

Brian Raphael Nabors

Ohio Sketches

for string quartet
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Notes

Ohio Sketches was written for the musicians of the **Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Columbus Symphony Orchestra, & The Cleveland Orchestra** for **Mindful Music Moments**, a program by Cincinnati-based organization **The Well**, which combines aspects of mindfulness, arts, social-emotional learning, play, movement & poetry into practices for regular use within schools, hospitals, and communities. **The completion of this project was made possible by the generous support of Dr. John and Susan Tew.**

The piece is 12-minutes, written in 4 movements with the first 3 dedicated to the city of each participating ensemble and the 4th being a finale movement in which all 3 quartets participate throughout. The music in each movement was inspired by a series of responses given by students in grades K-12 who participate in the Mindful Music Moments program. Their very passionate visions for the music lead to many of my artistic choices.

I. City Beat (Cincinnati)

Having lived in Cincinnati, OH for little over 7 years, I became very acquainted with the city's spectacular arts/culture scene. There is a liveliness; a beat to the city. I have so many fond memories of attending orchestra concerts, strolling through its many parks, and being a part of the many events that made being a Cincinnatian quite thrilling. In this movement, I sought to capture the vibrant, ever-evolving atmosphere of this charming city.

II. Buckeye (Columbus)

During my time in Ohio, I had the pleasure of traveling across the state quite often. I have always admired the beauty of central Ohio. Past pastoral landscapes and rolling corn fields lies the gem that is Columbus. There is a peace to the town that feels steadfast, yet forward moving. You'll hear this in the motive of an 8th note, followed by two 16ths, propelling the motion forward. I also wanted to pay homage to the hometown pride exuded by the Ohio State University Buckeye's. Throughout the movement are melodic fragments of the Buckeye Fight Song.

III. Cleveland

I have always found Cleveland to be an electrifying city. Its sprawling arts scene is a beacon of unique flavor and a joy to experience. With its history of Rock and Roll, I wanted to express the city's edginess through a series of rapid fire harmonic and timbral transformations.

IV. All Ohio! (Finale)

The last movement brings all themes of the previous 3 together in a colorful unification of sound that centers the artistic prowess that the state is known for. The movement is divided into 3 sections, each one dedicated to one of the highlighted cities.

-Brian Raphael Nabors

Movement I dedicated to the musicians of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra

OHIO SKETCHES

I. City Beat

Dur. 12'00"

Lively Groove ♩ = 140

Brian Raphael Nabors (b.1991)

pizz.

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

stomp!

pizz.

stomp!

pizz.

sul pont.
arco

aggressivo
scratchy

ff

mp

stomp!

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

arco

mp

arco

mp

12

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

17

trem. gliss.
sul pont.

Vln. I

p ff

sul pont. trem. gliss.

Vln. II

p ff

Vla.

sf mf > p

Vc.

ff

p f

ord. sf >

ord. sf > ord. pizz. sf

sf sf sf

21

ord.

Vln. I

sf > p ff

Vln. II

> p ff arco

Vla.

sf ff arco

Vc.

ff

25

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc.

non vib. ff sf p ff
non vib. ff sf p ff
sul pont. ord. tr.
ff mf scratchy p f

sf *ff* *mf*

30

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc.

ord. sul pont. ord.
ord. sul pont. ord.
ord. sul pont. ord.
sf *p* *ff* *mf*
sf *p* *ff* *mf*
tr. *p* *ff* *mf*

sf *p* *ff* *mf*

34

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc.

ord. *sf* *p* *f*
ord. *sf* *p* *mf*
ord. *pizz.* *arco* *mp* < *f*
ord. *pizz.* *arco* *mp* < *f* *mf*

38

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

44

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

49

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

54

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.

59

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.

63

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.

67

Vln. I non vib.

s>p ff

non vib.

Vln. II ord.

s>p ff

Vla. pizz.

s>p ff

Vc. arco

p ff

f

s>p ff

non vib.

s>p ff

non vib.

s>p ff

non vib. arco

s>p ff

73

Vln. I

p

Vln. II

p

Vla.

p

Vc.

p

77

Vln. I

<ff

Vln. II

<ff

Vla.

p

Vc.

p

81

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla. ord.
ff

Vc. *ff*

85

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla. non vib.

Vc.

90

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

93

Vln. I *sfp* *ffp* *ffp* *ffp* *ffp*

Vln. II *sfp* *ffp* *ffp* *ffp* *ffp*

Vla. *sf* *ff* *sf* *sf* *ff*

Vc. *sf* *ff* *sf* *sf* *ff*

96

Vln. I *ffp* *ffp* *ffp* *ffp* *ff*

Vln. II *ffp* *ffp* *ffp* *ffp* *ff*

Vla. *>>* *>>* *>>* *>>* *>>*

Vc. *>>* *>>* *>>* *>>* *>>*

100

Vln. I (slide) *f* *p* *<f>p* *<f>*

Vln. II (slide) *f* *p* *<f>p* *<f>*

Vla. (slide) solo *f* non vib.

Vc. (slide) *f* non vib.

105

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ord.

f > p

ff

f =

ord.

f > p

ff

non vib.

pp

f > mp

ff

f =

ord.

f > p

ff

f =

110

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

p

f > p

f > p

sol.

f

mp

p

f > p

f > p

non vib.

p

f > p

f > p

115

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

f > p

mf

f

mf

ord.

mf

f > p

ord.

mf

119

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

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II. BUCKEYE

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With Pep In Your Step $\text{♩} = 120$

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

15

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ord.

ff

ff

ff *pp*

ff

pp

p
non vib.

p
pizz.

f — *pp*

19

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ff

ord.

ff

ff *pp*

ff

pp

23

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

p

non vib.

p

pizz.

f — *pp* *f* — *pp* *f* — *pp* *f* — *pp*

f — *pp* *f* — *pp* *f* — *pp* *f* — *pp*

arco

27

Vln. I pizz. *pp* *mf* *pp* *mf* > *p* arco non vib.

Vln. II pizz. *pp* *mf* *pp* *mf* > *p* non vib. arco

Vla. *pp* *mf* *pp* 4

Vc. *pp* *mf* *pp* 4

32

ord.

Vln. I *ppp* *ff* *p* *sf pp* *ff* *sf*

Vln. II *ppp* *ff* *p* *sf pp* *ff* *sf*
non vib.

Vla. *ff* *pp* *p* *sf pp* *ff* *ff*
non vib.

Vc. *ff* *p* *p* *sf pp* *ff* *sf*

37

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

s p ff

ord.

non vib.

mf pp ff

sim.

mf sim.

mf pp ff

mf non vib.

mf ord.

non vib.

mf pp ff ff

solo

42

Vln. I *pp* *ff* *mp*
 ord.

Vln. II *pp* *ff* *mp*

Vla. *pp* *ff* *mp*

Vc. *f*

46

Vln. I *ff* ord. non vib.

Vln. II *ff* *mp*

Vla. *ff* *mf*
 ord. non vib.

Vc. *ff* *pizz.* *f* *pp* *f* *pp*

50

Vln. I *mf*

Vln. II *mf*

Vla. *pp*

Vc. *f* *pp* *f* *pp*

53

Vln. I ord.

Vln. II

Vla. ord.

Vc. arco

mf

p — *mf*

p — *ff*

ff

ff

57

(no stacc.)

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

p — *ff*

fff

p < *ff*

p — *ff*

fff

p < *ff*

p — *ff*

fff

p < *ff*

61

Vln. I

p — *ff*

> *mp*

> *p*

> *mp*

Vln. II

p — *ff*

mf > *p*

mp

Vla.

p — *ff*

> *mp*

> *p*

> *mp*

Vc.

p — *ff*

mf

mp

p

68

Vln. I non vib. ord.

p *mf* *mp*

Vln. II

Vla. non vib. ord.

p *mf* *mp*

Vc.

75

Vln. I *ppp*

Vln. II *pizz.*

Vla.

Vc. *pizz.*

80

Vln. I *p*

Vln. II *mp* *pp* *mp* *pp* *mp* *pp* *ppp*

Vla.

Vc. arco

84

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc.

ff arco sul pont. ord.
ff *sf* sul pont. *p* non vib.
ff *sf* *p* pizz.
ff *p* *mp* = *pp*

pizz. *arco* *ff* *ff* *p*

88

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc.

molto sul pont. *f* molto sul pont.
f *f*

mp = *pp* *mp* = *pp* *mp* = *pp* *mf* = *pp* *pp* *p* *f*

4

92

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc.

ord. *ff* *p*
ff ord. *p*
ff arco *pizz.*
ff *p* *mf* = *pp* *mf* =

ff *p*

96

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

non vib.

mp < f

non vib.

mp < f

ff *p*

pp *mf* *p* *ppp* *ff* *mf* *p*

100

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

pp *f* *ff* *sim.*

pp *f* *ff* *pp* *mf* *p*

pp
arco

sim.

pp *f* *ff* *pp* *mf* *p*

104

rit.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

o

rit.

o

ppp

o

ppp

o

ppp

o

ppp

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III. Cleveland

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Aggressive $\text{♩} = 84$

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

non vib.

ord.

non vib.

ord.

non vib.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

8

p

molto sul pont.

f

p

f

p

mf

p

f

p

f

p

mf

p

f

p

f

p

mf

p

11

Vln. I *f>p*

Vln. II

Vla. *f>p*

Vc. *f>p*

molto sul pont.

mp

molto sul pont.

mp

molto sul pont.

mp

14 *ord.* *sim.* *ord.*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

16

Vln. I *p* *ff*

sul pont.

Vln. II *p* *f*

sul pont.

Vla. *p* *f*

pizz. 3

Vc. *sf*

mf

arco

s

p < fp

f

18

Vln. I

p — *f*

mp — *ff*

Vln. II

p — *f* — *p* — *f* —

pp — *mf* — *p* —

Vla.

p — *f* — *p* — *f* —

pp — *mf* — *p* —

Vc.

pizz. 3 —

sf

mf

arco

mp — *ff*

20

Vln. I

f

non vib.

Vln. II

f

non vib.

Vla.

f

non vib.

Vc.

f

23

Vln. I

sul pont. — → ord.

ff — *pp* — *sf* — ord.

Vln. II

ord. — → sul pont. — → ord.

mf < *ff* — *pp* — *sf* — ord.

Vla.

ord. — → sul pont. — → ord.

p — *ff* — *pp* — *sf* — *p* — ord.

Vc.

pp — *ff* — *pp* — *sf* — *pp* —

sul pont. -----> ord.

26

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mfp ----- *ff* ----- *pp* *sf p* *sf p* *sf p*

sul pont. -----> *ord.*

ff ----- *pp* *sf p* *sf p* *sf p*

sul pont. -----> *ord.*

ff ----- *pp* *sf p* *sf p* *sf p*

-----> *sul pont.* -----> *ord.*

ff ----- *pp* *sf p* *sf p* *sf p* *ff* ----- *pp* -----

29

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

p ----- *ff* ----- *pp*

ff

ff

p ----- *ff* ----- *pp*

ff

ff

ff

pp *ff* *pp*

ff ----- *pp*

ff

ff

32

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ff

ff

pp

ff

35

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc. pizz.
mp

mf

39

Vln. I pizz. f ff arco
p<

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc. mp mf arco ff p<

43

Vln. I ff p<f mp

Vln. II ff pp

Vla. ff pp

Vc. ff pizz. + f pizz. mp

47

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

non vib.
p 3 f p ff
ff

ff

arco
non vib.
p 3 f p ff

50 ord.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ff
mp ff
ff mp ff
ff
ord.

mp ff mp ff
ff
mp ff

53 pizz.
mp f f
f ff mf
f
arco

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

pizz.
mp ff f
f
arco

56

Vln. I non vib.
Vln. II non vib.
Vla. non vib.
Vc. non vib.

60

Vln. I ord. pizz. arco
Vln. II ff ord. ff p f
Vla. ff ord. f pizz.
Vc. ff mf

64

Vln. I pp ff cantabile
Vln. II pp ff molto appassionato
Vla. pp ff molto appassionato
Vc. arco p < ff f

68

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

73

Vln. I

Vln. II

*molto
sul pont.*

sf *p* *ff*

Vla.

*molto
sul pont.*

sf *p* *ff*

Vc.

v. *v.* *v.* *v.* *v.* *v.* *v.* *v.*

76

Vln. I

ord.

Vln. II

ord.

mp *ff*

Vla.

mp *ff*

Vc.

79

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

82

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

84

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

OHIO SKETCHES

IV. ALL OHIO!

Joyous ♩ = 120

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Violin I ff

Violin II ff

Viola ff

Violoncello ff

Vln. I fp sf p sf p

Vln. II mp fp mp

Vla. mf p ord. mp pizz.

Vc. fp sf -

Vln. I f ff p

Vln. II v mp ff mp

Vla. f p arco ff pizz.

Vc. p ff

13

Vln. I

Vln. II

pizz.

Vla.

Vc.

This section starts with Vln. I playing eighth-note patterns in 4/4 time. The dynamic changes from **f** to **ff** to **p**. Vln. II enters with eighth-note patterns in 3/4 time. Vla. and Vc. provide harmonic support with sustained notes and eighth-note patterns. Measures 25-26 show a transition where Vln. II and Vla. play eighth-note patterns in 3/4 time, while Vln. I and Vc. play sustained notes. The section concludes with a return to the original instrumentation and key.

17

Vln. I

Vln. II

arco

Vla.

Vc.

This section begins with sustained notes from Vln. I and Vln. II. Vla. and Vc. play eighth-note patterns. Measure 19 introduces arco strokes on Vln. I and Vln. II. Vla. and Vc. continue with eighth-note patterns. The section ends with sustained notes from all four instruments.

23

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ord.

This section features eighth-note patterns from Vln. I and Vln. II. Vla. and Vc. provide harmonic support with sustained notes and eighth-note patterns. Measures 26-27 show a transition where Vln. II and Vla. play eighth-note patterns in 3/4 time, while Vln. I and Vc. play sustained notes. The section concludes with a return to the original instrumentation and key.

25

Vln. I sul pont. ord. *sforzando* *p*

Vln. II sul pont. ord. *sforzando* *p* *mf* *pizz.* + arco *mp*

Vla. sul pont. ord. *pizz.* + arco *mp* < *f*

Vc. *mf* *pizz.* + arco *mp* < *f*

29

Vln. I *f* *mp* < *ff*

Vln. II *f* *mf* *sf* > *p* < *ff* *mp*

Vla. *f* *mp* < *ff*

Vc. *mf* *sf* > *p* < *ff* *mp*

32

Vln. I *ff* *sf* > *p* < *ff*

Vln. II *ff* *sf* > *p* < *ff*

Vla. *ff* *sf* > *p* < *ff*

Vc. *ff* *sf* > *p* < *ff*

35

Vln. I ff non vib. mp < f pp f ff

Vln. II ff p ff p ppp mp < f pp f ff

Vla. ff p pp pp pp ff

Vc. ff pp f ff

40

Vln. I non vib. pp mf p

Vln. II non vib. pp mf p

Vla. pp

Vc. non vib. pp mf p

44

Vln. I non vib. mf

Vln. II mp

Vla. non vib. mf

Vc. ord. pizz. f pp f pp f pp

49

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

mf

f pp f pp f pp

52

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ord.

ff

p mf ff

ord.

ff

arco

mf p mf p ff

55

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

v.

58

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

63

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

66

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

69

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

pp

73

Vln. I

Vln. II

ord.

pp

sul C

Vla.

p

sul C

Vc.

p *mf* *ff*

mf

ff

ff

77

Vln. I

sf p *sf p*

sf p *sf p*

sf p *sf p*

Vln. II

sf p *sf p*

sf p *sf p*

sf p *sf p*

Vla.

v. *v.*

v. *v.*

v. *v.*

Vc.

v. *v.*

v. *v.*

p

81

Vln. I ff

Vln. II ff

Vla. ff

Vc. ff

85

Vln. I p ff v
sul pont.

Vln. II p f p f p f p f
sul pont.

Vla. p f p f p f p f

Vc. - pizz. 3 arco sf mf sf p fp f sf

90

Vln. I f mp ff ff

Vln. II p f pp mf p ff

Vla. p f pp mf p ff

Vc. pizz. 3 arco mf mp ff

94

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

trem. gliss.
ord.
non vib.
sf > p
non vib.
ff

97

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ord.
ff ord.
ff ord.
ord.