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Bagatellen

für Streichquartett / for String Quartet

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Dauer / Duration: ca. 23 min.



UNCONVENTIONAL NOTATION

All other signs are explained in the score and in the parts

 short Fermata

 long Fermata

 very long Fermata

 Vibrato

 Quarter tone high

 Quarter tone low

 Three-Quarter tones high

 Three-Quarter tones low

 Sixth tone high

 Sixth tone low

BESONDERE NOTATIONSZEICHEN

Alle anderen Zeichen sind in der Partitur bzw. in den Stimmen erläutert.

 Kurze Fermate

 Lange Fermate

 Sehr lange Fermate

 Vibrato

 Viertelton erhöht

 Viertelton erniedrigt

 Dreiviertelton erhöht

 Dreivierteltonerniedrigt

 Sechstelton erhöht

 Sechstelton erniedrigt

for Sianne

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Allegro ma non troppo

1

A



senza misura sehr langsam / very slow

sul tasto estremamente

Rsch. 4 *



Rsch 1-4 = Rauschfärbung des Klanges. Durch Winkel des Bogens (viel Haar / wenig Haar), Bogendruck, und Fingerdruck ganz/halb/Flageolett bestimmen. 4 = kein Ton, nur Rauschen; 1 viel Ton, etwas Rauschen
Der Klang ist immer hauchig, nie "körnig" - also immer viel Bogen (wenig Druck)
Rsch 1-4 = Air-Noise coloring of sound. Control through angle of bow (little hair / more hair on string), bow-pressure, and finger-pressure (normal, half, harmonic). 4 = no pitch, only air-noise; 1 lots of pitch, slight air-noise
The sound should always be airy, not "grainy" - lots of bow (with very little pressure)

*Phrasierungsbögen sind musikalische Bögen - wenn nötig können unauffällig Bogenwechsel stattfinden
Slurs are musical slurs - if necessary inconspicuous bow changes can be made*

A



senza misura in senza misura Abschnitten sollten die Rhythmen der Stimmen möglichst NICHT zusammen fallen
in senza misura section the rhythms of the parts should NOT coincide

poco sul pont.

I. $\frac{8}{8}$ *va-* *—* *—*

<p

poco sul tasto

Rsch. 3 $(\text{♩} = 120)$

pp

B $\text{♩} = 120$ *Akzente immer sehr scharf*
accents always sharp

Rsch. 0

pp

pp

senza misura

Rsch. 4 *sul pont. molto* *so schnell wie möglich / as fast as possible*

Triller / trill ritard.

B

pp

pp

p

senza misura

IV. *pizz. arco poco flaut.*
 III.

$\text{♩} = 240$

B

poco flaut.

I. $\frac{8}{8}$ *va-* *—* *—*

mp *o* *pp* *p* *mp* *o*

1

(sempre flaut.)

(sempre flaut.)

Rsch. 1 ——————> Rsch. 0

p

pp

sf

p

p

sf

14

(sempre flaut.) → poco sul tasto

(sempre flaut.) → poco sul tasto

pp → mp → ord.

(sempre flaut.) → poco sul pont. (p)

mp → flaut.

(sempre flaut.) → mp → poco sul tasto → flaut.

21 E

poco sul tasto

F

ord.

sfff'z pp → p → mf → pp → poco sul tasto

E poco sul tasto

B 3/4 sfff'z p → mf → sfff'z p → flaut.

E sfff'z p → mf → ppp

27

poco sul pont.
($\frac{p}{e}$)

sf p

ord.

sul pont.
($\frac{p}{e}$)

p

poco sul tasto

mp

ord.

II.

III.

flaut.

p

ppp

32

sul pont.
II. ($\frac{p}{e}$)

p

I. 8^{va} ($\frac{p}{e}$)

Rsch. 1

ppp

poco sul pont.
($\frac{p}{e}$)

Rsch. 4

sul tasto

p

ord.
($\frac{p}{e}$)

III. ($\frac{p}{e}$)

p

37 G

G sehr dicht / very dense, quasi legato IV.

Rsch. 0 → Rsch. 2

G Rsch. 2 → poco sul pont. → Rsch. 0

G ord. → sul pont.

G sfp

40

→ ord. → sul pont.

III. (p.) → Rsch. 3

senza misura

(p.) → sul tasto Rsch. 4

p → pp

→ ord.

G (p.) (p.) (p.)

43 **H**

III.
(• ••)

I.
(• •)
x.

p

H

H

p

Rsch. 3 poco rit.

pp non cresc.

battuto (crini) arco
A

p

ppp

poco

ord.

<mp

46

senza misura

I flaut.

accel.

I *Rsch. 4*

I *Rsch. 4*

I

battuto (crini)

poco sul pont.

III. (—)

I. (—)

mf

mp

→ *Rsch. 4*

II.
($\frac{4}{2}$)
—
♯∞
pp —

senza misura

[∞..] [∞] >
p —
("*mjf*")



pizz.
p
—
♯∞
arco ***o*** —
ppp — → *Rsch. 4*

Vln. II



1

Vivace (Scherzo I)

hart und hell *(hard and bright)*

$\text{♩.} = 112$

A poco sul pont.
pizz.

pizz.

Violin 1 (Top Staff):

- Measure 11: *fff*
- Measure 12: *fff*
- Measure 13: Sustained note with *ff*
- Measure 14: *ff* (with a wavy line under it)
- Measure 15: *fff* (with a wavy line under it)
- Measure 16: *f* (with a wavy line under it)
- Measure 17: *ff* (with a wavy line under it)

Violin 2 (Second Staff):

- Measure 11: *fff*
- Measure 12: Sustained note with *ff*
- Measure 13: Sustained note with *ff*
- Measure 14: Sustained note with *ff*
- Measure 15: Sustained note with *ff*
- Measure 16: Sustained note with *ff*
- Measure 17: *f*

Cello (Third Staff):

- Measure 11: *fff*
- Measure 12: Sustained note with *ff*
- Measure 13: Sustained note with *ff*
- Measure 14: Sustained note with *ff*
- Measure 15: Sustained note with *ff*
- Measure 16: Sustained note with *ff*
- Measure 17: *f*

Double Bass (Bottom Staff):

- Measure 11: *fff*
- Measure 12: Sustained note with *ff*
- Measure 13: Sustained note with *ff*
- Measure 14: Sustained note with *ff*
- Measure 15: Sustained note with *ff*
- Measure 16: Sustained note with *ff*
- Measure 17: *f*

Text Annotations:

- Violin 1 (Top Staff):** Box labeled 'A' with instruction 'poco sul pont. pizz.'
- Violin 2 (Second Staff):** Box labeled 'A' with instruction 'poco sul pont. pizz.'
- Double Bass (Bottom Staff):** Box labeled 'A' with instruction 'poco sul pont. pizz.'
- Common Area:** 'ord.' (ordine) indicated by arrows pointing right.
- Final Measure:** '(pizz.) ord.' indicated by an arrow pointing right.

$$(\text{d} \rightarrow \text{d}.) \boxed{\text{d}.} = 84$$

9 B

III.

(14)

C
♩ = 63

II. —————— III. (♩ → ♩.) (♩ → ♩.)

arco flaut. *pizz.*

IV. *arco* *Rsch. 4* —————— *pppp*

II. III. IV. IV.

pppp

arco flaut.

pppp *ppp* *pp*

f *f* *p*

arco flaut.

f *pppp* *ppp* *< f*

(18)

→ *Rsch. 3* → *Rsch. 4*

ppp

IV. —————— 18 12

ff *pp*

flaut. arco

f *< pp*

p *f* *mf*

D $\text{♩} = 47.25$
 $(\text{♩} \rightarrow \text{♪})$
22

Rsch. 3 flaut.
arco III.
ppp
poco a poco non legato
f
D *pizz.*
p
D
senza misura
48 $\frac{8}{8}$ *12* $\frac{8}{8}$
pp *poco*
pp *p*
f

E
26

sul tasto
poco *poco* *ppp*
senza misura *sul tasto*
fff



fliessend $\text{♩} = 96$

Rsch. 2
flaut.
sul tasto

Rsch. 0
→ ord.

senza misura accel.
poco sul pont.
III. (♩)

senza misura accel.
I. sehr langsame Schwebung
very slow beating
II. (♩)
PPP

senza misura
flaut. Triller so schnell wie möglich / Trill as fast as possible
Triller / trill
poco rit.
(♩)

6

A auf Mittelbügel streichen
bow on center bout
Rsch. 3 gerade / static
sul tasto molto mf

III. (♩) IV. flaut.
PPP

A ord.
Rsch. 4

pppp

A Rsch. 4

p Rsch. 4

(poco rit.) (♩)

11

Rsch. 3
sul tasto molto
flaut. molto → ord.
ord.

B

p

B

Rsch. 2

(•)

mp

Rsch. 3
flaut. molto

B senza misura
poco rit.

Rsch. 4 → Rsch. 2

auf dem Steg /
on the bridge → ord.

B Triller / trill ritard.

flaut. molto

1-Finger Triller/Trill
(quasi vibrato)

3

15 → *Rsch. 2*

18

(Rsch. 2)

(poco accel.)

IV.

III.

IV.

III.

IV.

non flag.

mp

mf

3 3 3 3 (p.) (p.) 3 > 3 (>) 3 (>) 3 (>) 3 > 3 > 3 > 3 > 3 > 3 > (>)

mp

21

Rsch. 0

III.

I.

mf

mp

24

D (Rsch. 2)

senza misura

poco accel.

III. (F)

Rsch. 2

D (Rsch. 2)

D (Rsch. 2)

5 5 6 7

mf

27

Rsch. 3

(poco accel.) → Rsch. 4

(F)

ppp

Rsch. 4

senza misura (poco accel.) → Rsch. 4

Rsch. 4

(32) → Rsch. 2

E (flaut.)

(37) → Rsch. 2 → Rsch. 3

F

Rsch. 2

F

senza misura

III Rsch. 3

F

Rsch. 3

F

Rsch. 3

Rsch. 2

F

Rsch. 3

42

42

sul tasto

Rsch. 4

pp

sul tasto

Rsch. 4

p

sul tasto

Rsch. 4

sul tasto

Rsch. 4

◆

IV.

Adagio assai (Choral)

senza misura

— 2.5" ca. —
flaut. poco sul tasto (Rsch. 2)

— 2.5" ca. —

flaut. poco sul tasto (Rsch. 2)

Gesamtlautstärke: *overall dynamics:*

10

B ord.

B

B ord.

B ord.

B ord.

Schwebung mit Cello
beating with cello

Schwebung / Beating

(—)

(—)

(Gesamtlautstärke) (overall dynamics)

C

19

(Gesamtlautstärke)
(overall dynamics)

D

28

(Gesamtlautstärke)
(overall dynamics)

(37)

E → *poco sul tasto*

(Gesamtlautstärke) **(overall dynamics)**

pp **pp** **ppp**

Schwebung / Beating

pp **pp** **ppp**

pp **pp** **ppp**

pp **pp** **ppp**

(46)

▲

V.

$\text{♩} = 96$ ***leicht***

*flaut. molto (Rsch. 2)
sul tasto*

A

*flaut. molto (Rsch. 2)
sul tasto*

A

A

A

*flaut. molto (Rsch. 2)
sul tasto*

A

ppp **p**

11

B

rit. poco a poco
(flaut. molto)

(flaut. molto)

(flaut. molto)

(flaut. molto)

ppp

p

f

pp

p

mf

pp

p

pp

mp

pp

Schwebung / Beating

Glissando

B

B

B

B

16

rit. poco a poco → (♩ = 72 ca.) *rit. poco a poco*

IV. (♩)

p

f

mf

mp

pp

IV. poco rit.

(♩)

mf

p

ppp

mp

ppp

< mf >

rit. poco a poco

21

C

rit. poco a poco

26

D

Musical score for piano, page 31, with the instruction *rit. poco a poco*. The score consists of four staves: treble, bass, middle, and bass. The treble staff starts with a dynamic *p*, followed by *f*. The bass staff starts with *f*. The middle staff starts with *mf*, followed by *mp*, *p*, and *mf*. The bass staff ends with *f*. The score features various dynamics, including *p*, *f*, *mf*, *mp*, *p*, *pp*, and *mf*, along with performance instructions like crescendos and decrescendos. Measure numbers 31 and 32 are indicated.

36

rit. poco a poco —————→ $\text{♩} = 24$

E

II. (♯)

mp

E

IV.

E

I.

mp

II.

ppp

(♯)

E

mp

ppp

(♯)

41

*deutlich hervortreten
come to the foreground*

IV.
III.
IV.

46

F *accel.* →

III.
IV.
F
F
F
II.

III.
IV.
F
F
F
II.

51 *accel.* →

ppp — *p*

pp — *p*

pp — *p*

p — *ppp*

mfp *sub.*

(♩ = 48 ca.) 56 *accel.* →

p — *>*

mp — *mp*

mp — *ppp*

p — *p*

p — *p*

mf — *>pp*

[G] [G] [G] [G]

61 *accel.*

66 *accel.* $\text{♩} = 96$

H *senza misura* *Rsch. 4*

(71)

→ Rsch. 4

(1/2 auf dem Steg)
(1/2 on the bridge)
sul pont. molto
(flaut. molto)

→ Rsch. 4

mp

→ Rsch. 4

pppp

VI.

Vivace (Scherzo II) $\text{♩} = 80$

12

→ *poco sul pont.*

crini poco flaut.

→ *sul pont.*

ord.

> o pp

18

B → *poco sul tasto*

→ *sul pont.* → *sul tasto* → *sul pont.* → *sul tasto*

B

B

B

sul pont. IV.

poco sul tasto

mp

> o

23

Musical score for page 23. The score consists of two staves. The top staff has two treble clef staves. The bottom staff has a bass clef and a double bar line with repeat dots. Measures 1-7 show mostly rests. Measure 8 starts with a single note on the first staff, followed by eighth-note pairs on the second staff.

C

30 ord.

poco sul pont.

II.



Musical score for page 30. The score consists of five staves. The top staff has a treble clef, dynamic *pp*, and a box labeled *C*. The second staff has a bass clef and dynamic *pp*. The third staff has a treble clef and dynamic *pp*. The fourth staff has a bass clef and dynamic *pp*. The fifth staff has a bass clef and dynamic *pp*. Various performance instructions are indicated with arrows pointing to specific measures:

- poco sul tasto* (Measure 1)
- ord.* (Measure 1)
- poco sul pont.* II. (Measure 1)
- poco sul pont.* III. (Measure 1)
- ord.* (Measure 2)
- poco sul pont.* I. (Measure 2)
- poco sul pont.* II. Oberton (Measure 2)
- poco sul pont.* II. Partial (Measure 2)
- III.* (Measure 2)
- ossia* (Measure 2)

37

ord. → *poco sul pont.* II. ($\frac{#}{\text{E}}$) → *poco sul tasto*

poco sul pont. III. ($\frac{#}{\text{E}}$) → *poco sul tasto*

ord. → *poco sul pont.* III. ($\frac{#}{\text{E}}$) → *poco sul tasto*

f → *poco sul tasto*

ord. → *poco sul pont.* → *poco sul tasto*

mf → *f* → *mf* → *poco sul tasto*

44 D

poco sul pont. → *poco sul tasto*

(E) → (E)

D *poco sul tasto*

D *pp*

D *o* → *pp*

D *ppp*

D *o* → *pp*

D *poco sul pont.* III. IV. (E) → (E) → (E) → (E) → *sul tasto*

pp

53

senza misura

Schwebung / Beating

pp

flaut. molto *poco expr.*

62 **E** *senza misura*

sul tasto

E

sul tasto

E

sul tasto molto

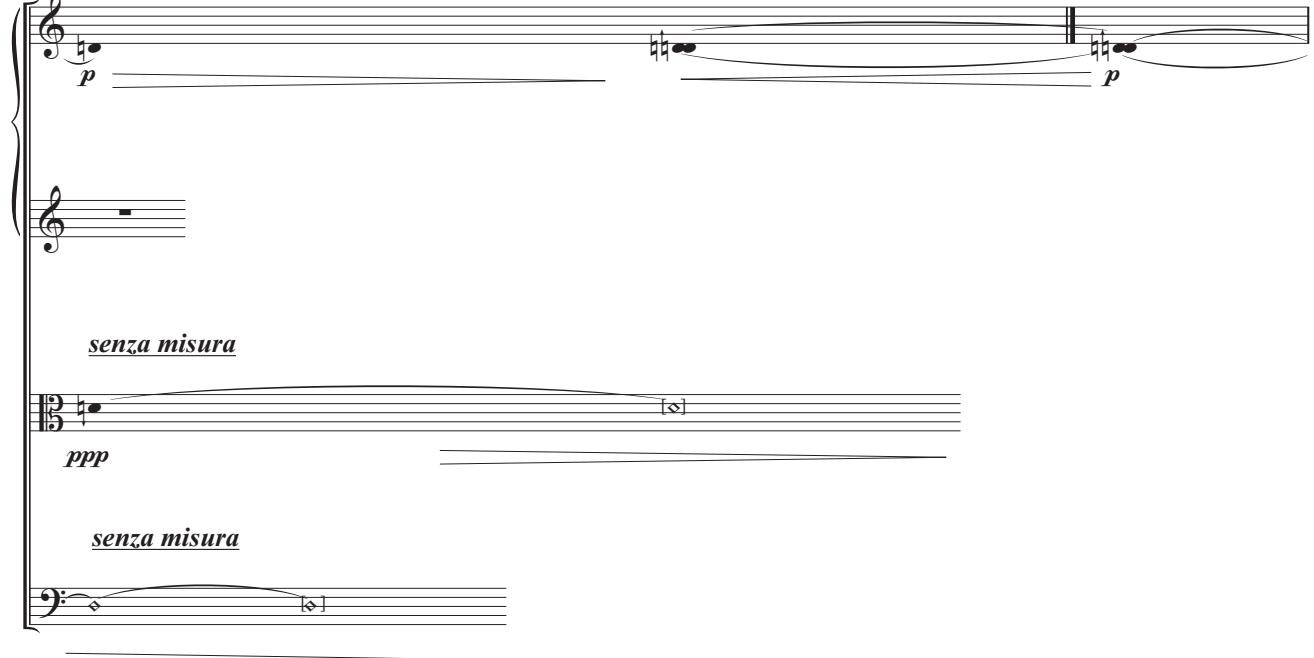
E

Schwebung mit Cello

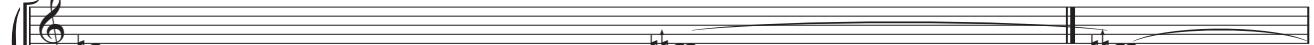
E

beating with cello

sehr langsame Schwebung
Rsch. 2 very slow beating

senza misura

 [∞]

senza misura



VII.

zart 

*Rsch. 2 sul tasto
Schwebung / Beating*

senza misura
flaut. poco sul pont.

I.  II.  III.  IV. 
pp pp pp pp f

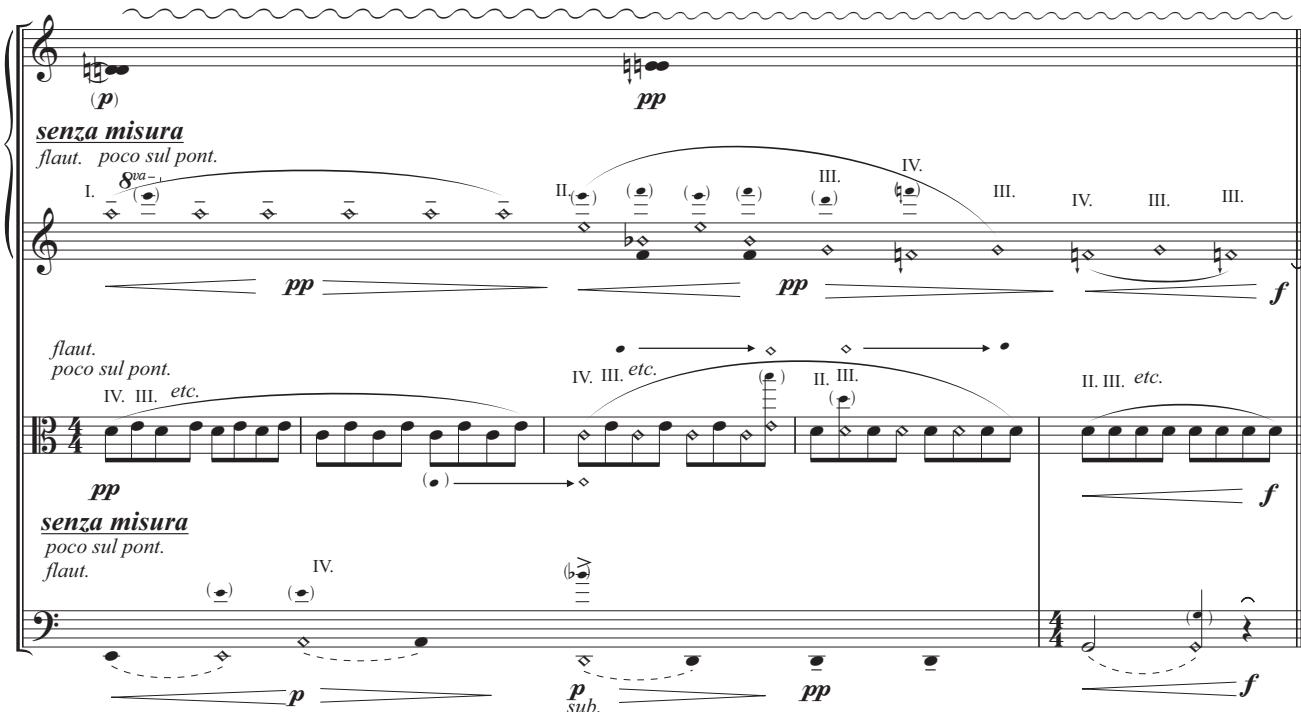
*flaut.
poco sul pont.
IV. III. etc.*

IV. III. etc.  *II. III. etc.* 

pp *(p)* *f*

senza misura
*poco sul pont.
flaut.*

IV.   
p *p sub.* *pp* *f*



⑥ *senza misura*  ca. 5"

pp 

senza misura ca. 5"

 *pp*

senza misura ca. 5"

 *IV. flaut.
poco sul pont.*

ppp *p*

senza misura ca. 5"

 *ord.
flaut.* *IV. ♪* 



10

ganz langsame Schwebung / very slow beating

poco sul tasto

IV. 5:8

ord.

14

B *poco sul pont.* *ord.*

B *senza misura* *(poco sul tasto)*

B *flaut.* *II.* *III. II. etc.* *p* *mf*

B *senza misura* *flaut. poco sul pont.* *IV.* *ord.* *p* *mf*

18

senza misura
ca. 4''

senza misura
ca. 4''

senza misura
ca. 4''

senza misura
ca. 4''

poco sul pont.
II.

III.

mf

p

p

ord.

p

p

ord.

22

poco sul pont.

ord.

poco sul pont.

ord.

p

mf

p

mp

p

II.

III.

*sul tasto
1/2 col legno*

mf

(25) *senza misura*
ca. 3"

D *breit / expansive
ord.*

senza misura
ca. 3"

D *sul tasto molto*
ord. *sul pont.*
III. $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \# \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$
IV. $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$
ord.

senza misura
ca. 3"

D *ppp* *mp* *mf* *p*

senza misura
ca. 3"

D *crini* IV. $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \# \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$ III. $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \# \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$ II. $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \# \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$
mf *p* *f*

(30)

E *flaut.*
III.

p

E *flaut.*
IV.

p

E *7:8*

flaut.

p

(34)

sul tasto
→ Rsch. 2

flaut. molto
→ Rsch. 2

f

Rsch. 2

(38) F Rsch. 2

F *flaut. molto*
Rsch. 2

F *flaut. molto*
Rsch. 2

F *flaut. molto*
Rsch. 2

Rsch. 3
IV.

pp

ppp

43

→ Rsch. 3

Rsch. 4

pp

ppp

ppp

Rsch. 3 III.
(*—*)

p *ppp*

(♩ = 80)

auf Mittelbügel streichen
*bow on center bout**Wiederholen ad lib.*
repeat ad lib.

sub.

Vln. I

mf

s

$\text{♪} = 80$ *Adagio lontano*

($\downarrow \rightarrow \uparrow$)

VIII.

A

p

sul tasto molto
Rsch. 4

o

*Saite immer mit zusätzlichem Finger am Schwingen hindern
(Tonhöhen gefärbtes Rauschen)
dampen string always with additional finger
(pitch-colored noise)*

**ganz hauchiger Klang mit wenig Ton
very airy sound with little pitch**

Rsch. 3

PPP

A

A

sul tasto Rsch. 4 → Rsch. 3

o

*Saite immer mit zusätzlichem Finger am Schwingen hindern
(Tonhöhen gefärbtes Rauschen)
dampen string always with additional finger
(pitch-colored noise)*

**ganz hauchiger Klang mit wenig Ton
very airy sound with little pitch**

PPP

A

B

B

B

B

6

sul tasto

B
senza misura

pppp

sul tasto
Rsch. 3

o

*ganz hauchiger Klang mit wenig Ton
very airy sound with little pitch*

pp

*Saite immer mit zusätzlichem Finger am Schwingen hindern
(Tonhöhen gefärbtes Rauschen)
dampen string always with additional finger
(pitch-colored noise)*

III.

pppp

pp

o

pp

B

B

B

B

11

→ Rsch. 2

(flaut. molto)

C

→ Rsch. 1

*sul tasto ganz hauchiger Klang mit wenig Ton
Rsch. 3 very airy sound with little pitch*

Saite immer mit zusätzlichem Finger am Schwingen hindern
(Tonhöhen gefärbtes Rauschen)
dampen string always with additional finger
(pitch-colored noise)

※ BT. - 1 = Streichtempo etwas langsamer als normal.

Immer möglichst stabiler klang, keine "Kiekser", leicht verzerrte Tonhöhe.

Dr.Pr. 1 = bow tempo slightly slower than normal.

Always straight tone, no shrieks; pitch somewhat distorted

16

→ BT. -1 → ord.

sul tasto molto

21

→ Rsch. 3

flaut.

pp

ord.

p

mm... ord.

III.

(p)

Rsch. 3

flaut.

ppp

D

*Rsch. 3 ganz hauchiger Klang mit wenig Ton
very airy sound with little pitch*

*Rsch. 3 ganz hauchiger Klang mit wenig Ton
very airy sound with little pitch*

D

*Rsch. 3 ganz hauchiger Klang mit wenig Ton
very airy sound with little pitch*

D

senza misura

*Rsch. 3 III.
(p.)*

Rsch. 2

p

26

→ Rsch. 1

p

mf

f

*I.
(p.)*

f

p

p

*II.
(p.)*

f

p

Rsch. 1

p

mp

mf

(31) E → Rsch. 3

E → Rsch. 3

IV.

E → Rsch. 3

E → Rsch. 3

E → Rsch. 4

(p)

(pp)

pp → ppp

(36) auf Mittelbügel streichen
bow on center bout

→ Rsch. 4

mf

→ Rsch. 4

mf

→ Dr./Pr. 4

mf

IX.

$\text{♩} = 64$ **Arioso**

auf Stimmwirbeln streichen
bow on tuning peg

alle Stimmwirbel der vier Instrumente nach Rauschfärbung spielen:
tief im Notensystem = dunkelster Klang; hoch = hellster Klang;
play all tuning pegs in order of air-noise coloring:
low in staff system = darkest color; high = brightest color

mp

mp

mp

mp

mf

auf Stimmwirbeln streichen
bow on tuning peg

mp

auf Stimmwirbeln streichen
bow on tuning peg

mp

mf

auf Stimmwirbeln streichen
bow on tuning peg

mf

(12)

F auf Schnecke streichen
bow on scroll

f

f

p

F

Rsch. 4 sul tasto molto →
II. > Glissando

ppp

f

F

Rsch. 4 sul tasto molto →
II. > Glissando

ppp

f

F

Rsch. 4 sul tasto molto →
II. > Glissando

ppp

Rsch. 2 poco sul pont.

Rsch. 4 sul tasto molto →
I. > Glissando

Rsch. 2 poco sul pont.

ppp < p > ppp <

Rsch. 2
ord.
(>)

20 → sul pont. → auf dem Steg / on the bridge

G

p → sul tasto pp <mf G

p → sul tasto molto Rsch. 4 (Rauschen - kein Ton)
(Airnäse - no pitch)
Saitehalter / tailpiece

Gliss. Glissando (p)

p p pp <mf G

p → auf dem Steg / on the bridge

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p → ff

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27 Seite des Griffbretts streichen slowly also bow g-string
bow side of fingerboard

langsam auch G-Saite streichen

Glissando Glissando

pp quasi sul tasto molto ord.

Steg bridge III. poco sul pont. poco sul pont.

pp p Steg bridge ord.

Steg bridge IV. poco sul pont. poco sul pont.

ppp p Steg bridge poco sul pont.

Steg bridge poco sul pont. Steg bridge poco sul pont.

pp p IV. (p) (p)

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H

sul tasto molto

p

sul tasto molto

p

H

sul tasto

p

41

*immer genau zusammen
always exactly together*

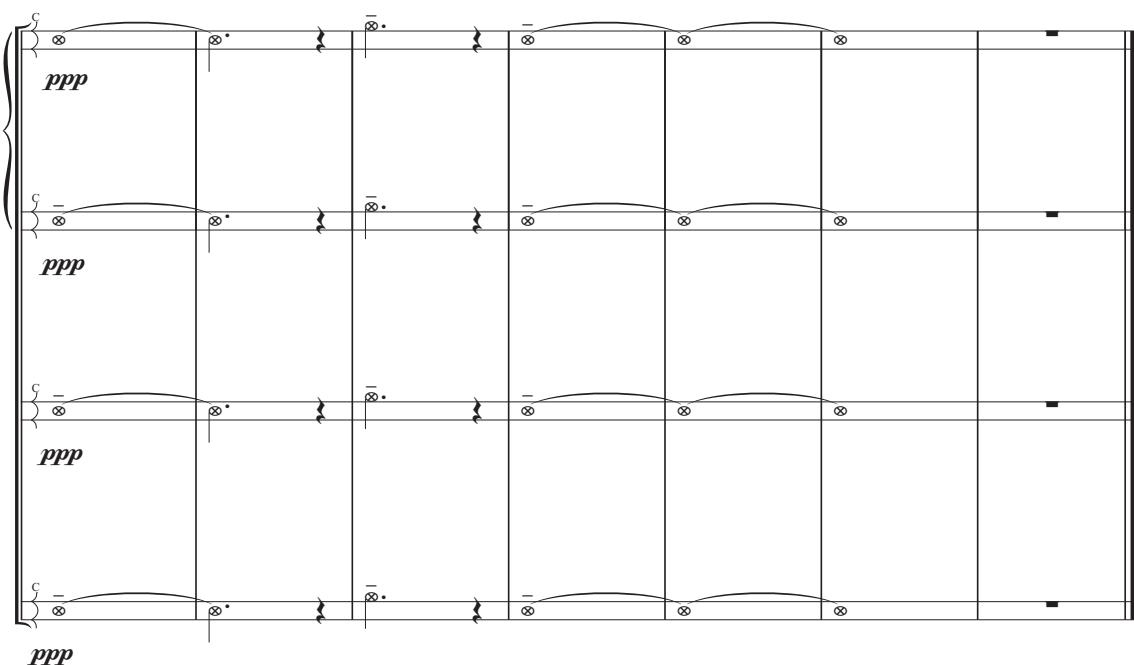
pp

pp

pp

pp

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