

William Neil

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet

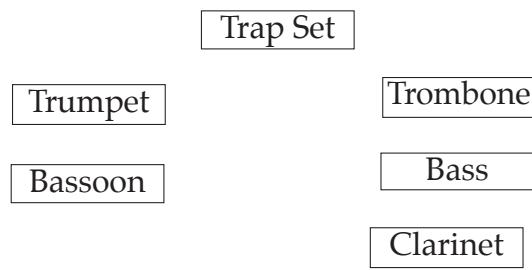
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Instrumentation:

Solo E♭ Clarinet
Bassoon
Trumpet in C
Tenor-Bass Trombone
Double Bass
Trap Set
1. Bass Drum
2. Floor Tom-Tom
3. Snare Drum
4. Small Tom-Tom
5. Large Tom-Tom
6. Hi-hat
7. Sizzle Cymbal
8. Ride Cymbal
9. Crash Cymbal

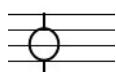
Arrangement:



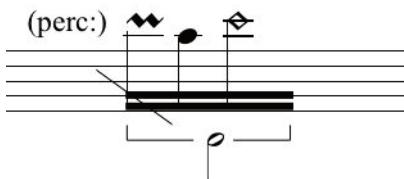
This score is transposed.

Duration: approximately 12 minutes

Notation:



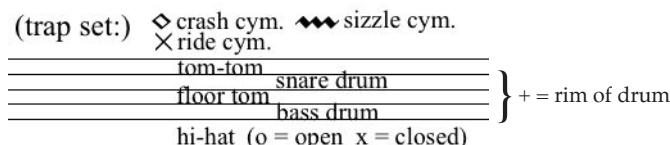
Free bar - in this work, the measures occupied by the E♭ Clarinet cadenzas.



Repeat figure as fast as possible within the duration of a half-note.



Accelerando from approximately an 8th note value to notes as fast as possible within the duration of a whole note.



Notation chart for the trap set.

Program Notes:

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet was composed for and dedicated to clarinetist John Bruce Yeh. The music makes dramatic shifts between the E♭ clarinet's high virtuosic technical flights and its mystical, expressive qualities. The sound resources for the entire work are entirely derived from the clarinet's opening descending line that quickly develops into a succession of fiery cadenzas. The soloist then leads the ensemble in a highly spirited dance of counterpoint and rhythm.

William Neil - Biography

William Neil's compositions "present the listener with an intense brilliant effect" (FANFARE MAGAZINE) and "represents contemporary writing at its most intellectually probing" (CHICAGO TRIBUNE). His "extremely characteristic harmonic world" (CLASSICAL CD REVIEW) is fundamental to the unfolding of his music. Never exhausting his quest for what he calls "dream craft," Neil regularly performs with Project Fourth Stream, immersing himself in the energy of improvisation and spontaneous composition. In the 1980's Neil was appointed as the first composer-in-residence with the Lyric Opera of Chicago, the first residency of its kind with a major American opera company. He then went on to produce award-winning concerts and events at the New Music Chicago Spring Festival for several years. His *Rhapsody for Violin*, commissioned by the Abelson Foundation, was premiered in Prague by the Czech National Symphony conducted by Paul Freeman and has been recorded and released on the New Albany label. The Rome Prize and the Charles Ives Award are among his honors. His work has been recognized through grants from the National Endowment of the Arts, the Illinois Arts Council, fellowships from the Fulbright Commission and the American Symphony Orchestra League and awards from ASCAP and BMI. In 2008 he served as the McKnight Visiting Composer with the American Composers Forum for the city of Winona, MN. Most recently, Trio Malipiero premiered his piano trio, *Notte dei Cristalli*, at the Teatro alla Specola in Padova. The La Crosse Symphony Orchestra, directed by Alexander Platt, premiered his Symphony No. 1 (*Sinfonia delle Gioie*) in October of 2016. Neil is the artistic director of TheComposerStudio.com, LLC that specializes in film and sound design for theatre. Recently, he has produced sound design for the In Tandem Theatre Company production of *Beast on the Moon* and *The Glass Menagerie* in Milwaukee, WI.

Dedicated to John Bruce Yeh and the Chicago Pro Musica,
who premiered this work at Orchestra Hall, November 3, 1987

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet

SCORE

WILLIAM NEIL

E_b Clarinet Ethereal ($\text{♩} = 48$) cadenza $pp < mf > p$ f p sfp

Bassoon

Trumpet in C Ethereal ($\text{♩} = 48$) cadenza

Tenor-Bass Trombone

Trap Set (o) sfp

Double Bass sfp

1

2

E♭ Cl. A ($\text{♩} = 58$)

Bsn. pp p

Tpt.

Tbn. f p pp ppp

Drms. A ($\text{♩} = 58$)

D.B. ff p

2 3 4 5 6

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet - Score - Pg. 2

7

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

Measure 7: E♭ Clarinet plays eighth-note pairs with grace notes, dynamic f . Bassoon rests. Trumpet and Trombone play eighth-note pairs with grace notes. Drums play eighth-note pairs. Double Bass plays sustained notes.

Measure 8: E♭ Clarinet plays eighth-note pairs with grace notes. Bassoon rests. Trumpet and Trombone play eighth-note pairs with grace notes. Drums play eighth-note pairs. Double Bass plays sustained notes.

Measure 9: E♭ Clarinet plays eighth-note pairs with grace notes. Bassoon rests. Trumpet and Trombone play eighth-note pairs with grace notes. Drums play eighth-note pairs. Double Bass plays sustained notes.

Measure 10: E♭ Clarinet plays eighth-note pairs with grace notes. Bassoon rests. Trumpet and Trombone play eighth-note pairs with grace notes. Drums play eighth-note pairs. Double Bass plays sustained notes.

11

E♭ Cl. *f*
Bsn.

Tpt. *pp* *ff*
Tbn.

Drms. *ff*
D.B. *p*
(har. gliss.)

B

12

13

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet - Score - Pg. 3

14

Eb Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

sul pont.
8va

14 15

(♩ = 65)

16

Eb Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

f poco più mosso

poco più mosso

poco più mosso

16 17 18

C *cadenza*

E♭ Cl. 19 *ad lib.* *f* 19 *p*

D *Andante* (♩ = 72)

E♭ Cl. 20 *pp* 20 21

E *Lento* (♩ = 50)

E♭ Cl. *f* *accel.*

Allegro (♩ = 100)

Bsn. 22 *ff* 23

E *Lento* (♩ = 50)
with straight mute

Tpt. *accel.* *p*

Allegro (♩ = 100)

Tbn. *p* *ff*

E *Lento* (♩ = 50)

Drms. *accel.*

Allegro (♩ = 100)

D.B. *p* *ff*

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet - Score - Pg. 5

sub. doppio meno mosso

E♭ Cl. **24** *accel.* **Allegro**

Bsn. **24** *p* **Allegro** **ff**

Tpt. *sub. doppio meno mosso* *accel.* **p** **Allegro** **ff**

Tbn. *p* **Allegro** **ff**

Drms. *accel.* **Allegro**

D.B. **24** **25**

This section of the score consists of two staves. The top staff includes E♭ Clarinet, Bassoon, and Trumpet. The bottom staff includes Trombone, Drums, and Double Bass. Measure 24 starts with a dynamic of *sub. doppio meno mosso*. The E♭ Clarinet has a sustained note with an upward bow. The Bassoon and Trumpet play eighth-note patterns. The Trombone and Drums enter with eighth-note patterns. Measures 25 begin with a dynamic of *ff*. The E♭ Clarinet has a sustained note with an upward bow. The Bassoon and Trumpet play eighth-note patterns. The Trombone and Drums play eighth-note patterns. The Double Bass provides harmonic support.

sub. doppio meno mosso

E♭ Cl. **26** *accel.* **p** **Allegro**

Bsn. **26** **Allegro**

Tpt. *sub. doppio meno mosso* *accel.* **Allegro**

Tbn. **26** **Allegro**

Drms. *accel.* **Allegro**

D.B. *pp* **26** **27** **ff**

This section of the score consists of two staves. The top staff includes E♭ Clarinet, Bassoon, and Trumpet. The bottom staff includes Trombone, Drums, and Double Bass. Measure 26 starts with a dynamic of *sub. doppio meno mosso*. The E♭ Clarinet has eighth-note patterns with slurs. The Bassoon and Trombone provide harmonic support. Measures 27 begin with a dynamic of *ff*. The E♭ Clarinet has eighth-note patterns with slurs. The Bassoon and Trombone provide harmonic support. The Double Bass has a sustained note with an upward bow.

sub. doppio meno mosso

E♭ Cl. $\frac{3}{4}$ *accel.*

Bsn. $\frac{3}{4}$ *sffp* *sub. doppio meno mosso*

Tpt. $\frac{3}{4}$ *p* *accel.* $\frac{7}{4}$ *Allegro* $\frac{7}{4}$ *ff*

Tbn. $\frac{3}{4}$ *sffp* $\frac{7}{4}$ *ff*

Drms. $\frac{3}{4}$ *accel.* $\frac{7}{4}$ *Allegro* $\frac{3}{4}$ *f* $\frac{3}{4}$

D.B. $\frac{3}{4}$ *sffp* $\frac{7}{4}$ *ff*

30

sub. doppio meno mosso

E♭ Cl. 4 *ff* 6 3

Bsn. 4

sub. doppio meno mosso

Tpt. 4 *ff*

Tbn. 4

sub. doppio meno mosso

Drms. 4

D.B. 4

32

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

This musical score page contains six staves. The top three staves (E♭ Clarinet, Bassoon, and Trumpet) begin with a dynamic of *f*. The Bassoon has a dynamic of *ff* at the start of its second measure. The Trombone starts with a dynamic of *f* and includes slurs and grace notes. The Drums and Double Bass staves are mostly silent, with the Double Bass providing harmonic support. Measure 33 begins with a dynamic of *sfp* for the Trombone and Double Bass.

36 [F] **Meno mosso** ($\text{♩} = 58$)

E♭ Cl. (Measures 36-37): The part consists of six staves. Measures 36 and 37 show eighth-note patterns with grace notes and slurs. Measure 37 includes a dynamic instruction "3".

Bsn. (Measures 36-37): The part consists of two staves. Measures 36 and 37 show eighth-note patterns with slurs.

Tpt. (Measures 36-37): The part consists of two staves. Measures 36 and 37 show eighth-note patterns with slurs. Measure 37 includes a dynamic instruction "mute out".

Tbn. (Measures 36-37): The part consists of two staves. Measures 36 and 37 show eighth-note patterns with slurs.

Drms. (Measures 36-37): The part consists of two staves. Both staves are silent throughout the measures.

D.B. (Measures 36-37): The part consists of two staves. Both staves are silent throughout the measures.

36

37

38 **Lento** ($\text{♩} = 50$)
cadenza

E♭ Cl. (Measure 38): The part consists of two staves. It starts with a dynamic "sfpp" followed by "f poco a poco accel.". The measure ends with a fermata and a "rit." instruction.

Bsn. (Measure 38): The part consists of two staves. It ends with a fermata.

Tpt. (Measure 38): The part consists of two staves. It starts with a dynamic "niente" followed by "poco a poco accel.". The measure ends with a fermata and a "rit." instruction.

Tbn. (Measure 38): The part consists of two staves. It starts with a dynamic "ff" followed by a fermata.

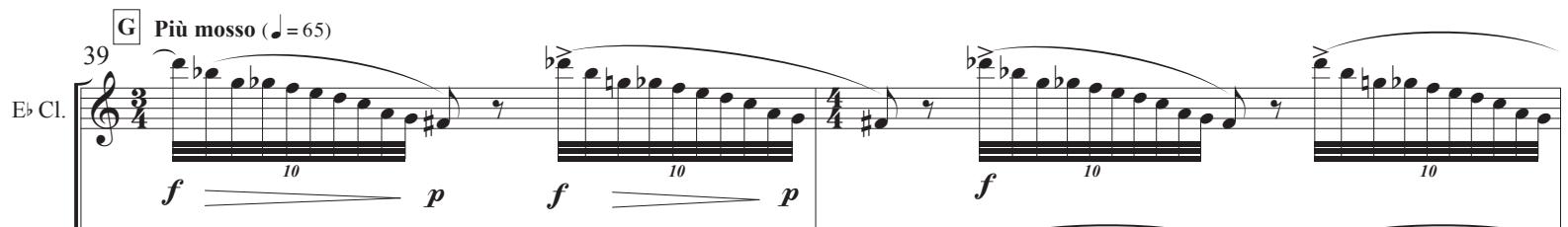
Drms. (Measure 38): The part consists of two staves. It starts with a dynamic "f" followed by "slap pizz." and "poco a poco accel.". The measure ends with a fermata and a "rit." instruction.

D.B. (Measure 38): The part consists of two staves. It starts with a dynamic "f" followed by a fermata.

38

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet - Score - Pg. 9

E♭ Cl. **G Più mosso ($\text{♩} = 65$)**

39 

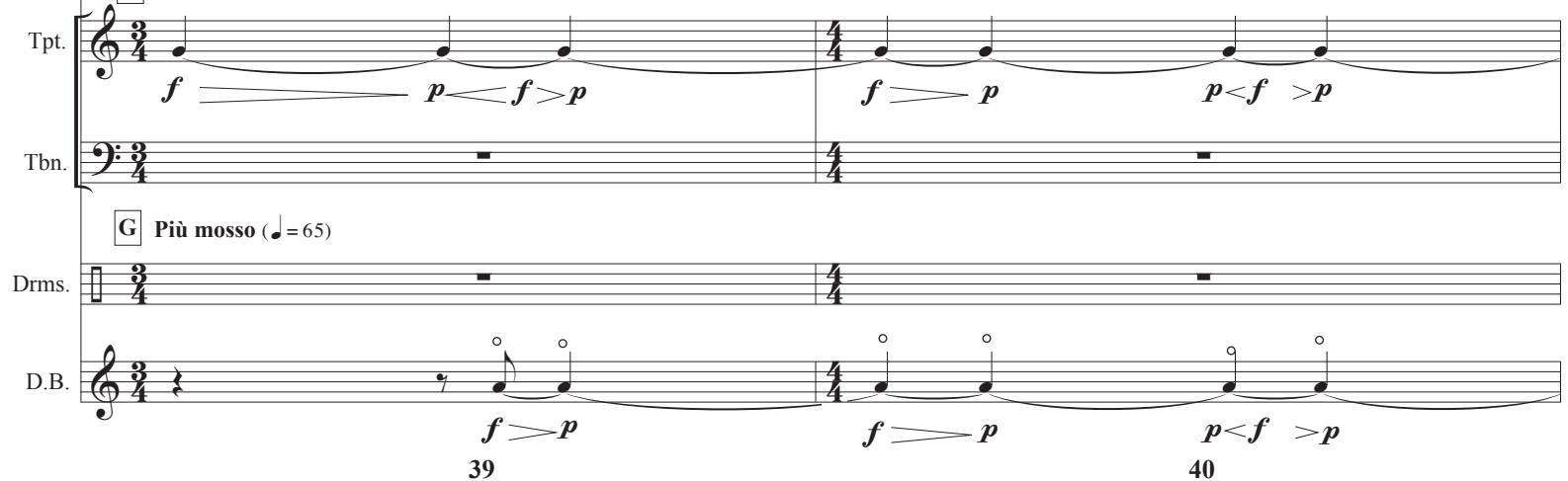
Bsn.

Tpt. **G Più mosso ($\text{♩} = 65$)**

Tbn.

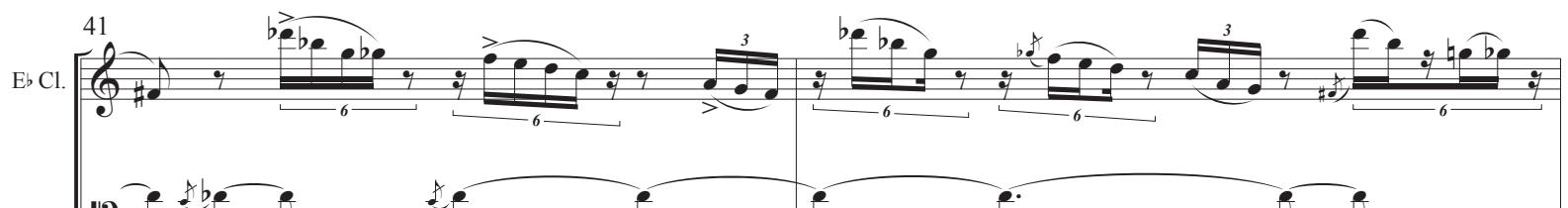
Drms.

D.B. **G Più mosso ($\text{♩} = 65$)**

39 

40

E♭ Cl.

41 

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B. **p, <f, >p** **p, <f, >p, p, <f, >p** **p, <f, >p**

41 

42

43

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

p < f > p < f > p f

sfp

sfp

f

p < f > p < f > p f

sffp

f

p

sfp

p < f > p < f > p f

f

44

45

46

47

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

The score consists of six staves. The top two staves are for woodwind instruments: E♭ Clarinet and Bassoon. The Bassoon has a melodic line with grace notes and rests. The middle two staves are for brass instruments: Trumpet and Trombone. The Trombone part features rhythmic patterns with '3' and '6' overbeats. The bottom two staves are for percussive instruments: Drums and Double Bass. The Drums play eighth-note patterns with dynamics like *f*, *sfp*, and *sfp*. The Double Bass provides harmonic support with sustained notes and bass lines.

49

Eb Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

H

f

pp

f

pizz.

f

ff rit.

p

pp rit.

fpp rit.

49 **50** **51** **52**

53

I **Più mosso** ($\text{♩} = 72$)

Eb Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

p

ff

ff

p

ff

f

arco

I **Più mosso** ($\text{♩} = 72$)

I **Più mosso** ($\text{♩} = 72$)

to mute (whispa)

I **Più mosso** ($\text{♩} = 72$)

53 **54** **55**

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56

E♭ Cl. *ritenuto*

Bsn.

Tpt. *ritenuto*

Tbn.

Drms. *pizz.*

D.B. *pp*

J Lento (♩ = 50)

p

p

with whispa mute

pp

with brushes

ritenuto

arco

pp

pp

61

E_b Cl. Bsn. Tpt. Tbn. Drms. D.B.

61 62 63 64 65

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet - Score - Pg. 13

66

E♭ Cl. Bsn. Tpt. Tbn. Drms. D.B.

66 67 68 69

≡

K cadenza

70

E♭ Cl.

p mf II ff pp

70

≡

L Più mosso ($\text{♩} = 65$)

71

E♭ Cl. Bsn. Tpt.

pp sfp f

p $<f$ 3

L Più mosso ($\text{♩} = 65$)

p 3 sfp

71 72 73 74

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75

75 76 77 78

79

79 80 81 82 83

84

84 85 86 87 88 89

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet - Score - Pg. 15

90

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

rit.

f

ff

rit.

ff

ff

rit.

ff

90 91 92 93 94

95

M a tempo

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

fff

p

mp

M a tempo

pp *f*

M a tempo

95 96 97

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet - Score - Pg. 16

98

E♭ Cl.

Tpt.

pp < *f*

pp < *f* *sub. p*

mf

f

98

99

100

101

102

103

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

p

ff

sfp

f

p

f

p

f

p

f

p

N

p

f

sfp

p

N

f

sfp

f

p

N

f

with brushes

103

104

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet - Score - Pg. 17

105

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

105

106

107

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

straight mute out, harmon without stem in

107

108

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet - Score - Pg. 18

109

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

with harmon mute without stem: + = hand over mute, o = open

6

f

p

sfp

sfp

109

110

111

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

mp

mf

+ o

6

3

sfp

sfp

<f>

<f>

<f>

<f>

fp

left hand pizz. L.V.

<f>

<f>

<f>

<f>

111

112

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet - Score - Pg. 19

113

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

113

114

115

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

poco a poco accel.

9

5

poco a poco accel.

6

poco a poco accel.

115

116

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet - Score - Pg. 20

117

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

O

rit.

O ff

rit.

ff

with sticks

f rit.

3 3 3 6

117 118

119

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

a tempo

f

sfp

a tempo

f

a tempo

6 7 9 9

6 7 9 9

119 120

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet - Score - Pg. 21

121

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

121

f

mute out

f

122

f

123

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

123

ff

no mute

124

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet - Score - Pg. 22

125

E♭ Cl. *p* *f* 5 *ff*

Bsn.

Tpt. *ff*

Tbn. subito to straight mute *ff*

Drms. *ff*

D.B. *ff*

126

127

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

This musical score page contains six staves representing different instruments. The top staff is for the E♭ Clarinet, followed by the Bassoon, Trumpet, Trombone, Drums, and Double Bass at the bottom. Measure 127 begins with a dynamic of *ff*. The E♭ Clarinet has a sustained note. The Bassoon and Trombone play eighth-note patterns. The Trumpet and Drums also play eighth-note patterns. The Double Bass provides harmonic support with sustained notes. Measure 128 starts with a dynamic of *pp*. The E♭ Clarinet continues its sustained note. The Bassoon and Trombone play eighth-note patterns. The Trumpet and Drums play eighth-note patterns. The Double Bass plays eighth-note patterns. Measure 129 begins with a dynamic of *ff*.

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet - Score - Pg. 23

129

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

ff

f

ff

pp

129

130

131

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

pp

ff

poco a poco accel.

p

5

5

5

mute out

ff

poco a poco accel.

ff

poco a poco accel.

pp

131

132

133

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

Presto

ff

Presto

Presto ₃

133

134

135

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

Q sub. doppio meno mosso
cadenza

sfp < ff sfp < f < ff

Meno mosso ($\text{\textit{d}} = 58$)

p poco a poco accel.

Q sub. doppio meno mosso
(Clar. cadenza)

(play) Meno mosso ($\text{\textit{d}} = 58$)

poco a poco accel.

Q sub. doppio meno mosso
cadenza

Meno mosso ($\text{\textit{d}} = 58$)

poco a poco accel.
(har. gliss.)

135

p

136

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet - Score - Pg. 25

137

E♭ Cl. (Measures 9, 10, II) *ff*

Bsn.

Tpt. (Measure 10)

Tbn. (Measure 10) *f*

Drms.

D.B. (Measures 137-138)

138

R *a tempo*

139

E♭ Cl. (Measures 139-141)

Bsn.

R *a tempo*

Tpt. (Measures 140-141) *pp*

Tbn. (Measures 140-141) *p*

R *a tempo*

Drms.

D.B. (Measures 139-141)

139

140

141

Meno mosso

142

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

Meno mosso

pp

Meno mosso
with wire brushes

f

142

143

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

ff

Lento (♩ = 50)

pp

ff

pp

Lento (♩ = 50)
to mute (whispa)

ff

pp

to straight mute

Lento (♩ = 50)

ff

pp

143

144

145

146

147

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet - Score - Pg. 27

148

E♭ Cl. **S**

Bsn. **pp**

Tpt. **pp** with whispa mute

Tbn. **pp**

Drms. **pp** with wire brushes

D.B. (sounding) **pp**

148 149 150 151 152 153

154

E♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

154 155 156 157 158 159

Concerto for Piccolo Clarinet - Score - Pg. 28

160

E♭ Cl. *pp*

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

niente

niente

niente

160 161 162 163 164

165

E♭ Cl. *pp*

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Drms.

D.B.

niente

pp > ppp

niente

165 166 167 168 169 170 171