



Dreams of Zapping Televisions

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For orchestra

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This piece is written and dedicated to
Botkyrka Symphony Orchestra

Instrumentation

Flute 1
Flute 2
Oboe 1
Oboe 2
Clarinet 1 in Bb
Clarinet 2 in Bb
Bassoon 1
Bassoon 2

Horn 1 in F
Horn 2 in F
Horn 3 in F
Horn 4 in F

Trumpet 1 in C
Trumpet 2 in C
Trumpet 3 in C

Trombone 1
Trombone 2
Trombone 3

Tuba

Timpani

Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Violincello
Contrabass

Commissioned by Sveriges Orkesterförbund
Duration ≈ 8:30 minutes

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Botkyrka Symphony Orchestra and conducted by
Karolina Bråkenhielm.

Dreams of Zapping Televisions is a title that came to me as a
reaction to a comment by one of my teachers and the conductor of the
ensemble.

A contrast in themes in the music,
made my teacher say that the music was like switching channels on a tv.
So I thought it would be a great title since I like contrast in music.

Otherwise the title and the music doesn't share a connection.
For this is absolute music.

Zapping televisions, what does that mean?
Are we in control or
perhaps it control us?
Perhaps no one knows anymore?
Intellectuals may argue,
normal people just consume,
gathered by the screen.

This title may lead to reflections,
entering the realm of the mind.
Leave the screen for a while.
Enter the nature and step outside.
View the surroundings,
isn't it nice?
Symphony of sounds,
is just outside.
On another consideration, my rambling must come to an end.
Note that I had fun composing this.
So I hope that you will enjoy the music.

Dedicated to Botkyrka Symfoniorkester
Dreams of Zapping Televisions
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Maestoso
♩ = 160 (2+2+2+3)

Flute 1
f

Flute 2
f

Oboe 1
f

Oboe 2
f

Clarinet 1 in B♭
f

Clarinet 2 in B♭
f

Bassoon 1
f

Bassoon 2
f

Horn 1 in F
f

Horn 2 in F
f

Horn 3 in F
f

Horn 4 in F
f

Trumpet 1 in C
f

Trumpet 2 in C
f

Trumpet 3 in C
f

Trombone 1
f

Trombone 2
f

Trombone 3
f

Tuba
f

Timpani
f

Maestoso
♩ = 160 (2+2+2+3)

Violin I
f

Violin II
f

Viola
f

Violoncello
f

Contrabass
f

9

Sognante, come da lontano (♩ = 160)

15

Vigorouso

♩. = 72

23

Fl. 1

p sub.

Fl. 2

p sub.

Ob. 1

p sub.

Ob. 2

p sub.

Cl. 1

p sub.

Cl. 2

p sub.

Bsn. 1

p sub.

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

con sord.
p

Hn. 2

con sord.
p

Hn. 3

con sord.
p

Hn. 4

con sord.
p

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Timp.

9

Sognante, come da lontano (♩ = 160)

15

Vigorouso

♩. = 72

23

Vln. I

con sord.
mp espr.

Vln. II

con sord.
mp espr.

Vla.

con sord.
p

Vc.

con sord.
p

Cb.

con sord.
p

26

31

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Timp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

38 39

Fl. 1 (mf)

Fl. 2 *f*

Ob. 1 (mf)

Ob. 2 (mf)

Cl. 1 *f*

Cl. 2 *f*

Bsn. 1 *f*

Bsn. 2 *f*

Hn. 1 *f* open

Hn. 2 *f* open

Hn. 3 *f* open

Hn. 4 *f* open

Tpt. 1 *f*

Tpt. 2 *f*

Tpt. 3 *f*

Tbn. 1 *f*

Tbn. 2 *f*

Tbn. 3 *f*

Tba. *f*

Timp. *f*

Vln. I (mf)

Vln. II (mf)

Vla. *f*

Vc. *f*

Cb. *f*

48

Appassionato ♩ = 108

57

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Timp.

This block contains the musical notation for woodwind and brass instruments. The woodwinds (Flutes 1 & 2, Oboes 1 & 2, Clarinets 1 & 2, Bassoons 1 & 2, Horns 1-4) and brass (Trumpets 1-3, Trombones 1-3, Tuba, Timpani) are shown. The score includes dynamic markings such as *p* (piano), *mf* (mezzo-forte), and *mp* (mezzo-piano). The woodwinds and brass parts feature various melodic lines, some with slurs and ties, and some with specific articulation marks. The woodwinds generally play in the treble clef, while the brass instruments play in the bass clef. The woodwinds have a more melodic and lyrical quality, while the brass instruments provide a more powerful and rhythmic foundation.

48

Appassionato ♩ = 108

57

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

This block contains the musical notation for string instruments. The strings (Violins I & II, Viola, Violoncello, Contrabasso) are shown. The score includes dynamic markings such as *p* (piano). The string parts feature various melodic lines, some with slurs and ties, and some with specific articulation marks. The strings generally play in the bass clef, with the Violins I & II in the treble clef. The strings provide a rich harmonic and rhythmic foundation for the woodwind and brass parts.

67

Maestoso

♩ = 160 (2+2+2+3)

6

63

Fl. 1 *f*

Fl. 2 *f* *mp* *ff*

Ob. 1 *f* *mp* *ff*

Ob. 2 *f* *mp* *ff*

Cl. 1 *f* *mp* *ff*

Cl. 2 *f* *mp* *ff*

Bsn. 1 *f* *mp* *ff*

Bsn. 2 *f* *mp* *ff*

Hn. 1 *f* *ff*

Hn. 2 *f* *ff*

Hn. 3 *f* *ff*

Hn. 4 *f* *ff*

Tpt. 1 *f* *ff*

Tpt. 2 *f* *ff*

Tpt. 3 *f* *ff*

Tbn. 1 *f* *ff*

Tbn. 2 *f* *ff*

Tbn. 3 *f* *ff*

Tba. *f* *ff*

Timp. *f* *ff*

67

Maestoso

♩ = 160 (2+2+2+3)

Vln. I *f* *p* *ff*

Vln. II *f* *p* *ff*

Vla. *f* *p* *ff*

Vc. *f* *p* *ff*

Cb. *f* *p* *ff*

75

Sognante, come da lontano (♩ = 160)

Violins I and II, Viola, Violoncello, and Contrabasso. The score is in 9/8 time and features a complex melodic line for the strings. The Viola part is marked *p sub.* and the Violoncello/Contrabasso part is marked *p sub.*

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Violin I: Rests in measures 79-81; half note B $\flat$ in measure 82, marked *pp*.

Violin II: Quarter notes G $\sharp$ 4, A $\sharp$ 4, B $\flat$ 4, A $\sharp$ 4 in measure 79; quarter notes B $\flat$ 4, A $\sharp$ 4, G $\sharp$ 4, F $\sharp$ 4 in measure 80; quarter notes E $\flat$ 4, D $\sharp$ 4, C $\sharp$ 4, B $\flat$ 4 in measure 81; half note B $\flat$ 4 in measure 82.

Viola: Quarter notes G $\sharp$ 4, A $\sharp$ 4, B $\flat$ 4, A $\sharp$ 4 in measure 79; quarter notes B $\flat$ 4, A $\sharp$ 4, G $\sharp$ 4, F $\sharp$ 4 in measure 80; quarter notes E $\flat$ 4, D $\sharp$ 4, C $\sharp$ 4, B $\flat$ 4 in measure 81; half note B $\flat$ 4 in measure 82.

Violoncello: Quarter notes G $\sharp$ 4, A $\sharp$ 4, B $\flat$ 4, A $\sharp$ 4 in measure 79; quarter notes B $\flat$ 4, A $\sharp$ 4, G $\sharp$ 4, F $\sharp$ 4 in measure 80; quarter notes E $\flat$ 4, D $\sharp$ 4, C $\sharp$ 4, B $\flat$ 4 in measure 81; half note B $\flat$ 4 in measure 82.

Contrabasso: Quarter notes G $\sharp$ 4, A $\sharp$ 4, B $\flat$ 4, A $\sharp$ 4 in measure 79; quarter notes B $\flat$ 4, A $\sharp$ 4, G $\sharp$ 4, F $\sharp$ 4 in measure 80; quarter notes E $\flat$ 4, D $\sharp$ 4, C $\sharp$ 4, B $\flat$ 4 in measure 81; half note B $\flat$ 4 in measure 82.

90

95

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Timp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

98

senza sord.
molto sul tasto
p. a. p. molto sul pont.

senza sord.
molto sul tasto
p. a. p. molto sul pont.

senza sord.
molto sul tasto
p. a. p. molto sul pont.

senza sord.
pizz.

106

111 114

Fl. 1 (mp) mf

Fl. 2 (mp) mf

Ob. 1 (mp) mf

Ob. 2 (mp) mf

Cl. 1 (mp) mf

Cl. 2 (mp) mf

Bsn. 1 (mp) mf

Bsn. 2 (mp) mf

Hn. 1 stopped open (mp) mf

Hn. 2 stopped open (mp) mf

Hn. 3 stopped open (mp) mf

Hn. 4 stopped open (mp) mf

Tpt. 1 (mp) mf

Tpt. 2 (mp) mf

Tpt. 3 (p) mp

Tbn. 1 (mp) mf

Tbn. 2 (mp) mf

Tbn. 3 (p) mp

Tba. (p) mp

Timp. gliss. mf

musical score for measures 114-119, featuring Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Contrabasso.

Measure 114: Violin I and Violoncello/Contrabasso play a continuous sixteenth-note pattern. Violin II and Viola are silent. Dynamics: *mp* for Violin I, *mp* for Violoncello/Contrabasso.

Measure 115: Violin I and Violoncello/Contrabasso continue the pattern. Violin II and Viola remain silent. Dynamics: *mp* for Violin I, *mp* for Violoncello/Contrabasso.

Measure 116: Violin I and Violoncello/Contrabasso continue the pattern. Violin II and Viola remain silent. Dynamics: *mp* for Violin I, *mp* for Violoncello/Contrabasso.

Measure 117: Violin I and Violoncello/Contrabasso continue the pattern. Violin II and Viola remain silent. Dynamics: *mp* for Violin I, *mp* for Violoncello/Contrabasso.

Measure 118: Violin I and Violoncello/Contrabasso continue the pattern. Violin II and Viola remain silent. Dynamics: *mp* for Violin I, *mp* for Violoncello/Contrabasso.

Measure 119: Violin I and Violoncello/Contrabasso continue the pattern. Violin II and Viola remain silent. Dynamics: *mp* for Violin I, *mp* for Violoncello/Contrabasso.

$\text{♩} = \text{♩} \quad (2+2+2+3)$

119

122

♩ = ♩ (2+2+2+3)

Violins I and II, Viola, Violoncello, and Contrabasso. The score is in 3/4 time and features a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first system shows the instruments playing in 3/4 time. The second system shows a change to 6/8 time. The third system shows a change to 3/4 time. The score includes dynamic markings (f, ff, p sub.), articulation (ord.), and performance instructions (molto sul pont., arco).

126

Vigorouso (♩ = 160)

125

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Timp.

126

Vigorouso (♩ = 160)

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

133

Maestoso (♩ = 160)

♩=♩ (2+2+2+3)

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Timp.

139

Vigorouso (♩ = 160)

♩=♩

15

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Timp.

134

Maestoso (♩ = 160)

♩=♩ (2+2+2+3)

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

139

Vigorouso (♩ = 160)

♩=♩

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

147

♩ = 108

147

♩ = 108

157 **Maestoso**
♩ = 160 (2+2+2+3)

161 **Sognante, come da lontano** (♩ = 160) 17

The score is for measures 157 to 161. It features a variety of instruments: Flutes 1 & 2, Oboes 1 & 2, Clarinets 1 & 2, Bassoons 1 & 2, Horns 1-4, Trumpets 1-3, Trombones 1-3, and Tuba. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The time signature is 9/8. Measure 157 is marked 'Maestoso' with a tempo of 160 (2+2+2+3). Measure 161 is marked 'Sognante, come da lontano' with a tempo of 160. Dynamic markings include 'p' (piano) and 'p sub.' (pianissimo). The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, slurs, and articulation marks.

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