

*Stanley Grill*  
Composer & Pianist

# PAVANNE

for a world without war

for string orchestra

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## MUSIC BY STAN GRILL

The Snow Begins (W.C. Williams)  
 Earth and Sea (Eskimo texts)  
 Preludes (T.S. Eliot)  
 6 Songs (W.B. Yeats)  
 To a Child (W.B. Yeats)  
 Crazy Jane Sings (W.B. Yeats)  
 Vignettes/Flowers (W.C. Williams)  
 Love Poems (W.C. Williams)  
 Vignettes/Trees (W.C. Williams)  
 Thinking of You (John MacKenzie)  
 Ariettas without words  
 Scetate (Ferdinando Russo)      2005  
 In Their Flight (Mark Doty)  
 Rilke Songs  
 4 Songs to Poems by Hart Crane  
 Sonnets to Orpheus (Rilke)

VOCAL MUSIC		
1975	soprano, piano	3 min
1975	soprano, piano	3 min
1978	soprano, violin, cello	10 min
1983	soprano, piano	15 min
1987	soprano, string quartet	20 min
1999	soprano, fl, vn, va, vc, pn	25 min
2002	SATB, cello	18 min
2003	SSAA	10 min
2004	2 voices, 2 cellos	15 min
2005	soprano, vc, harp	7 min
2005	soprano, vc, harp	9 min
2005	SSATTBB	6 min
2006	soprano, mezzo soprano, vn, vc	6 min
2009	soprano, va d'amore, vc	15 min
2010	tenor, piano	12 min
2012	tenor, piano	35 min

## MUSIC FOR STRINGS ALONE

6 Contrapuntal Pieces  
 For Laura  
 As Easy as 1,2,3  
 The Beckoning Stars  
 Imaginary Dances  
 Short Stories  
 Passion (a love duet)  
 Pavanne (for a world without war)  
 Meditations for String Orchestra  
 American Landscapes  
 Motet for String Orchestra  
 Ecstasy  
 Transformations  
 Sonatine

1986	string quartet	20 min
1987	string quartet	25 min
1987	string trio	10 min
2001	string quartet	13 min
2001	violin solo	18 min
2003	vn, va, vc, db	18 min
2003	va, vc	9 min
2005	string orchestra	8 min
2006	string orchestra	8 min
2007	string quartet	24 min
2008	string orchestra	7 min
2009	viola solo	9 min
2009	viola da gamba solo	12 min
2010	3 violins	9 min

## CHAMBER MUSIC

Three for Three  
 Civil War Songs  
 Take Five  
 Serenade  
 Distant Music  
 Driven by the Wind  
 Nonet (for New York)  
 A Little Sweet  
 On the edge of sleep & dreaming  
 5 Pastoral Scenes  
 I was dreaming of the sea...  
 Little Tales of Mirth & Woe  
 An Ode to the Possibility of Peace  
 Elements  
 Motet for Brass Instruments

1992	vn, vc, pn	16 min
1992	va, pn	18 min
1993	2 vns, va, vc, pn	25 min
1999	fl, vn, va, vc	11 min
2000	cl, vn/va, vc, pn	20 min
2001	fl, vc, pn	25 min
2002	fl, ob, cl, hn, bn, 2vns, va, vc	35 min
2003	fl, vc	10 min
2003	hn, vc, harp	31 min
2004	ob, bn, vn, va, vc	30 min
2004	vn (or fl), vc, pn	7 min
2004	vn (or fl), vc, pn	6 min
2005	cl, vn, vc	15 min
2006	fl, ob, cl, hn, bn	11 min
2006	2 trp, hn, trb, tu	7 min

## ORCHESTRAL MUSIC

Appalachian Songs  
 Morning Music  
 Two Sad Songs (W.B. Yeats)  
 Invisible Ballet  
 Pluto  
 Ophelia Songs (Shakespeare)  
 Love's Little Pleasures  
 The Four Elements  
 Mystical Songs

1988	chamber orchestra	25 min
2001	cl, string orchestra	22 min
2002	soprano, string orchestra	15 min
2003	strings & diverse instruments	33 min
2005	orchestra	15 min
2005	soprano, harp, string orchestra	12 min
2008	soprano, string orchestra	15 min
2009	va, string orchestra	22 min
2009	soprano, va, string orchestra	18 min

*PAVANNE*  
*for a world without war*

This is a work composed after having made a decision that my music needed to serve another purpose besides the obvious one of touching the hearts of those who listened to it. However unlikely of success, that purpose is the achievement of world peace. That cause seemed to be making some, albeit small, progress through the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The end of the Cold War that I grow up with, with its threat of imminent mutual destruction, was an enormous step forward. However, more recent events have been terribly discouraging, with America, despite its great wealth and strength, seeming to be incapable of taking a leadership role in the cause of peace. Instead, America seems set on exacerbating the tensions that could potentially lead, once again, to worldwide conflict.

I believe the majority of people throughout the world desire nothing more than to live in peace and safety. If that desire is kindled sufficiently, than perhaps it would be enough to overcome the will of that powerful minority for whom violence is beneficial.

This music is dedicated to encouraging the spirit of non-violence in those who hear it.

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Moderato (♩ = c. 108)

**Violin**

**Viola**

**Cello**

**Contrabass**

**Vln.**

**Vla.**

**Vc.**

**Cb.**

**I**

**II**

**Vln.**

**Vla.**

**Vc.**

**Cb.**

**1**

**7**

**12**

**16**

18

I Vln.  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

24

I Vln.  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

30

I Vln.  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

37

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

45

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

56

I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

4

64

I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Cb.

solo *mf*

tutti *f*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*arco*

71

I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Cb.

*mf*

*f*

*p*

*p*

*ff*

*mf*

*mp*

*p*

*p*

*p*

75

I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Cb.

*p*

*mp*

*p*

*mp*

*p*

81

I  
Vln.  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

88

I  
Vln.  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

95

I  
Vln.  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

103

I  
Vln.  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

*pizz.*

*f*

*p*

*pizz.*

*f*

*pizz.*

*arco*

*p*

*f*

109

I  
Vln.  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

*arco*

*p*

113

I  
Vln.  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

117

I Vln.  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

*f*

125

I Vln.  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

*p*

*arco*

135

I Vln.  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

*mf*

*mp*

*mf*

145

I Vln.  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

*f*      *ff*      *pp*      *p*

155

I Vln.  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

*f*      *ff*      *pp*      *p*

163

I Vln.  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

*f*      *ff*      *arco*      *f*

172

I  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

*pizz.*

*ff*      *p*

181

I  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

*p*

189

I  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

*arco*

*f*      *p*      *pp*

*pp*      *solo pp*

*pp*      *pp*

*pizz.*      *pp*

*pp*      *pp*      *arco*

198

I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Cb.

tutti

solo *pp*

*pizz.*

*arco*

205

I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Cb.

*p*

*pp*

*pp*

*pp*

*p*

*pizz.*

*p*

*pizz.*

*pp*

*p*

*pizz.*

*p*

*pizz.*

tutti

213

I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Cb.

*mf*

218

I Vln. *mf*

II Vln. *mf*

Vla. *mp*

Vc. *arco*

Cb. *arco* *mp*

221

I Vln.

II Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

224

I Vln.

II Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

228

I  
Vln.  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

232

I  
Vln.  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

236

I  
Vln.  
II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

## A few words about (and by) the composer

Stan Grill was raised in the Bronx, studied at the Bronx House School of Music, and later graduated from the Manhattan School of Music with undergrad and graduate degrees in music theory. He studied piano with Robert Helps and Leon Kushner and composition with Ursula Mamlok and Joseph Prostakoff. Major works include music for string orchestra and voice, string orchestra and clarinet, a nonet for winds and strings, and several song cycles for mixed voices and chamber ensemble. Performances have been produced by the composer, as well as presented by the Composers Guild of New Jersey, the St. Paul's Church Festival of the Arts, the Leonia Chamber Players, the New York Composers Circle, the Northern New Jersey Camerata, the Bronx Arts Ensemble and the Duo + Ensemble. During the 2004-06 seasons, he was composer in residence of One World Symphony, a New York City based orchestra. One World Symphony has premiered several major works, including "Invisible Ballet" for orchestra, "Two Sad Songs" setting poems by W.B. Yeats for soprano & string orchestra, and a cycle of songs for two cellos and two mezzo sopranos setting poems by the New Jersey poet William Carlos Williams. In 2006, One World commissioned three works – a setting of the Ophelia songs from Shakespeare's "Hamlet" for soprano, harp and string orchestra, an orchestral work, "Pluto," for a program featuring Holst's "The Planets," and a setting of poetry for a concert honoring those who lost their lives on 9/11. Recent works include "The Four Elements" for viola and string orchestra commissioned by violist Brett Deubner and "Mystical Songs" for soprano, viola and string orchestra commissioned by the Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja. In 2009, an entire program of music by Stan Grill was performed in Tokyo by the Duo + Ensemble. He currently works in Philadelphia, and lives happily in New Jersey with his wife, cats and piano.

*"As I see it, as much as we strive to find reason and purpose in our having been born into this amazing, mysterious and awe-inspiring universe, that attempt is largely futile. It is however, the best part of our nature that obliges us to make the attempt, though the most we can hope for is to gain some small degree of understanding of the world around us, and, more importantly, of ourselves. To achieve this, we each approach the problem in our own way, uniquely shaped by our cultural background, innate talents and abilities, education and so on. For some, science may be the window through which they best perceive and interpret the world, for others, religion. For those to whom the world seems to express itself most clearly and beautifully through sound, music is the voice that speaks to us and through which we, in turn, best express ourselves. Now, I can write notes that will make pretty music because I've been trained to do so – but the best of my music has arrived, rather inexplicably, as part of a personal effort to understand the world and myself. It is, in a way, an act of translation. The world says something, I try to understand it, and then translate it into musical language. The particular musical language which I speak is, of course, a product of my conservatory training and personal musical tastes, but hopefully, the outcome, imperfect as it may be, will convey to others something of its original intent."*

Stan's music is melodic, modal, contrapuntal, characterized by extended, interweaving lines. His musical influences span the centuries, and include Machaut, Josquin, Palestrina, Monteverdi, Lassus, Britten, Ives, Vaughn Williams and Shostakovich. Two main themes permeate many of the pieces - music intended to influence the minds and hearts of those who hear it in such a way as to encourage thoughts about the possibility of world peace - and music composed in an attempt to translate something about the nature of the physical world.

Complete scores are available in the American Music Center's on-line library. Please go to Stan's web page at [American Music Center](#).



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