

Crossing the river Vjosa

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Blending Melodies
Bridging Cultural Identities



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After working with the musician Enxhi Kllogjri who originates from Albania, I ended up writing a piece which blends three melodies that are inspired from Albanian and Greek cultures. The title of the piece "Crossing the river Vjosa" comes from "Vjosa" (Albanian) or "Aaos" (Greek) river which is one of Europe's last living wild rivers. The river arises in the Pindus mountains of Epirus, Greece, flows northwest entering Albania and empties into the Adriatic Sea. The piece describes the course of this wild and unpolluted river which unites two nations and passes through beautiful landscapes, high mountains, forested hills, culture monuments and villages.

[Composition]

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Instrumentation

1 flute
1 oboe
1 clarinet in Bb
1 bassoon
alto saxophone
2 horns in F
2 trumpets in C
2 trombones
bass trombone
ephonium
tuba
timpani (1 player)
percussion (3 players)
strings

Percussion requirements

Percussion

Bass drum	Quiro	Wind chimes	Triangle
			

Susp. Cymbals:
5 medium large crash

Ocean drum	Tambourine	Woodblocks
		

Player 1

Bass drum
Wind chimes (mark tree)
Quiro

Player 2

Ocean drum
Medium susp. cymbal
Tambourine

Player 3

Marimba
Woodblocks
Triangle
Large susp. cymbal
Crash Cymbal

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for orchestra

Roxani Chatzidimitriou

A (♩ = 105)
Tranquillo

(dur. ca 8')

Flute 1

Oboe

Clarinet in B♭ I

Bassoon 1

Alto Sax

Horn in F 1

Horn in F 2

Trumpet in C 1

Trumpet in C 2

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Euphonium

Tuba

Timpani

Percussion 1

Percussion 2

Percussion 3

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Contrabass

air sound

ord.

gliss

p

mf

pp

mf

gliss

mf

pp

p

mf

pp

air sound

mf

f

air sound

mf

air sound

p

mf

pp

air sound

mf

air sound

p

Bass drum

Ocean drum

Marimba

arco (with a cello bow)

p

mf

p

p

pp

p

f

p

pp

arco (dampen with left hand)
change bow freely

pp

p

pp

mf

p

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poco rit. Andante ($\text{♩} = 90$)
Poco misterioso

Fl. 1
Ob.
B♭ Cl. 1
Bsn. 1
A. Sx.

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Euph.
Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

Mark tree (wind chimes)
gliss.

Medium Suspended Cymbal
scrape with triangle beater (hit)

Marimba

l.v.
Triangle

poco rit. Andante ($\text{♩} = 90$)

pizz.

unison pizz.

pizz.

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A detailed musical score page for orchestra and percussion. The page is numbered 54 at the top left. The score includes parts for Flute 1, Oboe, Bassoon 1, Alto Saxophone, Horn 1-3, Horn 2-4, C Tpt 1, C Tpt 2, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, Percussion 1, Percussion 2, Percussion 3, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. The music consists of two systems of staves. The first system starts with Flute 1 playing eighth-note patterns, followed by Oboe, Bassoon 1, Alto Saxophone, and Horn 1-3. The second system begins with Horn 2-4 and continues with various brass and woodwind instruments, including C Tpt 1, C Tpt 2, Trombones, Euphonium, and Tuba. The score also features multiple percussion parts (Perc. 1, Perc. 2, Perc. 3) using timpani, cymbals, and other instruments. The violins play melodic lines with dynamic markings like f (fortissimo), mp (mezzo-forte), and mf (mezzo-forte). The cellos and double bass provide harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns.

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Musical score for orchestra and percussion, page 63. The score includes parts for Flute 1, Oboe, Bassoon 1, Alto Saxophone, Horn 1.3, Horn 2.4, C Tpt. 1, C Tpt. 2, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, Bass drum, Percussion 1, Percussion 2, Percussion 3, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. The score features various dynamics and performance instructions such as *mf*, *p*, *pp*, *f*, *poco f*, and *sub pp*.

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D Con moto e animato
(♩ = 100)

Fl. 1

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

A. Sx.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2 4

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Ocean drum

Perc. 3

D ♩ = 100

3 Solo Vln.

Vln. I

Vln. II

3 Solo Vla.

Vla.

3 Solo Vc.

Vc.

Cb.

air sound

gliss

div.

gliss

pizz.

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Musical score page 91, featuring multiple staves for different instruments. The score includes parts for Flute 1, Oboe, Bassoon 1, Bassoon 2, Alto Saxophone, Horn 1.3, Horn 2.4, Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, Percussion 1, Percussion 2, Percussion 3, Violin I, Violin II, Cello, Double Bass, and Bassoon 2. The score shows various dynamics such as *f*, *p*, *mf*, *mp*, *pp*, and *scrape with triangle beater*. The conductor's markings "ord." and "poco rit." are present at the top right. The instrumentation changes frequently, with some instruments appearing in one section and not in another.

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E *A tempo* ($\downarrow = 105$)
Tranquillo e delicato

Fl. 1 *ord.*
 Ob.
 B♭ Cl. 1
 Bsn. 1 *mp* *espress.*
 A. Sx.
 Hn. 1³ *ord.*
 Hn. 2 *ord.*
 C Tpt. 1
 C Tpt. 2
 Tbn. 1
 Tbn. 2
 Euph.
 Tuba
 Timp.
 Perc. 1
 Perc. 2 *(hit)*
 Perc. 3 *mf* *Triangle*
 Vln. I *p* *unison*
 Vln. II *unison*
 Vla. *pizz.*
 Vc. *pizz.*
 Cb. *p*

E *A tempo* ($\downarrow = 105$)

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poco rit. **F** (♩ = 105)
Affetuoso y espressivo

Fl. 1
Ob.
B♭ Cl. 1
Bsn. 1
A. Sx.

Hn. 1.3
Hn. 2.4
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Euph.
Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3

3 Solo Vln.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

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Fl. 1 *mp* — *mf* — *p*

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1 *mp* — *mf* — *p*

Bsn. 1 *mp* — *p*

A. Sx.

Hn. 1,3 *p*

Hn. 2,4 *p*

C Tpt. 1 *p*

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

p

Timp.

pp — *mp*

Perc. 1

Medium Suspended Cymbal (with brushes)

Perc. 2 *p* — *mf*

Perc. 3 *mp* — *mp* — *mp*

Vln.

Vln. I *p* — *mf* — *p*

tutti

Vln. II *mf* expressive

Vla.

Vc.

Cb. *mp* — *mf* — *mp*

arco

mp

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G Andante ($\text{♩} = 80$)
Con fuoco

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Fl. 1

Ob.

Bs Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

A. Sx.

Hn. 1³

Hn. 2⁴

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Woodblocks

Bass drum

(with hard sticks)

lv.

G Andante ($\text{♩} = 80$)

f appassionato

f appassionato

f

f

f

f

f

f

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Fl. 1

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

A. Sx.

Hn. 1³

Hn. 2⁴

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

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H Allegro (\downarrow = ca. 160)
Vivo y poco agresivo

Fl. 1
Ob.
B♭ Cl. 1
Bsn. 1
A. Sx.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Euph.
Tuba
Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3

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Fl. 1
Ob.
B♭ Cl. 1
Bsn. 1
A. Sx.
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Euph.
Tuba
Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3

166

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

166

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

H Allegro (\downarrow = ca. 160)

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Fl. 1

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

A. Sx.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

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Fl. 1

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

A. Sx.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

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Andante ($\text{♩} = 80$)

Fl. 1 air sound
 Ob. air sound with flz.
 B♭ Cl. 1 ord. air sound
 Bsn. 1 air sound
 A. Sx. air sound
 Hn. 1, 3 air sound
 Hn. 2, 4 air sound
 C Tpt. 1 air sound
 C Tpt. 2 air sound
 Tbn. 1 air sound
 Tbn. 2 air sound
 Euph. air sound
 Tuba air sound
 Timp. air sound
 Perc. 1 Bass drum
 Perc. 2 Bass drum
 Perc. 3 Marimba
 Andante ($\text{♩} = 80$)
 Vln. I gliss. ricochet (col legno bat.) (continue the pattern in free time)
 Vln. II gliss. air noise
 Vla. div. air noise
 Vc. div. air noise
 Cb. s.t. s.p. gliss. ord. unison

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K Con fuoco

Fl. 1

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

A. Sx.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

K

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