

GREGORY ROWLAND EVANS

Torlannol

for violoncello

2023

SCORE

FOREWORD

Torlannol is the Welsh equivalent to the English adjective **riparian**. A riparian area is an ecological region near water which is distinguishable from wetland. It is the region in between the land and a river. These regions serve to conserve soil and are biodiverse. “Riparian” comes from the Latin ripa which means riverbank. While shaping the course of the river, the riparian zone is a liminal space, constantly changing over time and changing with the seasons or weather.

PERFORMANCE NOTES

Optional Scordatura : This work may be performed in several tuning options, here listed in order of preference: ① the entire instrument tuned one octave down, ② string IV tuned one octave down, or ③ the entire instrument remaining in standard tuning. While option 1 is preferred, such slackness can possibly result in the soundpost falling out of place if shaken. Option 2 represents a compromise if the performer deems the risk too great. Option 3 should be taken only in case other options are not feasible, for instance if the piece is programmed in a section of a concert where fast, stable retuning is not possible.

Optional String Choices : This work is intended to be performed entirely sul IV except where otherwise indicated. If the performer feels more comfortable crossing strings, an attempt should be made to keep this to a minimum even if neither scordatura option is employed.

String Contact Points : The indications of string contact positions such as *sul tasto* (abbreviated as *T*), *sul ponticello* (abbreviated as *P*), *molto sul tasto* (abbreviated as *MST*), etc. should be considered as points along the continuum of the length string. The performer should make an effort to smoothly transition from one position to the next throughout the duration of the passage covered by the arrow-demarcated dashed line. When this arrow is not present, the performer should default to an *ordinario* position.

Bow Rotation Indications : ① *col legno tratto* is abbreviated as *clt.* and ② *col legno batutto* is abbreviated as *clb.*. When these abbreviations are not present, the performer should default to ordinary *crine* bowing techniques.

Spazzolato : is notated with an arrow attached to the stems with the bowing direction indicated by the angle of the arrow. The pressure of this bowing is indicated by the dynamics. A soft brushing or swiping sound will be notated as a soft dynamic and a perforated or gritty sound will be notated as a loud dynamic. Spazzolato is distinct from circular bowing (which is notated with a circular arrow) in its overtone content and the perceptibility of notated pitch.

Miscellaneous : ① Tremoli should be performed as fast as possible and not as a measured subdivision of the duration to which they are attached. ② Diamond note heads represent a left hand finger pressure of a natural harmonic. ③ Half-harmonic finger pressure is shown with a diamond half-filled with black for short durations and a diamond open on one end for long durations. ④ An X note head is only used once in the piece to represent finger-percussion. This may be achieved with either hand, but preference should be given to whichever hand can produce the loudest taps (often the right hand). Pitch will be only slightly perceptible.

Accidentals : After temporary accidentals, cancellation marks are printed also in the following measure (for notes in the same octave) and, in the same measure, for notes in other octaves, but they are printed again if the same note appears later in the same measure, except if the note is immediately repeated.

Torlannol was composed for Eric-Maria Couturier on the occasion of Mixtur Festival 2023.

duration: c. 2'30"

The image displays a page of musical notation for a string quartet, consisting of four systems of staves. Each system includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature of 4/8. The notation is highly complex, featuring numerous accidentals, dynamic markings, and performance instructions.

System 1: The first system begins with a tempo marking of $\text{♩} = 117$. It features a series of rhythmic patterns, including a 3:2 ratio, and dynamic markings such as *ff*, *mp*, and *ff*. The notation includes a series of notes with various accidentals and a final measure with a wavy line.

System 2: The second system starts with a tempo marking of $\text{♩} = 75$. It includes a series of rhythmic patterns, including a 9:5 ratio, and dynamic markings such as *f*, *fff*, *mp*, and *ff*. The notation includes a series of notes with various accidentals and a final measure with a wavy line.

System 3: The third system begins with a tempo marking of $\text{♩} = 48$. It features a series of rhythmic patterns, including a 3:2 ratio, and dynamic markings such as *p*, *mf*, *f*, and *ff*. The notation includes a series of notes with various accidentals and a final measure with a wavy line.

System 4: The fourth system starts with a tempo marking of $\text{♩} = 48$. It includes a series of rhythmic patterns, including a 3:2 ratio, and dynamic markings such as *f*, *mp*, and *ff*. The notation includes a series of notes with various accidentals and a final measure with a wavy line.

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3/8 5/8 2/8 4/8 3/8

N-----MSP MSP-----P

5:4 5:4 3:2 5:4 3:2 5:4 3:2 9:8 9:8 3:2

ff mp p <fff mf f ff mp f c c c mp ff f fff ff

♩ = 145 (rit.) ----->

25

5/8 2/8 4/8 3/8 5/8

-----T P-----N T-----P

9:8 3:2 7:8 9:8 5:4 5:4 9:8 3:2

f fff ff f fff ff f fff ff f fff ff f

♩ = 39 ----->

30

9/8 2/8 8/8 2/8 7/8

I+II-----

fff pp ff p

35

2/8 6/8 2/8 2/8 5/8

----- gridato-----

5:4 5:4 P 5:4 N

f mp mf f p f ff f fff ff f fff >

♩ = 93 ----->

40

col legno tratto
normale

1/2 gridato

T P N

3:2 3:2

I+II

ff f < fff ff p

f > p < f > p < f > p < f > p < f

sfp f# mf < fff#

45

P MSP N T P MSP N T P normale

11:12 3:2 1 9:8 3:2 3:2 3:2 7:6 3:2 1

P molto gridato

fff# f pp p < mf# sf sfp f# ff# ff p ff

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Birdless, Cloudless, Colourless (alto saxophone) 2021

CHAMBER

Hamonshu (string quartet) 2018-20

Adumbration (string quartet) 2020

Zahrat Alearear (bass flute, guitar) 2021

Nagual (mixed quartet) 2021

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Metamorphoses (orchestra) 2018

GUERRERO (21 saxophones) 2018

Tourbillon (string ensemble) 2019-20