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Homenatge a Pau Casals

Op. 72

Orquestra de corda amb Guitarra
String Orchestra with Guitar
Orquesta de cuerda con Guitarra

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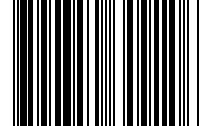
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Música i compromís

Homenatge a Pau Casals, op. 72

Aquesta obra neix de la voluntat de retre homenatge a Pau Casals —violoncel·lista de prestigi internacional, destacat defensor de la llibertat i de la pau al món, i català universal— en commemoració del 40è aniversari de l'entrega de la Medalla de la Pau i de l'estrena de l'Himne a les Nacions Unides, i del 50è aniversari del seu concert a la Casa Blanca.

Continuant amb la meva línia de creació d'un repertori de cambra per a la guitarra, he dotat aquesta obra d'una estructura formal complexa, més propera a la de les grans obres de cambra de repertori que a la d'aquelles que, tradicionalment, han comptat amb la participació de la guitarra. L'obra està concebuda en cinc moviments i, en cadascun d'ells he volgut simbolitzar aspectes determinants de la vida, l'actitud i la personalitat de Pau Casals manifestats a través del seu compromís amb la Música, la Pau, la Llibertat i Catalunya. Els títols d'aquests moviments són: *Tragèdia, Exili, Enyor, Lleialtat i Pau*.

En el primer moviment, *Tragèdia*, hi descriu l'impacte emocional que, per a un músic compromès socialment com Pau Casals, degué representar la guerra civil espanyola i el conseqüent trencament dramàtic de la vida col·lectiva d'un poble. En el segon, *Exili*, parlo de la sensació d'incertesa envers el futur enmig d'unes situacions existencials dramàtiques com varen ser les de l'exili. El tercer, *Enyor*, suscita la melanquia produïda per l'enyoança d'allò que configura les pròpies arrels. En el quart, *Lleialtat*, pretenc representar l'esperit de compromís de Pau Casals amb tot allò que formà part irrenunciable d'ell mateix i que tenia origen en la seva terra. I finalment en el cinquè, *Pau*, tracto de projectar el missatge d'esperança en el futur que, malgrat els difícils moments històrics que li tocà viure, va saber mantenir viu tot projectant-lo a través del seu testimoniatge musical i personal.

La guitarra, a diferència d'altres obres de cambra anteriors, no està tractada aquí com a instrument solista sinó com un instrument més que es barreja amb el conjunt instrumental per compartir el discurs musical. La forma d'assumir el seu propi llenguatge és molt variada i passa tant per moments de màxima senzillesa i discreció com per altres que reclamen una participació brillant i virtuosística.

Music and commitment

Hommage to Pau Casals, Op. 72

This work was written in homage to Pau Casals, the internationally recognized cellist, committed to defending freedom and world peace, and in addition, one of the most important individuals from Catalonia. It was composed in honor of the 40th anniversary of Casals being awarded the United Nations Peace Medal and the premiere of his *Hymn for the United Nations* as well as of the 50th anniversary of his historic concert at the White House.

Continuing with my goal of creating chamber music repertoire for the guitar, in this work I have used a complex formal structure which is similar to many great works of the chamber music repertoire rather than follow the traditional form of most chamber music works which incorporate the guitar. This composition is conceived in five movements. In each movement I wanted to symbolize certain aspects of the life, beliefs and the personality of Pau Casals as shown through his commitment to music, peace and his native Catalonia. The titles of the movements are: *Tragedy, Exile, Nostalgia, Loyalty and Peace*.

In the first movement, *Tragedy*, I attempt to describe the emotional impact of the Spanish Civil War and the dramatic break up of society following the conflict and its effect on a musician with a strong social consciousness such as Pau Casals. In the second movement, *Exile*, I address the uncertainty for the future which is inherent in exile. The third movement, *Nostalgia*, describes the melancholy which afflicts anyone in exile due to the complete separation from their roots. In the fourth movement, *Loyalty*, I wanted to represent the spirit of responsibility which Pau Casals himself embodied with himself. And, finally in the fifth movement, *Peace*, I attempt to convey Casals' message of hope for the future—a message which remained vital for him in spite of the terrible historical event which he experienced in his lifetime. In spite of this Casals continued to remain vital and left to the world his personal and musical legacy.

In contrast with previous chamber music using the guitar, here the guitar is not treated as a solo instrument but rather as a member of the ensemble and shares the musical content with the other instruments. The work is highly varied and contains moments of great simplicity which alternate with others that require brilliance and virtuosity.

Música y compromiso

Homenaje a Pau Casals, op. 72

Esta obra nace de la voluntad de rendir homenaje a Pau Casals —violonchelista de prestigio internacional, destacado defensor de la libertad y la paz en el mundo, y catalán universal— en conmemoración del 40º aniversario de la entrega de la Medalla de la Paz y del estreno del Himno a las Naciones Unidas, y del 50º aniversario de su concierto en la Casa Blanca.

Continuando con mi línea de creación de un repertorio de cámara para guitarra, he dotado esta obra de una estructura formal compleja, más cercana a la de las grandes obras de cámara de repertorio que a la de aquellas que, tradicionalmente, han contado con la participación de la guitarra. La obra está concebida en cinco movimientos y, en cada uno de ellos, he querido simbolizar aspectos determinantes de la vida, la actitud y la personalidad de Pau Casals, manifestados a través de su compromiso con la Música, la Paz, la Libertad y Cataluña. Los títulos de estos movimientos son: *Tragedia, Exilio, Añoranza, Lealtad y Paz*.

En el primer movimiento, *Tragedia*, describo el impacto emocional que —para un músico comprometido socialmente como Pau Casals— debió representar la guerra civil española y la consecuente ruptura dramática de la vida colectiva de un pueblo. En el segundo, *Exilio*, hablo de la incertidumbre ante el futuro inherente a una situación como la del exilio. El tercero, *Añoranza*, suscita la melancolía producida por la separación de aquello que configura las propias raíces. En el cuarto, *Lealtad*, pretendo representar el espíritu de compromiso de Pau Casals con todo lo que formaba parte irrenunciable de sí mismo y que tenía origen en su tierra. Y finalmente, en el quinto, *Paz*, trato de proyectar el mensaje de esperanza en el futuro que, a pesar de los terribles momentos históricos que le tocó vivir, supo mantener vivo proyectándolo a través de su testimonio musical y personal.

La guitarra, a diferencia de otras obras de cámara anteriores, no está tratada aquí como instrumento solista sino como un instrumento más que se mezcla con el conjunto instrumental para compartir el discurso musical. La forma de asumir su propio lenguaje es muy variada y pasa tanto por momentos de máxima sencillez y discreción como por otros que reclaman una participación brillante y virtuosística.

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HOMENATGE A PAU CASALS

I. Tragèdia

Jaume Torrent
 (1953)

Allegro ben misurato ($\text{♩} = 90$)

Ch.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.
(op.)

6

mf

pizz.

arco

pizz.

arco

pizz.

mf

f

mf

arco

mf

Musical score for string quartet (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello) in G major, 2/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music.

System 1 (Measures 11-15):

- Measure 11: Violin I and II play eighth-note chords. The bassoon part is silent. Dynamics: *f*.
- Measure 12: Violin I and II play eighth-note chords. The bassoon part is silent. Dynamics: *f*.
- Measure 13: Violin I and II play eighth-note chords. The bassoon part is silent. Dynamics: *f*.
- Measure 14: Violin I and II play eighth-note chords. The bassoon part is silent. Dynamics: *mf*.
- Measure 15: Violin I and II play eighth-note chords. The bassoon part is silent. Dynamics: *mf*.

Annotations: Several large, hand-drawn gray circles and arrows highlight specific melodic and harmonic features across the measures. One prominent circle starts in Measure 11, covers Measures 12-14, and ends in Measure 15, indicating a continuous melodic or harmonic progression. Another circle highlights a melodic line in the bassoon in Measure 14. A third circle highlights a melodic line in the bassoon in Measure 15. Arrows point from one measure to the next, emphasizing the flow and connection between the measures.

System 2 (Measures 16-20):

- Measure 16: Violin I and II play eighth-note chords. The bassoon part is silent. Dynamics: *f*.
- Measure 17: Violin I and II play eighth-note chords. The bassoon part is silent. Dynamics: *f*.
- Measure 18: Violin I and II play eighth-note chords. The bassoon part is silent. Dynamics: *f*.
- Measure 19: Violin I and II play eighth-note chords. The bassoon part is silent. Dynamics: *mf*.
- Measure 20: Violin I and II play eighth-note chords. The bassoon part is silent. Dynamics: *mf*.

The image shows two pages of a musical score for string quartet, featuring five staves per page. The top page begins at measure 21. The first staff (Violin I) has dynamics **f** and **pizz.**. The second staff (Violin II) has dynamics **mf** and **pizz.**. The third staff (Viola) has **pizz.**. The fourth staff (Cello) has **pizz.**. The fifth staff (Double Bass) has **pizz.**. The bottom page begins at measure 26. The first staff (Violin I) has a dynamic **p**. The second staff (Violin II) has a dynamic **p** and the instruction **arco**. The third staff (Viola) has a dynamic **p**. The fourth staff (Cello) has a dynamic **p**. The fifth staff (Double Bass) has a dynamic **p**. Large grey circles and arrows highlight specific notes and patterns across the staves, indicating performance techniques or specific notes of interest.

Musical score for string quartet (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello) in 31 measures. The score includes dynamic markings (e.g., f, mf), performance instructions (e.g., slurs, grace notes), and large grey circles and arrows highlighting specific melodic and harmonic features across multiple staves.

The score consists of two main sections:

- Measures 31–35:** The score shows four staves for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Cello. Measure 31 starts with a dynamic *f*. Measures 32–35 feature continuous eighth-note patterns with various dynamics (e.g., *f*, *mf*) and performance markings like slurs and grace notes. Large grey circles highlight specific melodic segments in the upper voices, and a large grey arrow points from the end of measure 35 towards the beginning of measure 36.
- Measures 36–40:** The score continues with four staves. Measures 36–39 show eighth-note patterns with dynamics (*f*, *mf*) and performance markings. Measures 36–38 are circled in grey, and a large grey arrow points from the end of measure 38 towards the beginning of measure 39. Measure 40 concludes with a dynamic *mf*.

The musical score consists of six staves for a string quartet (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello). The score is divided into two systems:

System 1 (Measures 41-45):

- Measure 41: Violin I has eighth-note patterns with accents. Violin II has eighth-note patterns with accents. Viola has eighth-note patterns with accents. Cello has eighth-note patterns with accents.
- Measure 42: Violin I starts with eighth-note patterns with accents, followed by eighth-note pairs with accents. Violin II starts with eighth-note pairs with accents, followed by eighth-note patterns with accents. Viola starts with eighth-note pairs with accents, followed by eighth-note patterns with accents. Cello starts with eighth-note pairs with accents, followed by eighth-note patterns with accents.
- Measure 43: Violin I has eighth-note pairs with accents. Violin II has eighth-note pairs with accents. Viola has eighth-note pairs with accents. Cello has eighth-note pairs with accents.
- Measure 44: Violin I has eighth-note pairs with accents. Violin II has eighth-note pairs with accents. Viola has eighth-note pairs with accents. Cello has eighth-note pairs with accents.
- Measure 45: Violin I has eighth-note pairs with accents. Violin II has eighth-note pairs with accents. Viola has eighth-note pairs with accents. Cello has eighth-note pairs with accents.

Annotations:

- Measure 42: The first measure of the system is circled with a large grey circle.
- Measure 43: The first measure of the system is circled with a large grey circle.
- Measure 44: The first measure of the system is circled with a large grey circle.
- Measure 45: The first measure of the system is circled with a large grey circle.

System 2 (Measures 46-50):

- Measure 46: Violin I has eighth-note pairs with accents. Violin II has eighth-note pairs with accents. Viola has eighth-note pairs with accents. Cello has eighth-note pairs with accents.
- Measure 47: Violin I has eighth-note pairs with accents. Violin II has eighth-note pairs with accents. Viola has eighth-note pairs with accents. Cello has eighth-note pairs with accents.
- Measure 48: Violin I has eighth-note pairs with accents. Violin II has eighth-note pairs with accents. Viola has eighth-note pairs with accents. Cello has eighth-note pairs with accents.
- Measure 49: Violin I has eighth-note pairs with accents. Violin II has eighth-note pairs with accents. Viola has eighth-note pairs with accents. Cello has eighth-note pairs with accents.
- Measure 50: Violin I has eighth-note pairs with accents. Violin II has eighth-note pairs with accents. Viola has eighth-note pairs with accents. Cello has eighth-note pairs with accents.

Annotations:

- Measure 46: The first measure of the system is circled with a large grey circle.
- Measure 47: The first measure of the system is circled with a large grey circle.
- Measure 48: The first measure of the system is circled with a large grey circle.
- Measure 49: The first measure of the system is circled with a large grey circle.
- Measure 50: The first measure of the system is circled with a large grey circle.

Musical score for string quartet (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello) in 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music.

System 1 (Measures 51-55):

- Measure 51: Violin I dynamic **f**, Violin II dynamic **mf**, Viola dynamic **p**.
- Measure 52: Violin I dynamic **mp**, Violin II dynamic **p**, Viola dynamic **pp**.
- Measure 53: Violin I dynamic **mp**, Violin II dynamic **p**, Viola dynamic **p**.
- Measure 54: Violin I dynamic **p**, Violin II dynamic **p**, Viola dynamic **p**.
- Measure 55: Violin I dynamic **pp**, Violin II dynamic **p**, Viola dynamic **p**.

Annotations: Several grey circles and arrows highlight specific musical events. One large circle covers the transition from measure 51 to 52. Another circle highlights a melodic line in the Violin I part of measure 55. Arrows point from these circles to specific notes or groups of notes in the score.

System 2 (Measures 56-60):

- Measure 56: Violin I dynamic **mf**, Violin II dynamic **p**.
- Measure 57: Violin I dynamic **ppp**, Violin II dynamic **pppp**.
- Measure 58: Violin I dynamic **ppp**, Violin II dynamic **pppp**.
- Measure 59: Violin I dynamic **ppp**, Violin II dynamic **pppp**.
- Measure 60: Violin I dynamic **ppp**, Violin II dynamic **pppp**.

Annotations: Large grey circles highlight melodic lines in the Violin I and II parts across measures 56-60. Arrows point from these circles to specific notes in the score.

The image shows two pages of a musical score for string quartet, labeled 61 and 66.

Page 61: The score consists of four staves. The top staff (treble clef) has six measures. The second staff (treble clef) has six measures, with the instruction "pizz." above the 5th measure and dynamic markings *p* and *pizz.* below the 6th measure. The third staff (bass clef) has six measures, with dynamic markings *p* and *pizz.* below the 6th measure. The bottom staff (bass clef) has six measures, with dynamic marking *pp* below the 1st measure. A large grey circle is drawn around the first measure of the third staff, and a diagonal line extends from this circle through the 2nd and 3rd measures of the same staff, ending near the beginning of the 4th measure of the top staff. Another smaller grey circle is drawn around the 4th measure of the top staff.

Page 66: The score consists of four staves. The top staff (treble clef) has six measures, with dynamic marking *p* below the 1st measure. A large grey circle is drawn around the 1st measure of the top staff, and a diagonal line extends from this circle through the 2nd and 3rd measures of the same staff, ending near the beginning of the 4th measure of the middle staff. The middle staff (treble clef) has six measures, with the instruction "pizz." above the 5th measure and dynamic markings *p* and *pizz.* below the 6th measure. The bottom staff (bass clef) has six measures, with dynamic markings *p* and *pizz.* below the 6th measure. The bassoon staff (bass clef) has six measures, with dynamic markings *p* and *pp* below the 1st measure.

71

arco

f arco

f arco

f

p = pp

f

f

76

(B)

ff

p

f

f

f sub.

f

p = pp

p = pp

f sub.

f

f