

A K A S H A
आकाश

for string quartet

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PREFACE

Accidentals. Accidentals govern only one note. Because of this no natural signs appear in the score: G \sharp 4 G4 should be played G \sharp 4 G \flat 4.

Scordatura. The violins are tuned as usual. String IV of the viola is tuned to A \flat 2 (a minor third lower than the usual tuning of C \flat 3). String IV of the cello is tuned to A \flat 1 (a minor third lower than the usual tuning of C \flat 2).

Akasha was written for the JACK Quartet. The piece was premiered by the JACK Quartet on 6 February 2016 in Paine Hall on the campus of Harvard University.

AKASHA

for the JACK Quartet

Trevor Bača

8

♩ = 44

3/8 [1] 3/8 [2] ♩

♩ = 44

3/4 [A1] ♩

♩ = 55

1/3 [A2] ♩ 4/4 [A3] 1/3 [A4] ♩

Violin

Violin

Viola

Cello

8

♩ = 44

5/4 [A5] 3:2 5:4 5:4 5:4

♩ = 55

6/8 [A6] 6/8 [A7] 6/8 [A8] 6/8 [A9]

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

14

4/4 [A10] 1/6 [A11] 1/3 [A12] 5/4 [A13]

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

20

♩ = 55

1/3 [A14] 3/4 [A15] 1/6 [A16] 8/8 [B1] 4/8

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

26

[B2] [B3] [B4] [B5] [B6] [B7] [B8]

5:4 3:2 5:4

5:4 9:8 9:8

Vn. Vn. Va. Vc.

38

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

4:3

4:3

7:6

[C5]

4:3

7:6

[C6]

47 $\frac{4}{8}$ $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{6}{8}$ $\frac{1}{12}\Delta$ $\frac{7}{8}$ $\frac{4}{8}$ $\frac{8}{8}$ $\frac{9}{8}$ $\frac{7}{8}$
[D2] [D3]

Vn. Vn. Va. Vc.

58 $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{1}{12}\Delta$ $\frac{6}{8}$ $\frac{7}{8}$ $\frac{9}{8}$ $\frac{4}{8}$ $\frac{1}{12}\Delta$ $\frac{8}{8}$ $\frac{9}{8}$ $\frac{4}{8}$ $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{9}{8}$
[D4] [D5] [D6] [D7]

Vn. Vn. Va. Vc.

70 $\frac{4}{8}$ $\frac{8}{8}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{4}{8}$ $\frac{7}{8}$ $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{6}{8}$ $\frac{4}{8}$
[D8] [D9] [D10]

$\text{♩} = 55$ $\text{♩} = 126$

Vn. Vn. Va. Vc.

81 $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{1}{12}\Delta$ $\frac{6}{8}$ $\frac{7}{8}$ $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{8}{8}$ $\frac{9}{8}$ $\frac{4}{8}$ $\frac{3}{32}$ $\frac{3}{8}$
[D11] [D12] [D13]

Vn. Vn. Va. Vc.

92 $\text{♩} = 44$

$\frac{4}{4}$ [E1] $\frac{1}{3}$ [E2] $\frac{6}{4}$ [E3] $\frac{1}{3}$ [E4] $\frac{6}{4}$ [E5] $\frac{1}{3}$ [E6] $\frac{5}{4}$ [E7]

Vn. Vn. Va. Vc.

4:6 5:6 4:6 3:5 6:5 4:5

5:6

99 $\text{♩} = 55$

$\frac{1}{3}$ [E8] $\frac{3}{4}$ [E9] $\frac{4}{4}$ [E10] $\frac{5}{4}$ [E11] $\frac{3}{4}$

Vn. Vn. Va. Vc.

4:3 4:3 9:8 9:8 11:10 7:6

7:8 7:8 9:10 5:6

5:3 5:3 10:8 10:8 12:10 8:6

accel. -----

106 $\text{♩} = 89$

[E12] $\frac{6}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{6}{4}$ [E13]

Vn. Vn. Va. Vc.

5:4 5:4 7:6 4:3 7:6 7:6 5:4 3:2 5:4 7:6 7:6 4:3 7:6 7:6 7:6

5:4 3:2 7:6 7:6 3:2 5:4 5:4 7:6 4:3 7:6 7:6 7:6 7:6 4:3 7:6

5:4 3:2 7:6 7:6 5:4 5:4 7:6 7:6 16:12 16:12

3:2 5:4 7:6 7:6 5:4 5:4 7:6 7:6 7:6 7:6 7:6 7:6 7:6 7:6 7:6

accel. -----

111 $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ [E14] $\frac{5}{4}$

Vn. Vn. Va. Vc.

4:3 7:6 7:6 3:2 5:4 5:4 5:4 3:2 12:8 10:8 9:8 10:8

7:6 7:6 4:3 12:8 6:4 12:8 9:8 10:8 9:8 10:8 10:8 12:8

16:12 10:6 10:8 12:8 5:4 12:8 9:8 10:8 12:8 5:4

137 $\text{♩} = 89$

[F5] **[F6]** **[F7]** **[F8]**

Vn. Vn. Va. Vc.

142 $\frac{6}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$

Vn. Vn. Va. Vc.

146 $\frac{6}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$

Vn. Vn. Va. Vc.

150 $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ **[F9]**

Vn. Vn. Va. Vc.

159

accel. -----

$\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$

[F11]

Vn. $\frac{18}{12}$ $\frac{10}{6}$ $\frac{18}{12}$ $\frac{7}{4}$ $\frac{14}{8}$ $\frac{12}{8}$ $\frac{6}{4}$ $\frac{11}{8}$

Vn. $\frac{18}{12}$ $\frac{16}{10}$ $\frac{6}{4}$ $\frac{11}{8}$ $\frac{14}{8}$

Va. $\frac{18}{12}$ $\frac{16}{10}$ $\frac{6}{4}$ $\frac{11}{8}$ $\frac{14}{8}$

Vc. $\frac{18}{12}$ $\frac{16}{10}$ $\frac{6}{4}$ $\frac{11}{8}$ $\frac{14}{8}$

169 $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{6}{4}$ $\text{♩} = 55$

Vn. $\frac{12:8}{14:8}$ $\frac{7:4}{14:8}$ $\frac{14:8}{14:8}$ $\frac{11:8}{6:4}$ $\frac{12:8}{6:4}$ [F14] [F15]

Vn. $\frac{14:8}{7:4}$ $\frac{14:8}{14:8}$ $\frac{11:8}{6:4}$ $\frac{12:8}{6:4}$

Va. $\frac{14:8}{14:8}$ $\frac{11:8}{6:4}$ $\frac{12:8}{6:4}$ $\frac{11:8}{6:4}$

Vc. $\frac{14:8}{14:8}$ $\frac{11:8}{6:4}$ $\frac{12:8}{6:4}$ $\frac{11:8}{6:4}$

[illegible]

215

$\text{♩} = 89$

4/4 **5/4** **3/4** **4/4**

[I4] [I5] [I6]

Vn. Vn. Va. Vc.

221

rit.

$\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{6}{4}$

[I7] [I8]

14:8 6:4 11:8 6:4 18:12 9:6

Vn. Vn. Va. Vc.

♩=55

rit.

227

[I9]

10:6

18:12

44

[I10]

6:4

64

10:6

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

♩=44

♩=55

231

[I11]

7:4

44

6:4

54

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13

[I12]

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[J1]

8

13

[J2]

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

98

13

[J4]

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[J5]

48

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[J6]

8

[J7]

68

13

[J8]

78

[J9]

239

[J3]

10:6

6:4

10:6

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

13

[J10]

48

[J11]

88

13

[J12]

78

[J13]

88

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[J14]

249

[J10]

[J11]

7:4

6:4

6:4

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

259

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[J15]

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[J16]

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[J17]

8

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

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[J18]

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[J19]

[J20]

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[J22]

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Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

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[J23]

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[J24]

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[J25]

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[J26]

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Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

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[J27]

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[J28]

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[J30]

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Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

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[J31]

[J32]

[K1]

[K2]

[K3]

♩=89

♩=55

♩=89

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

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[J31]

[J32]

[K1]

[K2]

[K3]

♩=89

♩=55

♩=89

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

326

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[K4]

[K5]

[L1]

♩=55

♩=55

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

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[K4]

[K5]

[L1]

♩=55

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Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

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[K4]

[K5]

[L1]

♩=55

♩=55

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

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[K4]

[K5]

[L1]

♩=55

♩=55

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

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[L3]

[L4]

♩=89

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

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[L3]

[L4]

♩=89

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

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[L5]

[L6]

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

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[L5]

[L6]

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

343

1/3 6/4 3/4 4/4 5/4 3/4

[L7] [L8] [L9] [L10]

Vn. Vn. Va. Vc.

350

1/3 3/4 4/4 5/4 6/4 4/4

[L11] [L12] [L13] [L14]

Vn. Vn. Va. Vc.

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♩ = 89

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3/8

4/8

[L15]

[M1]


362

7/8 3/8 6/8 9/8 [M2] 4/8 8/8 6/8 7/8

Vn. 

Vn. 

Va. 

Vc. 

372

[M3]

[M4]

[M3]

[M4]

Vn.

Vn.

Va.

Vc.

9:6

