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Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 3, C minor, Op. 37

Ludwig van Beethoven

Allegro con brio

Largo

Rondo: Allegro

George Fiore, piano

Intermission

Symphony No. 9 (formerly No. 5) in E minor, Op. 95

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The fourth movement takes its title from a line of an e.e. cummings poem which appears in the heading for one section of Woody Allen’s Hannah and her Sisters. The line is “nothing, not even the rain, has such small hands.” The whole poem is used in the movie as a declaration of love, and the music is unrestrainedly romantic, particularly in its lyricism and harmonies. As in the second movement, the dominant, lyrical theme does not emerge until mid-way through the movement. This is to imitate one structure of love, in which love emerges over time, where it flowers into being. There are themes and emotions that precede it and therefore help set it up and give it place and texture. The idea is that love and beauty evolve, and are arrived at. It takes time and travel down there. Once there, there is a sense of sinking into something familiar.

-Huntley Beyer

Text for movement No. 4:

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in your most frail gesture are things which enslave;
or which i cannot touch because they are too near your slightest look easily will unclose me though i have closed myself as fingers, you open always petal by petal myself as Spring opens (touching skilfully, mysteriously) her first rose

or if your wish to be close to me and my life will shut very beautiful, suddenly, as when the heart of this flower imagines the snow carefully everywhere descending:

nothing which we are to perceive in this world equals the power of your immense fragility whose texture compels me with the colour of its countries, rendering death and forever with each breathing (i do not know what it is about you that closes and openly something in me understands the voice of your eyes is deeper than all roots) nobody, not even the rain, has such small hands

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In 1941 the centenary of Dvorak's birth was observed. In America the observance was as much a duty as a privilege, a peculiar thing at a time when much that the composer cherished was oppressed in his own land.

New Yorkers took special pride in the symphony. It had been composed in the city in Dvorak’s apartment on East 17th street, just a few blocks away from the conservatory where the composer was so avidly training young students and rehearsing and performing with them. He was a most welcome foreigner in the new land.

The symphony was orchestrated in large measure in Spillville, Iowa where Dvorak spent summers visiting a large Czech colony that resided there. The visits there stirred his desire to return home. The time he could spend with his countrymen there, speaking his native language, reminded him of what he had left behind, and turning down a new contract offer to remain in New York, Dvorak returned home in 1895.

Much controversy arose over the issue of the use of American folk music in the symphony. Two sides appeared to the issue. One argued that the work was a sort of parody on American Negro and Indian motives. The other attacked that point of view, pointing to what they viewed as strongly Czech stylistic trends and making only light mention of what they saw as random echoes of American folk music. Dvorak resolved the issue himself, realizing that he only tried to write in the spirit of the national American melodies. He did however promise a view that American music would have to be founded on Negro melodies. He described them as the music of the soil and urged American composers to turn to them as the source of inspiration for a great and noble school of musical development.

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The Broadway Symphony is pleased to present the world premiere of Romantic Lines by Seattle composer Huntley Beyer. Mr. Beyer is a founding member of the Broadway Symphony and has had numerous works premiered by the Broadway Symphony, the Seattle Chamber Singers and the George Shangrow Chorale. Huntley graduated from Williams College and then moved to Seattle in 1969, where he attended the University of Washington and received his doctorate in composition. His works have been performed by the Seattle Symphony, the Kronos String Quartet, and the Bellevue Philharmonic among others. Currently, Mr. Beyer is on the music faculty at The Bush School, and is music director at Bellevue First United Methodist Church.

Huntley Beyer - Symphony No. 4: Romantic Lines

The title Romantic Lines refers to the romantic aspects of the music - its long lines, intensity, and lyricism - and also to the titles of each movement, which are quotes from movies concerning romantic relationships. The title of the first movement refers to a joke that Woody Allen tells at the end of Annie Hall: "I thought of that old joke. You know, this guy goes to a psychiatrist and says, 'Doc, my brother's crazy, he thinks he's a chicken,' and the doctor says, 'Well why don't you turn him in?' and the guy says, 'I would but I need the eggs.' I guess that's pretty much how I feel about relationships. You know, they're totally irrational and crazy and absurd but, uh, I guess we keep going through it because most of the eggs are good." The music begins with a well intentioned, serious, energetic flute theme. The brass, however, start jokling around and the music changes, the music that follows, however, does not end the movement, for Woody Allen's joke is finally poignant as it speaks of the end of a relationship. The movement ends with the flute theme returning, this time sadly and reflectively.

The second movement draws its title from the line part way through Tequila Sunrise, in which Mel Gibson tells Michelle Pfeiffer how attracted he is to her: "Just lookin' at you hurts more." The music begins with a flute for clarinet and oboe in which the two instruments frequently trade notes, producing quick color shifts (appropriate to a sunrise, or tequila?). Other color and texture shifts follow until, in the middle of the movement, (as in the middle of the movie), out of the environment, out of this particular place of color, emerges the romantic melody. This passion, this more intensely colored lyricism, dominates the movement.

The title of the third movement is from the end of The African Queen, when Bogart and Hepburn have been captured by the Germans and rather sentimentally ask, as a last request before being executed, to be married. The German captain replies, "I now pronounce you man and wife. Proceed with the execution."

At that moment a bomb explodes and our happy couple glimpse to safety. The music is, like the movie, a scherzo. It is fast, energetic, and a bit crazy, with the brass at one point playing a very discordant wedding march (this being the inside joke of this scherzo). The Romanticism of the music is in its constant intensity. The themes shift, though not in a way that provides classical contrast or balance, but rather in a developmental, organic way that increases the intensity of the music. An excitement is maintained, capturing a baroque edge of the romantic spirit.

The fourth movement takes its title from a line of an e.e. cummings poem which appears in the heading for one section of Woody Allen's Hannah and her Sisters. The line is "no body, not even the rain, has such small hands." The whole poem is used in the movie as a declaration of love, and the music is unrestrainedly romantic, particularly in its lyricism and harmonies. As in the second movement, the dominant, lyrical theme does not emerge until mid-way through the movement. This is to imitate one structure of love, in which love emerges over time, where it flowers into being. There are themes and emotions that precede it and therefore help set it up and give it place and texture. The idea is that love and beauty evolve, and are arrived at. It takes time to travel down there. Once there, there is a sense of sinking into something familiar.

-Huntley Beyer

Text for movement No. 4:

somewhere i have never travelled, gladly beyond
any experience, your eyes have their silence;
in your most still gesture are things which enqueue
or which i cannot touch because they are too near
your slightest look easily will unclose me
though i have closed myself as fingers,
you open always petal by petal myself as Spring opens
(touching skillfully, mysteriously)let first rose
or if your wish to be close to me
and my life will shut very beautiful, suddenly,
as when the heart of this flower imagines
the snow carefully everywhere descending:

nothing which we are to perceive in this world equals
the power of your intense fragility:whose texture
compels me with the colour of its countries,
rendering death and forever with each breathing
(i do not know what is about you that closes
and openly the voice of me in you is deeper than all rooms)
nobody,not even the rain,has such small hands

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