *p* *sfz* *p* *f*

A *p* *f* *p* *pizz.* *arco* *f*

Vln.2 *p* *f* *p* *mp* *f*

B *pp*

Vla. *p* *f* *p* *sfz* *sfz*

Vlc. *mp* *p* *sfz* *p* *sfz* *p* *f*

Bs. *pp*

95

sul pont. ----- 1

Vln.1

p

pp

p

sul pont. ----- 1

A

95

Vln.2

B

95

pp

pp

pp

Vla.

sul pont. ----- 1

pp

p

pp

p

sul pont. ----- 1

Vlc.

sul pont. ----- 1

pp

p

pp

p

95

Bs.

pp

pp

99

sul pont. -----

Vln.1

pp ----- *p*

pp ----- *p* *mp* ----- *mf*

A

pp ----- *p*

Vln.2

pp ----- *p*

B

pp ----- *p*

Vla.

pp ----- *p* *mp* ----- *mf*

Vlc.

pp ----- *p* *pp* ----- *p* *mf*

Bs.

pp ----- *p*

103

rit. -----, *accel.* -----, *a tempo*

Vln.1

f ----- *mf* *p* ----- *ff* > *f* *pp* ----- *ppp* < *p* *pp*

A

arco *pp* ----- *mp* ----- *ppp* ----- *mp*

Vln.2

pizz. *mp* ----- *f* ----- *ppp*

B

pizz. *mp* ----- *f* ----- *ppp*

Vla.

mf ----- *mp* ----- *p* ----- *ff* *f* ----- *p* ----- *pp* ----- *f*

Vlc.

pizz. *mp* ----- *p* ----- *pp* ----- *ff* ----- *pp*

Bs.

pizz. *mp* ----- *p* ----- *ppp*

109

Vln.1 *ff f* *pizz.* *arco* *p* *pp* *f* *p*

A *mp* *mp*

Vln.2 *ppp* *ppp* *ppp*

Vla. *p* *pp* *f* *pp* *ff* *pp* *pizz.* *arco*

Vlc. *III* *ppp < p* *pp* *IV* *ppp < p* *pp*

Bs. *ppp* *ppp* *ppp*

115

Vln.1 *f* *ppp* *pp* *ppp*

A *arco* *f* *pp*

Vln.2 *f* *p* *pp*

Vla. *f* *ppp* *pp* *ppp* *p*

Vlc. *f* *p* *ppp < pp p* *mp < mf < f*

Bs. *f* *p* *pp* *sul tasto*

122

Vln.1 *p* *f* *p* *pp*

A *p* *pp*

Vln.2 *pp* *sul tasto*

Vla. *f* *p*

Vlc. *p* *pp* *p*

Bs. *pp* *sul tasto*

127

Vln.1 *p*

A *p* *pp*

Vln.2 *pp*

Vla. *pp* *p* *p*

Vlc. *f*

Bs. *s.t.*

Violins 1 and 2, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass, measures 138-142. The score is in 6/4 time, changing to 3/4 time at measure 140. It features various dynamics (*f*, *ff*, *mf*, *mp*, *p*, *pp*, *ppp*), articulations (*pizz.*, *arco*), and phrasing slurs. The Viola and Violoncello parts include "sul pont." markings.

musical score for Vln.1, A, Vln.2, B, Vla., Vlc., and Bs. (Double Bass).

The score is divided into measures 143, 144, 145, and 146. The time signature changes from 4/4 to 5/4 between measures 144 and 145.

Key performance markings include:

- Vln.1:** *p*, *pp*, *p*. *sul pont.* markings above measures 143 and 145.
- A:** *p*, *ppp*, *p*.
- Vln.2:** *ppp*, *ppp*, *ppp*, *p*. *s.p.* marking above measure 143. *sul pont.* markings above measures 144 and 145.
- Vla.:** *pp*, *p*, *pp*, *p*. *sul pont.* markings above measures 144 and 145.
- Vlc.:** *pp*, *p*, *pp*, *p*. *sul pont.* markings above measures 144 and 145.
- Bs.:** *ppp*, *ppp*.

The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, slurs, and dynamic markings.

