### **Andrew Earle Simpson**

# **Chamber Concerto**

for flute, B-flat clarinet, violin, cello, piano and percussion in three movements (1992)

Duration: ca. 15 minutes

#### PROGRAM NOTE

The *Chamber Concerto* is an ebullient work in three movements, for a chamber ensemble consisting of flute, clarinet, violin, cello, piano, and percussion. The piece requires great technical agility from all players and very close ensemble coordination. It was premiered in the spring of 1993 at Indiana University, Bloomington.

The first movement begins with a *tutti* explosion, from which an *ostinato* figure in 5/8 time emerges. The entire ensemble begins a long *crescendo* to the movement's first climax, followed by a gentle, slow, contrasting section. The initial mood of the opening returns, and the movement ends quietly.

The second movement is a trio for flute, violin, and percussion. Percussion creates a quiet, soft atmosphere into which the flute enters in an extended solo. The violin enters unobtrusively toward the end of the movement, its entrance hidden in the wake of a suspended cymbal roll, and the second movement fades into silence.

An extended *bravura* violin cadenza paves the way from the second to the third movement. Near the end of its solo, the violin begins a repeated rhythmic motive which is taken up by the other instruments in turn. The finale, in a modified sonata form, is a joy ride of rapid passagework and constantly fluctuating meter. The first movement's *ostinato* figure is heard to return briefly at the movement's middle. An extended coda introduces new material based on earlier intervallic motives, and an extremely quick "cabaletta" (in Italian opera, a fast "tag" following a solo aria) brings the work to a triumphant conclusion.

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# Chamber Concerto, for six players (1992)

Duration: ca. 15 minutes Instrumentation: flute B-flat clarinet violin cello piano percussion (1 player) vibraphone, xylophone 5 toms (8" largest, tuned approximately in minor 3rds) large suspended cymbal triangle tam-tam Percussion mallets: hollow symbol = yarnsolid black symbol = wood, rubber (for xylophone) triangle played with triangle beater unless otherwise indicated Toms

### Transposed score

#### Duration of movements:

Movement I	c. 6 min 30 sec
Movement II	c. 2 min 30 sec
Movement III	c. 6 min

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# CHAMBER CONCERTO

for six players

I. Fast, Driving **Andrew Earle Simpson** Flute p agitated **Bb** Clarinet Violin Cello 1.h. p r.h. fffPiano ped. ped.  $8^{vb}$  sempre Vibes Perc. Toms

















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# cresc. poco a poco



































































