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Dies Irae: Fantasia

Deborah Baker Monday

CAS70

INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score.....	1
Violin I.....	8
Violin II.....	8
Viola.....	5
Cello.....	5
Bass.....	5
Piano.....	1

About the Composition

Dies Irae is a hymn from the thirteenth century based on a poem which describes the day of judgement where some will be saved and others will not. The Latin words "dies irae" literally mean "day of wrath."

The *Dies Irae* hymn became one of the sequences used in the Catholic liturgy. These sequences were based on various texts which were added to the jubilatio (melismas over the final syllable of the Alleluias) relating to the liturgy of the day. The *Dies Irae* was incorporated into the Requiem Mass (Mass for the Dead)

Many composers have written a Requiem Mass (Mozart, Verdi, and Berlioz to name a few) and have included the *Dies Irae*. Other composers have chosen to use a more positive or uplifting part of the requiem such as Pie Jesu or In Paradisum along with the standard parts of the mass (the Kyrie, Sanctus and Agnus Dei).

The tune of the *Dies Irae* is a somber plainchant (Gregorian chant) with descending character (Do-Ti--Do-La-Ti-Sol-La). It is easily recognized and has been quoted in numerous works by classical composers from Franz Joseph Haydn (Symphony No. 103) to Stephen Sondheim (Sweeney Todd). You may also know the Halloween song *Ghost of John*, which is also based on this tune.

Ms. Monday has taken the *Dies Irae* and interspersed some of her favorite settings of the theme into this freely composed fantasia. Students will enjoy exploring the many techniques used in composing this fantasy. There is also the opportunity to have students engage in critical listening activities to recognize the *Dies Irae* in many musical masterpieces.

About the Composer

Deborah Baker Monday currently teaches in the Logan City School District Orchestra Program in Logan, Utah. She is a cello/bass specialist who works with 4th through 8th grade students in several schools. Ms. Monday received her B.M.E. from Florida State University with an emphasis in strings and a M.M. in composition from the University of Alabama. She began working on a D.M.A. at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge while teaching string classes at the 4th through 12th grade levels.

Ms. Monday is an active bass performer and private teacher. She has served as an adjunct bass instructor at Utah State University for several years, has been on the faculty of the Utah ASTA with NSOA Bass Fest, and has served as a clinician at the Midwest Clinic, ASTA with NSOA National Conference, and various state music educators conventions throughout the country. In 1999, she was named the Utah ASTA with NSOA Elementary Teacher of the Year and she also received the award for "Superior Accomplishment" at the 2003 Utah Music Educators Association Conference acknowledging her exceptional contributions to educational music for young string players. Ms. Monday was declared winner of the 2006 Utah ASTA Composition Competition for her composition Chant-Formations. She continues to conduct and present sessions promoting solid string teaching through well balanced string orchestra compositions and arrangements.

Ms. Monday has many publications to her credit including three collections co-authored with Janice L. McAllister, *Strings Extraordinaire!*, *Holidays Extraordinaire!*, and *More Strings Extraordinaire!* She is also co-author with Robert S. Frost of *Artistry in Ensembles*. She and her husband, Bill, maintain busy teaching schedules and a bustling household with their four children.

Dies Irae: Fantasia

DEBORAH BAKER MONDAY

Moderato ♩ = 100

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Bass

Piano

U.H.

p legato

p

p legato

1 2 3 4 5

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

U.H.

p

U.H.

p

6 7 8 9 10

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13 U.H.

First system of musical notation (measures 11-15). The score includes staves for Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), Cello, Bass, and Piano (Pno.). The key signature is one sharp (F#). Measure 13 is marked with a box containing the number 13 and the text "U.H.". The dynamics *p* (piano) are indicated for measures 13, 14, and 15. The piano part features a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The strings provide harmonic support with sustained notes and moving lines.

Second system of musical notation (measures 16-20). The score continues with the same instruments. Measures 18 and 19 show a change in the piano part, with the right hand playing a more active melody. The strings continue to provide harmonic support. The system concludes with measure 20.

U.H. V

p

21 22 23 24 25

26 Hymn-like 30 Tempo 1

26 27 28 29 30

Score for measures 31-35. The score is written for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Bass, and Piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo/mood is marked *div.* (diviso).

Measures 31-35 show the following instrumentation and notation:

- Violin I:** Rests in measures 31-33, then plays a whole note chord in measures 34 and 35.
- Violin II:** Plays a continuous eighth-note pattern in measures 31-33, then rests in measures 34 and 35.
- Viola:** Plays a continuous eighth-note pattern in measures 31-33, then rests in measures 34 and 35.
- Cello:** Plays a continuous eighth-note pattern in measures 31-33, then plays a half note with a *V* (vibrato) marking in measures 34 and 35.
- Bass:** Plays a continuous eighth-note pattern in measures 31-33, then plays a half note with a *V* (vibrato) marking in measures 34 and 35.
- Piano:** Plays a continuous eighth-note pattern in measures 31-33, then plays a half note with a *V* (vibrato) marking in measures 34 and 35.

Measures 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35 are numbered at the bottom of the piano staff.

Score for measures 36-40. The score is written for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Bass, and Piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo/mood is marked *unis.* (unison).

Measures 36-40 show the following instrumentation and notation:

- Violin I:** Plays a continuous eighth-note pattern in measures 36-40.
- Violin II:** Rests in measure 36, then plays a continuous eighth-note pattern in measures 37-40.
- Viola:** Rests in measure 36, then plays a continuous eighth-note pattern in measures 37-40.
- Cello:** Rests in measure 36, then plays a continuous eighth-note pattern in measures 37-40.
- Bass:** Rests in measure 36, then plays a continuous eighth-note pattern in measures 37-40.
- Piano:** Rests in measure 36, then plays a continuous eighth-note pattern in measures 37-40.

Measures 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40 are numbered at the bottom of the piano staff.

41

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

41 42 43 44 45

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

46 47 48 49 50

51

I Vln.

II Vln.

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

51 52 53 54 55

59

I Vln.

II Vln.

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

56 57 58 59 60

First system of musical notation (measures 61-65). The score includes staves for Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), Cello, Bass, and Piano (Pno.). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked *rit.* (ritardando). The measures are numbered 61, 62, 63, 64, and 65.

Second system of musical notation (measures 66-70). The score includes staves for Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), Cello, Bass, and Piano (Pno.). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked *rit.* (ritardando). The measures are numbered 66, 67, 68, 69, and 70. A dynamic marking *f* (forte) is present in measures 67, 68, 69, and 70. A tempo marking $\text{♩} = 124$ is shown above measure 67.

a tempo

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

div.

mp

mp

a tempo

mp

71 72 73 74 75

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello

Bass

Pno.

unis.

mf

cresc.

mf

cresc.

fp

fp

fp

fp

fp

fp

fp

80

76 77 78 79 80

I
 Vln. *cresc.*
 II *cresc.*
 Vla.
 Cello *cresc.*
 Bass *cresc.*
 Pno. *cresc.*

81 82 83 84

I
 Vln. *ff*
 II *ff*
 Vla. *ff*
 Cello *ff*
 Bass *ff*
 Pno. *ff*

85 86 87 88 89

I
 Vln.
 II
 Vla.
 Cello
 Bass
 Pno.

90 91 92 93 94

I
 Vln.
 II
 Vla.
 Cello
 Bass
 Pno.

allarg.

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