

# THRONE ROOM

*flute*  
*clarinet in Bb*  
*bassoon*  
*percussion*  
*violin*  
*viola*  
*cello*

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## Performance Notes:

Duration is approx. 6' 45"

## Percussion Key:

A musical staff with a double bar line at the beginning and a treble clef at the end. Notes are placed on the staff to represent different percussion instruments. From left to right, the notes are: Bass Drum (on the first line), Kick Drum (on the second line), Tenor Drum (on the third line), Low Tom (on the fourth line), High Tom (on the fifth line), Large Cymbal (on the first space), Medium Cymbal (on the second space), Small Cymbal (on the third space), Strike Cup (on the fourth space), Cymbal Scrape (on the fifth space), and Vibraphone Crotales (on the first line). The labels are placed below the staff.

## String Symbols:



 During sections with long tied notes, rebow lightly only as often as is necessary to maintain the dynamic. Rebowing on offbeats is encouraged.

**ord. . . . s.p. . . . s.t. . . . ord.** means to move between playing in the ordinary position to sul ponticello to sul tasto and back to the ordinary

**inc. trem.** and **decr. trem.** serve as shorthand for feathered beaming:

Two musical staves in 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'This...' and 'inc. trem.' with an arrow pointing to a series of notes. The second staff is labeled 'decr. trem.' with an arrow pointing to a series of notes. The notes are beamed together, and the stems are feathered.

The string entrances in mm. 9 and 15 should be covered over by the percussionist.

Except at mm. 67-69 and 91-106, the bassoon should make every effort to play softly and discreetly, always behind the flute and clarinet in terms of presence and dynamics.

In mm. 70-80, the percussionist should strive to play the complex rhythms accurately, but should not be overly concerned about being perfect, as perfection is not necessary for the effect of rumblings, flashes of lightning, and bursts of thunder.

**Program Notes:**

*Throne Room* is an aural depiction of John's fantastic vision of God seated on His throne in heaven as recorded in Revelations 4: 1-11. The hymn "Holy, holy, holy," music by John Dykes (1823-76) is borrowed and transformed for this piece. Aside from the three holy's being shared between the opening verse of Reginald Heber's (1783-1826) text and the four living creatures surrounding the throne of God, there is a correlation between the use of the hymn, somewhat antiquated but still used in worship today, and the response of the twenty-four elders who symbolize the worshippers of God throughout time.

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♩ = 60

Flute

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Bassoon

Percussion

Violin

Viola

Cello

cloth mallet hard mallets

*mp pp mf mp mf pp < mp p < f mf f p < fff*

3 6 3

8<sup>va</sup> senza vib.

*n*

10

Fl.

Perc.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Switch to cloth mallet Switch to hard mallets

*mp mf f p p < f p < f mf < f*

3 5 3 3

8<sup>va</sup>

15<sup>ma</sup> senza vib.

*ppp n ppp n ppp*

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17

Fl. *mf* *pp* *f* *mf* *p* *Breathy*

ord.

Bb Cl.

Bsn.

Perc. *p* *mp* *f*

Switch to thimble and bow

cymbal scrape w/ thimble

Vln. *pp*

Vla. *pp* *gliss.* \*

Vc. *pp* (ord.) s.p. s.t. s.p. s.t.

*pp*

\*Produce a rapidly beating interval against the violin.

24

Fl. *f* *mp* *mf*

Bb Cl.

Bsn. *p*

Perc. *mf* *Reo.*

Vibrphone w/ thimble

Crotales w/ bow

Vibrphone w/ thimble

Vln. *gliss.* \*

Vla. *gliss.* *inc. trem.*

Vc. *s.p.* *ord. (ord.)* *s.p.* *s.t.* *s.p.* *ord.* *s.p.* *s.t.*

\*Produce a rapidly beating interval against the viola.

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31

Fl. *f* *p* *f* *mp*

B♭ Cl. *p* *mf* *p* *mp*

Bsn. *mf* *p* *mp*

Perc. Crotales w/ bow Switch to bows

Vln. (8<sup>va</sup>) *mf* *f* *p*

Vla. (15<sup>ma</sup>) *mf* *f* *p*

Vc. slowly release harmonic *mf* *f* *p*

Flz. ord. *p* *f* *mp*

39

Fl. *f* *mp*

B♭ Cl. *p* *n*

Bsn. *p*

Perc. Vibraphone w/ bows Switch to soft mallets w/ butt of stick

Vln. *f*

Vla. *f*

Vc. *f*

Flz. ord.



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58

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Perc.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Vibraphone w/  
hard mallets

64

Flz.

Fl.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Perc.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Switch to  
bow

Crotales w/  
bow

Switch to  
hard mallets

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71

Fl. *p* *f*

B♭ Cl. *p* *f*

Bsn. *p* *f*

Perc. *mp* *f* *mf* *p* *mp* *p*

Vln. *mf* *f* *decr. trem.*

Vla. *mf* *f* *decr. trem.*

Vc. *mf* *f* *decr. trem.*

*pizz.* *arco* *pizz.* *arco*

*inc. trem.*

75

Fl. *p* *f*

Perc. *mf* *p* *f* *mf* *f* *ff* *p*

Vln. *p* *f* *inc. trem.*

Vla. *p* *f* *inc. trem.*

Vc. *p* *f* *inc. trem.*

*Crotales*

*Switch to cloth mallet*

*6:4*

*pizz.* *arco*

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79

Fl. *ord.*  
*p*  $\rightarrow$  *mf*  $\rightarrow$  *mp*

Bb Cl. *mp*

Perc. *ff* *decr. trem.* *senza vib.* *Switch to hard mallets*

Vln. *pp* *gliss.* *senza vib.* *15<sup>ma</sup>*

Vla. *pp* *gliss.* *senza vib.* *15<sup>ma</sup>*

Vc. *pp* *decr. trem.* *gliss.*

86  $\text{♩} = 76$  "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Fl. *mf*  $\rightarrow$  *p*

Bb Cl. *mf*  $\rightarrow$  *p*  $\rightarrow$  *mp*

Bsn. *p*

Vln. *ppp*

Vla. *ord.* *p*  $\rightarrow$  *mp* *(15<sup>ma</sup>)* *gliss.*

Vc. *pp*

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95

Fl.

Bb Cl.

Bsn.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

*mf* *mp* *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

ord. V

104

Fl.

Bb Cl.

Bsn.

Perc.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

*mf* *mf* *mp* *p* *mp* *mf*

*p* *mp* *p* *mp* *mf*

Crotales w/  
hard mallets

(ord.) ----- senza vib.

*p* *ppp* *ppp* *ppp*

Hold until  
crotales fade out

♩ = 60