Festive Overture

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Full Score

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Peter Marchbank writes:

'The brief to the composer was to write "a jolly starter" for a concert and, in this respect, he succeeded admirably. The orchestra was made up of local amateurs and music teachers, stiffened at concerts by students from various London conservatoires, so the writing is not technically demanding. The Overture is in sonata form with the opening theme being based on a rhythmic motto that pervades much of the work. The second subject is a long lyrical melody, which, in the development, is given to the violas and is marked con amore. This caused some consternation during rehearsals for the first performance, since the two elderly gentlemen who occupied the front desk had never had to cope with such an instruction before. The work was well received by the audience and was repeated in May 1968.'

The piece features as the first track on *John Ireland: Orchestral songs and miniatures*, 2010, Dutton Vocalion http://www.duttonvocalion.co.uk/proddetail.php?prod=CDLX7246 (BBC Concert Orchestra, Conductor: John Wilson; Date of Recording: 14/07/2009; Venue: The Colosseum, Town Hall, Watford; Length: 11 Minutes 21 Secs).

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Computer set in 2009 by John Gwinnell







































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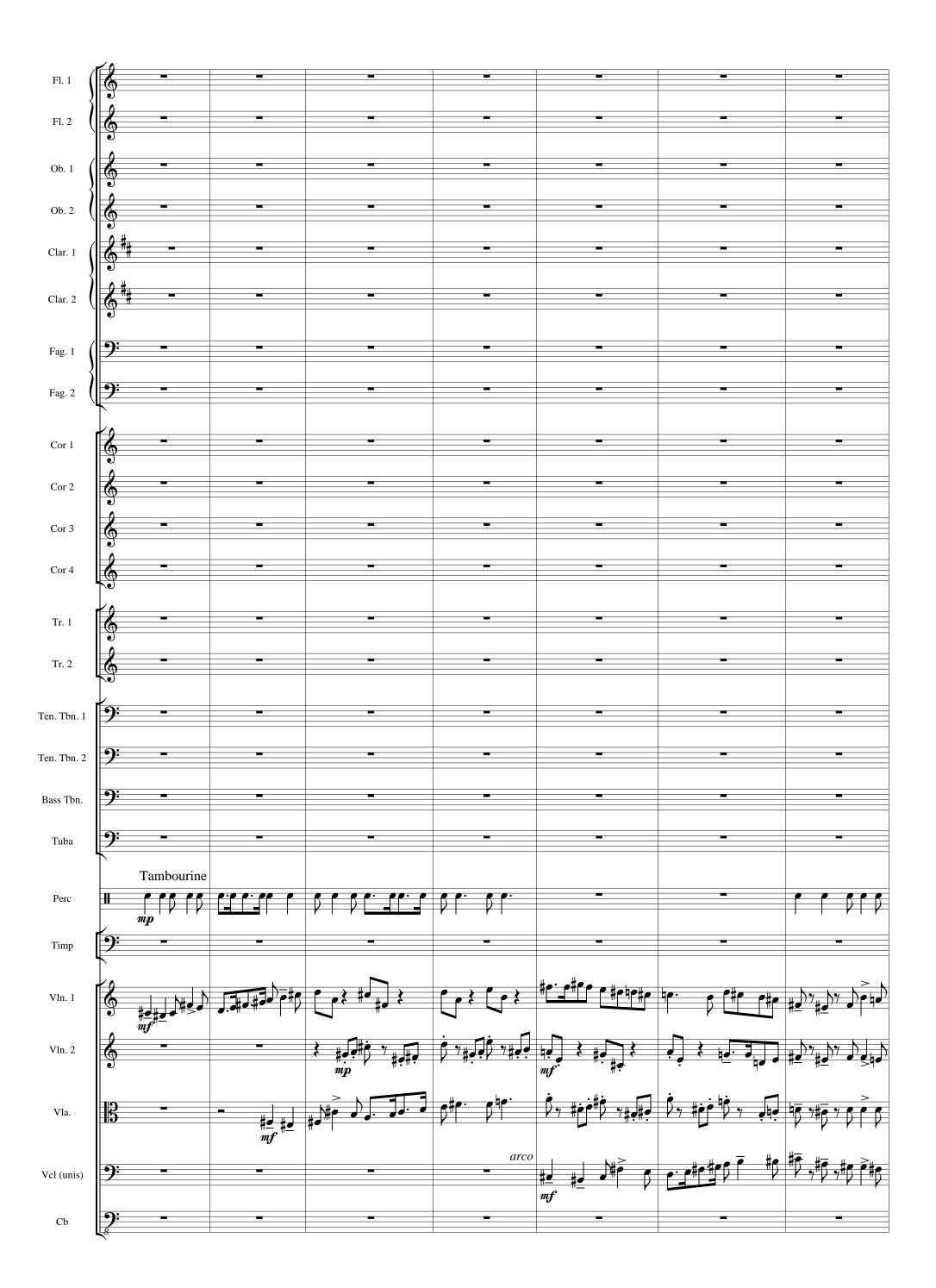


























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