

*FRIC*TION

*for string quartet
(2015)*

Full Score

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PROGRAM NOTE

FRICITION was written in April 2015 for the Friction Quartet. They premiered it on the Wayward Music Series in Seattle, WA on June 3, 2015. After hearing and seeing the enormous amount of energy produced by these four players, I knew I had to write a work that capitalized on their rhythmic ferocity, their fire, passion, and intense focus.

No sound is produced without friction. Exploring many methods of producing friction on string instruments in quick and ever-changing textures, registers, articulations, dynamics, rhythms—all in varying relationships with one another is the challenge I undertook. Quick pizzicati over extreme registers, extended ricochet passages, delicate tip of the bow passages, shimmering harmonics, strident snap pizzicati, striking strings with the wood of the bow, playing at or near the bridge, harsh and extreme bowings, are some of the techniques used in constantly changing fluidic and juxtaposed relationships contained by a single pulsating tempo.

RB

Duration 5:30-6:00

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FRICTION

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pizz

fff

pizz

fff

pizz

fff

pizz

fff

pizz

fff

pizz

fff

*arco-ricochet**

ppp

p

*arco-ricochet**

p

*arco-ricochet**

p

*arco-ricochet**

p

pp

*arco-ricochet**

p

pp

*arco-ricochet**

p

pp

5

A

Vln 1

Vln 2

Vla.

Vlc.

10

Vln 1

Vln 2

Vla.

Vlc.

* Ideally, the ricochet rhythm should be similar to the triplet rhythms in m. 1 & 2:



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B

15

Vln 1 *mf* *mp* *f* *8va* *tip of bow*

Vln 2 *mf* *mp* *cresc.* *f* *pp*

Vla. *mp* *cresc.* *mf* *arco II* *pp*

Vlc. *cresc.* *mp* *mf* *pp* *v.*

II

20

Vln 1 *pizz* *arco tip of bow* *pizz* *arco tip of bow*

Vln 2 *f* *pizz* *pp arco tip of bow* *f* *pizz*

Vla. *f* *pizz* *arco* *f* *pizz*

Vlc. *v.* *v.* *pp* *v.* *v.*

p arco tip of bow p

C

25

Vln 1 *pizz* *8va* *f* *pizz* *ff* *mp*

Vln 2 *f* *v.* *f* *v.* *ff* *mp*

Vla. *v.* *v.* *pizz* *ff* *ff* *mp*

Vlc. *v.* *v.* *I* *v.* *v.* *ff*

30

Vln 1 arco > > > >
Vln 2 arco > > > >
Vla. arco > > > >
Vlc. arco > > > >

mp f snap pizz
mp snap pizz
mp snap pizz
mf snap pizz

35

Vln 1 arco ord > > > >
Vln 2 arco ord > > > >
Vla. arco ord > > > >
Vlc. arco ord > > > >

mp snap pizz mf
mp snap pizz
mp snap pizz
mp snap pizz

40

Vln 1 tip of bow sul pont > > > >
Vln 2 tip of bow sul pont > > > >
Vla. snap pizz > > > >
Vlc. mf col legno battuto > > > >

p ff arco sul pont tip of bow