Triqueta

Double concerto for horn, guitar and chamber orchestra

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Instrumentation

Solo Horn in F

Solo Guitar

Piano

Percussion I – Vibraphone, xylophone, *Hand-clapping (body percussion), Mark tree, tambourine.

Percussion II – 3 Suspended cymbals (12", 14", 16" or similar), triangle, bongo drums, *Hand-clapping (body percussion).

Percussion III – Medium Tam-tam, conga drum, bongo drums, *Hand-clapping (body percussion), triangle.

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Cello

Bass – predominantly pizzicato; part intended for a single jazz acoustic bass, slightly amplified

*Body percussion includes Hand-clapping; x notation indicates thumb on opposing hand palm to maintain rhythmic momentum, but almost silent. At players discretion, handclaps may include sliding hands for longer note values. Players are expected to be visually active, and dynamic contrasts between players are expected to be variable (improvisational). Hands on legs may also include accents with feet on floor.

Composer's Notes

Triqueta was inspired and supported in part by an award from the Artist Foundation of San Antonio in 2006, which funded the composition of the original *Esferas da Vida* for guitar, horn, jazz rhythm section, violin, viola and cello. At the suggestion of guitarist Matthew Dunne, the piece was enlarged by adding two additional movements, including considerable revision of *Esferas da Vida*, which became the last movement of *Triqueta*. The piece is heavily influenced by Brazilian rhythms and character and jazz harmonies. The piece is not programmatic, but the movement titles all refer to shapes in both two and three-dimensional space which suggest motion and generally contributed to the formal structure of each part and to the whole. *Triqueta* was written for guitarist Matthew Dunne and hornist Michael Gast for the premiere concert of the Southwest Guitar Festival, San Antonio, Texas.



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I. Circulo Vazio

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Variations on an Expanding Universe



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II. Espirales Infinitas



























III. Esferas da Vida

Aggressive, intensely rhythmic (= ca. 88)























































































