ADRIAN SUTTON

A FIST FULL OF FIVES

for orchestra

FULL SCORE



Instrumentation

Piccolo 2 Horns 2 Flutes 2 Trumpets in B flo

2 Flutes 2 Trumpets in B flat 2 Oboes 2 Tenor trombones 2 Clarinets in A Bass trombone

2 Bassoons
Contrabassoon
Timpani

Strings

Duration: ca. 10 minutes

This is a transposing score

When the Corinthian Chamber Orchestra asked me to write a piece for them, they said I could do anything I liked.. but mentioned that every other piece in the premiere's concert was related to the number five in some way.

Well. They asked for it. I decided to go overboard in deploying quint-essential 'five'-ness throughout the piece, just for the hell of it. In every way I could..

While still making it (hopefully) enjoyable to play and listen to.

Five-ness in what ways? Initially I imagined it as a kind of exciting tournament in which competing and contrasting groups of five instruments - quintets - jostle and spar for victory, over the course of five little sections or movements making up the 10 (= 2×5) minute duration.

The plan changed somewhat as I went along, but there are quintets.. and it is in five sections (though it runs as one continuous piece). But the number five ended up permeating the structure and material of the piece in plenty of other ways: the whole thing is in five beats to the bar (5/4); the principal motivic material is built largely on the interval of a fifth, and 'five-y' devices abound everywhere in the melodic and harmonic material.

In an ideal world, the piece would have been premiered on the 5th of May. But at least that was the day I delivered the score and parts to the orchestra..

(and I collected them from the printer's at 5pm..)

Print rights in this score and its parts are copyright © Cordafonia Music 2023 (a trading name of Audio Integer Limited)

Other publishing rights in this work are administered by BMG Rights Management (UK) Limited

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form, or by any means, without the prior permission in writing of the copyright holders, or as expressly permitted by law.

Visit www.cordafoniamusic.com for full information

A FIST FULL OF FIVES



























































