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Alfred Schnittke

Epilogue from the ballet "Peer Gynt" for cello, piano and chorus (on recording)

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Hong Kong City Hall Theatre

Cello: Kilian Chan Piano: Helen Cha

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D小調大提琴及鋼琴奏鳴曲,作品 琴及鋼琴合奏版本,作品 97 bis 慢板,自《灰姑娘》 斯達高維契 芭蕾舞劇,

中場休息

大提

極緩板:蜕變,為大提琴及鋼琴譜寫

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> 香港大會堂劇院 大提琴:陳鈞量

二零一七年四月十七日 (一)

atta solutior 蕭尹彤小姐 波波夫先生 貝樂安先生 廖翊翎小姐 羅紫玲小姐 林屶汧先生 康雅談先生 高梵新先生 蔡暉祁先生 **沈振光先生**

Preface

"Men judge generally more by the eye than by the hand, for everyone can see and few can feel. Everyone sees what you appear to be, few really know what you are."
- Niccolò Machiavelli

We live in a society starved of solitude, silence and privacy. Therefore, a moment of self-reflection and meditation is of utmost importance in man's day-to-day life.

In reality, meditation is not an act of doing; it is a state of thoughtless awareness. Deep reflective thought allows us to re-shape our mind and create our own reality while bringing peace within ourselves. It breaks down and dissolves any negativity that may have been holding us back. When we achieve this inner peace, a purer form of happiness will emerge from within, even under the most difficult and dramatic circumstances.

Music is a practical manoeuvre, a discipline in which true artists remake and replenish themselves perpetually. High concentration and technical perfection play a big part of artistic projection and perception, but the "soul" remains the commander of every act. Artistry grows, and is cultivated, encouraged, fostered and emphasized with the maturity of soul. In an organic manner, meditation improves the quality of our life and musicianship. By stepping back, our mind sees clearer visions and we rediscover new details. Cognitive awareness is indeed more subtle and difficult to achieve than physical awareness. Yet, mindfulness and awareness of our thoughts and sensations will allow us to stay in "now" and "here", away from every other distraction, and only by then could we fully utilize our technical and creative potentials.

Tonight's recital tells the story of growth: it metamorphoses from the purity and innocence in Cinderella, to the awakened answer to life in Peer Gynt, after living through the most adventurous episodes yet arriving at exhaustion and emptiness. We sincerely invite you to take up any valuable chance to practice mindfulness in addition to other daily necessities. On personal, social and historical levels, may we all be at peace when dealing with uncertainty, and readily find ourselves when we get lost.

序

人在社會,身邊總有很多讓您沉思的機會。

沉思是一種修為。

音樂正正是沉思的最好方法。

如是。 思一番,才不致離音樂的本意太遠;奏的如是,聽的亦思一番,才不致離音樂的本意太久,像着了魔一樣太的。練琴固然要動腦,即使練琴太久,像着了魔一樣太也要有觸動人心的內容。沉思是每一個音樂人需要學習性靈。一位出色的音樂家,不但要有出眾的表達技巧,對演奏者來説,音樂就是一種修行,修的是技巧,也是對演奏者來説,音樂就是一種修行,修的是技巧,也是

今次的音樂會,説的是一個成長的故事:

樂重新認識自己,在蜕變的時候靜觀自己的位置和方向。還是歷史的,都希望大家能從這樣的一個故事,透過音悟出生命之道的歷程。不論這成長是個人的,社會的,生傳奇卻惘然依舊的《皮爾金》,是一次在無力感當中從本來純良,對社會一片幻想的《灰姑娘》,到歷盡人

(林屴汧撰寫)

Sergei Prokofiev

Born April 23, 1891, Krasne, Donets'ka Oblast, Ukraine Died March 5, 1953, Moscow, Russian Federation

Adagio from the ballet "Cinderella" for cello and piano, op. 97 bis

completed in 1944

Soviet composer Sergei Prokofiev spent a great deal of time struggling with the Soviet powers. Almost all of his compositions exhibit a battle between his visceral free composing style and the Soviet Communist Party's musical propaganda. The composer sought creativity, or even a carefree and innocent style in his music, which can be seen in the famous *Peter and the Wolf*. However, its premiere on 2 May, 1936 only received a lukewarm response. According to critics, the piece 'failed to attract attention'.

Yet, the piece which is most capable of conveying Prokofiev's visceral desire for freedom, be it musically or personally, is undoubtedly *Cinderella, Op. 87*. Regarding this piece, the composer wrote,

'What I wished to express above all in the music of *Cinderella* was the poetic love of Cinderella and the Prince, the birth and flowering of that love, the obstacles in its path and finally the dream fulfilled. The fairy-story offered a number of fascinating problems for the composer—[...].'

Cinderella is probably the most popular and melodious work by Prokofiev. The work, which was composed less than a century ago, has been choreographed into numerous versions. It was written in the traditions of the classical ballet, in which characters and scenarios were given characterized motifs. In order to create a sense of unity, these motifs were repeatedly used in subsequent scenes. The composition's choreography and beautiful melody is a delight for all men.

The ballet consists of the overture and forty-nine short movements. Presented to you tonight is the thirty-

fifth movement - Duet of the Prince and Cinderella , an arrangement for cello and piano by the composer himself.

The music starts with a 'do-mi-do' motif which is repeated throughout the piece, This gives a hint of haziness and romance - suggesting that making Cinderella's own wishes come true is as unreal as a dream. The cello joins in by playing the motif, mimicking the dance steps which exclusively belong to Cinderella and the Prince. The composition fully exploits the cello's unique timbre, creating a sweet and calm atmosphere, as if this dream can last forever. On the other hand, the cello occasionally plays with rapid bow strokes, which creates a fierce, or even bone-chilling sound. The bow strokes resemble the midnight bell, pulling us back to the reality. After all, dreams cannot escape from the reality. Cinderella's two stepsisters, her stepmother and the era she was living in seemed to be making fun of her, stopping her from pursuing her dream.

Yet Cinderella was fortunate, the fairies and the prince were there for her. No matter how the reality had been making fun of her, encumbering her, she could still live happily ever after with her prince. When we look back into our real life - a life without fairies and the prince - are we brave enough to dream big, and to work towards our dreams?

It is true that Prokofiev failed to make his dreams come true, but what matters is the fact that he tried. The beautiful trails he has left is the biggest proof. These trails still lead us to the dream of music and freedom. As long as there is hope, our dreams will never die.

(Programme notes by Ludwig from Die Muzikzeitung)

清明 大手大 卒於 1953年 3月5日俄羅斯莫斯科 大生於 1891年 4月23日 烏克蘭克拉斯內 在童話的內涵,也因此面對了許多有趣的難題。」 與障礙以及夢想的實現。創作時我特別將重心着重 灰姑娘與王子的愛、感情的滋生和發展、各種困難 非《灰姑娘,作品 87》莫屬了。作曲家自己亦如 求自由(音樂上,甚或是人生上)的一部作品,定 只是一般,樂評家們寫到這首音樂一沒法吸引更多 可惜《彼得與狼》在 1936 年 5 月 2 日的首演反應 拘小節、返璞歸真,就如其著名的《彼得與狼》。 有關音樂的「意識形態」之間的角力。浦羅歌菲夫 能逃出其內心所想的自由曲調與蘇聯共產黨所頒佈 跟蘇聯政權斡旋。在他諸多作品當中,沒有哪一首 慢板,自《灰姑娘》芭蕾舞劇,大提琴及鋼琴合奏版本,作品九十七 bis 凫成於 1944年 直在追求音樂中的創新,甚至是要像小孩般的不 若要論到最能夠表達出浦羅歌菲夫打從心底追 「在《灰姑娘》的音樂裏,我想傳達的主要是: 前蘇聯作曲家浦羅歌菲夫畢生活花了不少光陰

予特定的主導動機,並隨不同的場面加以反復引用 面上還是在旋律欣賞性層面上,都十分討人喜歡。 並尋求整體的統一。這樣的一套劇樂不論在編舞層 劇樂遵照了傳統的芭蕾舞劇形式,替人物與情景賦 無數編舞家將之編成不同的演出版本。的確,此套 最強的一部作品,完成至今不到一百年間,吸引過 《灰姑娘》可説是浦羅歌菲夫最受歡迎且旋律性

姑娘與王子的雙重奏」、作曲家親自改編的大提琴 今晚為各位聽眾帶來的,是其中第 35 首 —— 整套劇樂由序曲以及 49 首小曲串聯構成,而

有的音色,營造出甜蜜而沉穩的意境,彷彿這夢 (夢 於灰姑娘與王子的舞步。樂曲充分利用了大提琴獨 夢想的實現對灰姑娘來説就如夢境一般似的。隨後 徹全曲,為樂曲添上一份朦朧、浪漫的氣息,帶出 大提琴同樣以此三度動機加入,開始譜出一段只屬 樂曲以一 d - m - d 」的三度動機為開首,並貫

> 代,都在嘲笑她的夢想、都在阻止她實現夢想。 是灰姑娘的兩位繼姊、她的繼母、甚至她身處的時 聲響。這些瞬間,弓弦就像是預告着午夜鐘聲般把 不時傳來猛烈的、甚或可説是令人顫慄的快速拉弓 想)能作至天長地久似的。但另一方面,大提琴亦 人拉回現實 —— 夢想勝不過的現實。如此的現實

作夢,向夢想踏步嗎? 到老。但在我們這現實的社會,當我們面對着現實 止她實現夢想,她始終也能跟王子長相廝守,白頭 王子,縱使童話裏的現實再怎麼嘲笑她的夢想、阻 灰姑娘是有福的,因為她的故事裏有着仙子與 - 沒有仙子與王子時的現實,我們還敢勇於

樂的自由夢。有了這盼望的指向,夢想總不會幻滅。 我們仍能實實在在地看見它們所指向的那個屬於音 留下了美好的腳蹤,而透過這些腳蹤,今時今日的 最後並沒有實現,但重要的是,他努力過。因此他 回望浦羅歌菲夫的一生,沒錯,縱然他的夢想

(樂曲介紹由「撰樂」路德撰寫)

Сергей Прокофьев

Dmitri Shostakovich

Born September 25, 1906, Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation Died August 9, 1975, Moscow, Russian Federation

Sonata for cello and piano in d minor, Op. 40

completed in 1934

Dmitri Shostakovich, a Russian composer of the Soviet period, was born in 1906. Having lived through the two World Wars, the February Revolution and the October Revolution, the composer admitted that many of his works were inspired by societal conditions of his time. Shostakovich began his composing career when he was nineteen. His graduation piece at the Saint Petersburg Conservatory, *Symphony No. 1 in F minor*, was a critical success such that it became his ticket into the international music arena, and heralded the avantgarde style of his later symphonies. Naturally, the rising-star composer eventually got on the radar of the USSR government.

While Shostakovich had won a number of awards during Soviet rule, he also twice experienced denunciation by the authorities, the first time in 1934 and the second in 1948. Shostakovich's second opera Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk District premiered in 1934 with the approval of the Soviet Government despite the sensitivity of its subject at the time. However, Stalin was furious after watching the opera, claiming that the content had failed to meet the standards of 'Soviet music'. The official paper *Pravda* likewise lambasted the work as 'coarse, primitive, and vulgar'. Not only was the opera pulled from theatres immediately. Shostakovich's other works were also banned. The composer's second denunciation was a result of the USSR's suppression of its arts sector, which intensified with the appointment of a new Chairman of the Ministry of Culture. Shostakovich, alongside many other renowned composers, was accused of formalism. His works were once again banned from performance and, still more, he was dismissed from his position at the Moscow Conservatoire and deprived of all corresponding welfares.

Cello Sonata in D minor is the only cello sonata ever written by Shostakovich. Completed in 1934, it was one of Shostakovich' s early compositions, as its tonal structure gives away his gradual shift of style during that period. This sonata is evidently richer in emotion than any other piece of chamber music Shostakovich had previously penned, which can perhaps be attributed to the fact that the composer was going through his first censure of his music by the state at the time of composition. The rippling arpeggios from the piano shore up the cello's melody and help draw out the expressive first theme. The piano then takes over the theme, as the cello proceeds in imitative counterpoint. The cello drives the piece

to a climax with the first motif played an octave above the original, and enters the key of B major as the music returns to calmness. The second motif reappears, this time with considerably more expressiveness. It is worth noting that the conclusion of this movement shares curious similarities with its counterpart in Shostakovich's *Symphony No. 5*. The second movement is a scherzo that starts off with a repetitive and vigorous first motif, followed by a virtuosic section heavy with overtone glissandos. After a series of swapping of lines between cello and piano, the first theme reappears, as the piece returns to the initial ostinato and dives into an abrupt, eight-bar conclusion.

The beginning of the third movement is marked by an atmospheric voidness. A lyrical theme played by the cello is accompanied by leaden notes from the piano, before the movement eventually dissolves into fainter notes. The piano plays an ebullient theme that kicks off the finale, and is promptly joined by the cello. The wild and fiery tune played shortly after brings back the beginning theme. The piano interrupts with a fast-paced melody comprising semiquavers, and the cello presents the rondo theme before quieting down. Finally, the piece draws to a close in a series of forceful triplet-octaves played by the cello.

Across the board, Shostakovich's works seem to perpetually attract controversy. After all, he shared all kinds of selfcontradiction as you and me. Living within a community, we face the world with consciousness, playing given roles and fulfilling given functionalities in an undeniable hierarchy. Every word and every act is a work of caution and emotional reservations. Only in our comfort zones, often accompanied by solitude, do we truly allow ourselves to be functionless, creative and expressive. The publicized symphonies and the privately conceived chamber works of Shostakovich lay out this honest duality. Regardless of how one judges the former, they remain a product of thoughts, and a solid record of his time, its social dimension and political situation. The latter, however, capture his boldest ideas and most humane feelings. These works, demanding communication and listening, are the containers of expressivity and sensations. What role arts truly serves, and what roles artists ought to take? Humans have frequently revisited these questions since the dawn of civilisation, and will continue to do so as time goes by.

(Programme notes by Gustav from Die Muzikzeitung)

D小調大提琴及鋼琴奏鳴曲,作品四十 完成於1934年

樂學院的教席、一直享有的國家福利等。

不久,大提琴奏出快速而狂野的旋律,再重 鋼琴奏出彈跳般的主題,大提琴隨即加入。 提琴的旋律,樂章最終沒於弱音中。終章由 出,接着鋼琴左手彈奏出沉重的音符襯托大 以虚空的氣氛開始,大提琴的主題如歌般奏 部,隨即導入只有八小節的結尾。第三樂章 數次以後,第一主題重現,樂曲又回到第 音滑奏的這一炫技部分。大提琴和鋼琴交替 力、急速而又重覆的第一主題,接着就是泛 首樂章結尾亦有幾分相似。第二樂章始於有 趣的是,本樂章的結尾和《第五交響曲》的 第二主題隨即出現,但這次卻較為抒情。有 主題並推往高潮,待高潮平靜後進入B大調 **漣漪般承托着大提琴的旋律,帶出抒懷的第** 的室樂作品較為豐富,開首的鋼琴琶音有如 構上可看出他當時正處於風格轉變的過渡 契唯一一首大提琴奏鳴曲。此闋作品創作於 作對位發展。往後大提琴以高八度奏出第 責的時期。奏鳴曲的感情都比以往蕭氏所寫 創作這首樂曲的時候,他正處於第一次被譴 1934 年,是蕭氏早期的作品之一,從音色結 一主題。主題交由鋼琴演奏後,大提琴隨即 《D小調大提琴奏鳴曲》是蕭斯達高維

三連音八度跳躍,強而有力地完結。的主題,然後再冷靜下來。樂曲以大提琴的分音符樂句,大提琴亦受之影響帶出輪旋曲現出開首的主題。鋼琴忽然奏出極快的十六

氏的語調是較為含蓄的,畢竟他並非大情大 品中,我們將察覺他的真情流露。無疑,蕭 是一份在人前的身不由己,那麼,在室樂作 思緒。若蕭斯達高維契的交響樂作品表現的 整地接受我們的任性。 落還是在藝術中的自我追尋,音樂,總是完 勿論這份矛盾的因由是兒女私情,是仕途起 的音樂,充滿着跟你我一樣作為人的矛盾。 結、未能實現的夢,都一一化成音符。蕭氏 發出的吶喊、未能流下的淚、未能解開的心 和生命力;他的室樂作品,把他作為人未能 己,留給了音樂。他的鋼琴演奏,充滿激情 性之人。然而,他將那最誠實、最大膽的自 反覆的喜怒哀樂,有超脱而不受物理限制的 候,就會看到人的另一面。它可以有深刻又 為客觀、平衡。在沒有戒心、無需掩飾的時 會羣體中,有種功能性並經過修飾,所以較 每個人都有用以示人的一面。它活在社

(樂曲介紹由|撰樂]古斯撰寫)

Witold Lutosławski

Born January 25, 1913, Warszawa, mazowieckie, Poland Died February 7, 1994, Warszawa, mazowieckie, Poland

Grave: Metamorphoses for cello and piano

completed in 1981

Grave: Metamorphoses for Cello and Piano was composed in 1981 and premiered on 21 April at the National Museum in Warsaw, during a memorial ceremony dedicated to Stefan Jarociński (1912-1980), Polish musicologist and music critic.

Jarocińki spent the better part of his life on studying impressionist music, symbolism, and works by the French composer Debussy, with significant contributions to music scholarship. Many of his numerous publications concern Debussy.

Grave: Metamorphoses, in Lutos awski's own words, was written "to honour the memory of Stefan Jarociński. As is known, he devoted a great part of his activity to Debussy's music. So I considered it appropriate to use the first four notes (d-a-g-a) from *Pelléas et Mélisande* at the beginning of my piece. The composition takes the form of metamorphoses, the rhythmic values undergo a gradual breakup, which creates the illusion of an ever faster tempo. Before the very end of the composition, the four notes from Pelléas return".

The Polish composer and conductor Lutos awski, born in the capital Warsaw in 1913, was greatly influenced by Polish folk music. He witnessed both World Wars, and was even enlisted in signalling and radio operating in World War II, during which he persisted in composition. The postwar desolation in Warsaw permeated the artistic scene, as many of Lutos awski's works were destroyed, including the manuscript of his *Symphony No.1*. In the wake of Stalin's ascension, the composer even quit the Union of Polish Composers after pro-government occupants began censoring the arts.

Even though Lutos awski eventually rewrote the *Symphony No.1* from memory, earning him rave reviews at the 1947 premiere, the work was labelled by the regime as formalist and at odds with the Soviets' socialist cultural standards. Unwilling to subject his art to political and social circumstances, Lutos awski decided to take his ideals in a new direction.

During this period, Lutos awski constantly explored new possibilities with compositional techniques. His later works commonly employ serial and aleatoric techniques, such as his *Symphony No.2*. It was with his Concerto for Orchestra, completed in 1954 and dedicated to the newly established Warsaw Philharmonic, that the composer secured a key position in the Polish contemporary music scene.

Grave: Metamorphoses was completed between Symphony No.3 and Epitaph for Oboe and Piano, another work of lamentation commissioned by oboist Janet Craxton. The 'metamorphoses' in the title stems from the second movement of Lutos awski's Musique funébre for String Orchestra. Like Grave: Metamorphoses, this piece was also written to mourn a musician, namely Hungarian composer Béla Bartók, who, like Jarociński, was a close friend of Lutos awski's. Not only did Jarociński share the composer's artistic sense; he also inspired his compositions through his research on Debussy.

Art is a living entity with a soul that changes and conforms to new environments and creative restrictions with new possibilities and transformations. Whether a creative restriction is an impediment or an inspiration will remain an open question for the foreseeable future.

(Programme notes by Gustav from Die Muzikzeitung)

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極緩板:蛻變,為大提琴及鋼琴譜寫 完成於 1981年

舉行追悼儀式。 博物館正為波蘭音樂學家兼樂評家耶洛金斯基同年 4 月 21 日在華沙國家博物館首演。當時同年 4 月 21 日在華沙國家博物館首演。當時

都和德布西的研究相關。位。耶洛金斯基出版過多本書籍,當中有不少位。耶洛金斯基出版過多本書籍,當中有不少上,其研究亦在音樂學界中有着舉足輕重的地音樂、象徵主義以及法國作曲家德布西的作品部別金斯基窮畢生大多時間於研究印象派

解音符時值來塑造出加速的幻覺。」 子——正如其名,以『蛻變』的形式,透過瓦子——正如其名,以『蛻變』的形式,透過瓦不少光陰和精神,因此我引用了德布西歌劇不少光陰和精神,因此我引用了德布西歌劇不少光陰和精神,因此我引用了德布西歌劇本少光陰和精神,因此我引用了德布西歌劇本質和此說道:「這首曲子是為了紀念耶洛金基曾如此說道:「這首曲子是為了紀念耶洛金基質如此說道:「這首曲子是為了紀念耶洛金基質如此說道:「這首曲子是為了紀念耶洛金基質如此說道:「這

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素之下,決定另闢新境延續自己的理念。 蘇聯社會主義文化要求。後來,魯杜斯拉夫斯 蘇聯社會主義文化要求。後來,魯杜斯拉夫斯 《第一交響曲》,於 1947 年首演後大獲好評, 《第一交響曲》,於 1947 年首演後大獲好評,

(Concerto for Orchestra),並將之獻予剛成立交響曲》。1954 年,他發表《樂隊協奏曲》序列音樂技法及運用到偶然音樂,例如《第二同作曲技巧的可能性。他中後期的作品多採用同作曲技巧的可能性。他中後期的作品多採用

上的地位。 不久的華沙愛樂樂團,奠定其在波蘭現代樂壇

感?如此問題就交由各位自行解讀。變化。所以,框架的存在是種約束還是一種靈或創作形式的框條,它總能找到新的可能性及神等等無形的元素。無論給予它任何外來環境轉術,既是一種生命,便必有其情感與精

(樂曲介紹由「撰樂」古斯撰寫)

Arvo Pärt

Born September 11, 1935, Paide, Järva maakond, Estonia Now Tallinn, Harju maakond, Estonia

Spiegel im Spiegel

completed in 1978

Arvo Pärt, born in Estonia on 11 September 1935, was one of the most successful composers in the 20th century. The style of his early works involved neoclassicism and serialism, influenced by composers including Shostakovich and Schoenberg. The focus on the complexity of counterpoint instead of the melody was its main difference compared with traditional music. He then began to compose using twelvetone technique and serialism. This, however, not only provoked the Soviet Union (Estonia was occupied by the Soviet Union in 1940, and gained its second independence in 1991), but also proved to be a creative dead-end to himself.

When his early works were banned by Soviet censors, Pärt entered the first period of contemplative silence. As Pärt's biographer, Paul Hillier, had mentioned, 'He had reached a position of complete despair in which the composition of music appeared to be the most futile of gestures, and he lacked the musical faith and willpower to write even a single note.' Thereafter Pärt studied early music, such as choral music from 14th to 16th centuries, as well as church music, and composed the transitional Third Symphony. He also studied religions and renaissance apart from music, in which his biggest interests lay in Gregorian chant, polyphony and Russian Orthodox.

Pärt's contemplative silence continued until the late 1970s. The style of his music that began after the period was radically different. Pärt described the music of this period as tintinnabuli, which was developed based on his previous studies. Tintinnabuli was characterised by simple harmonies,

often single unadorned notes, or triads, and the ringingbells-like melody. Most of his known works were composed during this period; people described his work as 'antique yet progressive'.

Spiegel im Spiegel, one of the earliest compositions in tintinnabuli style, was composed in 1978, just before Pärt's departure from Estonia to Berlin. The piece was highly regarded as an exemplar minimalist piece, by its tranquil melody and concise structure. It has been adopted by televisions, films and even ballet over the years.

The piece was originally written for a single piano and violin, though it could also be replaced by viola, cello, double bass, clarinet, or even French horn and percussions. The F major piece was in 6/4 time, with the piano continuously playing a group of six rising crotchets. Differences were only seen between intervals of combinations, this was also the reason why people often compare the piece with Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 14 in C* minor "Quasi una fantasia", Op. 27, No. 2. A long note was played every two bars in piano's phrase, serving as an ornament and reminded people of refined ringing bells. Cello entered in the fourth bar by playing meditative long notes, slowly driving the piece forward via cycles of ascending and descending notes.

The composer gave no dynamic or phrase marking, the utmost tension of the piece lies in the stillness - unchanging pace, unchanging figuration and unchanging emotion, seeing the ever changing world in a mirror.

(Programme notes by Gustav from Die Muzikzeitung)

玩 完成於 1978 年

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> 正教等最感興趣。 他對格里高利聖詠、複調音樂、俄羅斯東信仰、文藝復興等。在眾多研究範圍中,帕特更涉獵至其他方面的探討,例如宗教期衍生出來的過渡性作品。除了音樂外,

帕特作品,都是他在這段時期所寫的。「既古風又前衞」。現今人們大多接觸的「既古風又前衞」。現今人們大多接觸的單調的節奏和如鐘鳴的音樂都是鐘鳴作曲法,並將之命名為「鐘鳴作曲法」。種作曲法,並將之命名為「鐘鳴作曲法」。相特的創作。百期一直持續至 70 年 帕特的創作空白期一直持續至 70 年

視劇、電影,甚至芭蕾舞當作配樂使用。中鏡》在流行文化中佔一席位,曾多次被電簡潔,因此成為簡約音樂中的俵俵者。《鏡柏林前所寫的作品。這曲子平靜優美,結構是帕特於 1978 年離開家鄉愛沙尼亞,移居是帕特於 1978 年離開家鄉愛沙尼亞,移居

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有種「心凝形釋,與萬化冥合」的靈氣。並未加入任何強弱指示,音符線性的流動,從樂譜上欣賞《鏡中鏡》一曲,帕特

寧靜,都是一件再奢侈不過的事。的世界中尋求慰藉,在喧鬧中尋求一點的深受樂迷喜愛。或許在現今充滿紛爭禍亂不受樂迷喜愛。或許在現今充滿紛爭禍亂

(樂曲介紹由「撰樂」古斯撰寫)

Alfred Schnittke

Born November 24, 1934, Engels, Saratov Oblast, Russian Federation Died August 3, 1998, Hamburg, Germany

Epilogue from the ballet "Peer Gynt" for cello, piano and chorus (on recording)

completed in 1992

Soviet composer and music theorist Alfred Schnittke was influenced by Shostakovich and boasts a diverse portfolio ranging from tape music, serial music to collage music. One of his most representative works is the *Peer Gynt*, composed between 1986 and 1987. The chamber version in tonight's programme was arranged in 1992 and premiered on 20 May the following year, with cellist Mstislav Rostropovich as soloist. The work was originally composed for American choreographer John Neumeier's ballet *Peer Gynt*, adapted from the play of the same name by the renowned 19th century playwright Henrik Ibsen.

Schnittke, known for his ability to adopt various compositional styles, pays tribute in this work to Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg's *Peer Gynt Suite*. Despite his intention to imitate, Schnittke was worried during composition that Grieg's work would impose bounds on his creativity.

Peer Gynt, in the composer's eyes, is a peculiar character, no less enigmatic than Goethe's Faust. Peer is a carefree farmer, whereas Faust is a knowledgeable academic; Peer is a despicable character, apathetic to the truest of love, whereas Faust is a well-read scholar who sacrifices love and life for intellectual pursuit. Peer has an unyielding life partner in Solveig, whom he not only fails to treasure but also cheats on. Faust, just for a taste of true love and a hint of the true essence of life, banks on a trade with the Devil Mephistopheles. Despite their contrasting personalities, the two protagonists experience a similar trajectory: venturing into the complex world, facing a malevolent devil, and finally returning to their starting point, but in repentance.

At the end of *Peer Gynt*, the protagonist is informed by a button-moulder, God's messenger in disguise, that he has not been a 'man' his whole life, and hence unfit to enter both heaven and hell. In desperation, he attempts to demonstrate his sin through Solveig, a long-time victim of his selfishness,

so that he can at least enter hell and leave his meaningless life behind. Yet unexpectedly, Solveig does not regard Peer as sinful, but an existence that completes her life. The messenger vanishes as Peer realises the meaning of his life. Confused, he asks Solveig, 'where has Peer Gynt been since we last met?' She answers, 'in my faith, in my hope, in my love.'

Schnittke's *Peer Gynt* adds another layer of meaning to the character. Finding ample room for imagination in the original play, the composer depicts the intangible connection between Peer Gynt and his true love Solveig, in an 'Epilogue' true to the story's ending note.

The heart-wrenching tone in the *Epilogue* conveys a unique flavour of Romanticism, with noticeable references to Wagner's Leitmotif technique. An interesting feature of this section is the use of pre-recorded material in performance, in addition to the piano and the cello. The recording consists of an incomplete D-major scale sung by a choir from start to end, intended to create a mystic, surreal atmosphere to add colour to the work. The opening frenzied passage on the piano could be read as a retrospection of his wrongdoings, while the emergence of the choral recording could signify his journey towards repentance, with the cello depicting the dialogue, argument and reconciliation between Peer and Solveig.

The *Epilogue* grinds to a halt after a long trek towards the finishing line, as the taciturn piano, the cello's stepwise rise to sanctity, and the fading chorus all point to a weary Peer, finally at his true home, arriving at his last resting place in Solveig's soothing lullaby. Indeed, in the glory of the truest love, why should the meaninglessness of life even matter?

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound. That sav'd a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

(Programme notes by Gustav from Die Muzikzeitung)

作品之一。是次演出的室樂版本編於 1992 年, 樂、序列音樂、拼貼音樂等技法。譜於 1986 至 達高維契影響。他的作品多樣化,採用磁帶音 十九世紀挪威著名劇作家易卜生的同名著作。 家紐邁亞的芭蕾舞劇《皮爾金》所寫,改編自 家羅斯卓波維奇擔任獨奏。本作原為美國編舞 並於翌年 5 月 20 日在法國伊凡首演,由大提琴 1987 年的《皮爾金》,乃舒尼格最具代表性的

組曲》作出致敬以及模仿。然而,舒尼格卻在 名,而本作是向挪威作曲家葛利格的《皮爾金 創作過程中懼怕為葛利格的作品所限,使其個

色,其神秘程度絕對不亞於歌德筆下的浮士 到處招蜂引蝶;浮士德則為了一試真愛且領悟 為蘇爾維琪的忠貞伴侶,但卻不懂珍惜,反而 能感受愛情之暖以及生活之趣。皮爾金有位名 老邁又見識廣博,惜其一生只顧埋頭鑽研而未 使面對最真摰的愛情亦無動於衷;浮士德年紀 位博學多才的學者。皮爾金性格卑劣無恥,即 德。皮爾金是位不務正業的農夫;浮士德則是 對於舒尼格來説,皮爾金是位很怪異的角

> 璞歸真,回到起始之地,領悟人生並作出懺悔。 者的經歷卻有不少相同之處:遊走五光十色的 位主角在性格上存在天淵之別,但在故事中兩 生命之意義,願與魔鬼梅菲斯特交易。即使兩 大千世界、遇上不懷好意的邪靈惡魔、最終返

我的信仰中、我的希望中、我的愛中。」 的皮爾金到哪去了?」 蘇爾維琪輕輕回答: | 在 己的人生根本毫無價值。豈料蘇爾維琪卻凶皮 罪行,好讓自己死後能下地獄,因為他深知自 向蘇爾維琪詢問:「一直以來最真實、最純粹 終於找到自己的人生價值。皮爾金感到不解, 爾金並非有罪之人,反説皮爾金的出現令她的 自己一直在傷害的少女,來證明和誇大自己的 告知自己是不完整之人,既不能上天國又不能 生命更為完整。這時使者消失了,因為皮爾金 下地獄。皮爾金聽罷便找來蘇爾維琪 一位鈕扣塑造者(實為上帝所派來的使者) 《皮爾金》原作故事的結尾,講述主人公

呼應原作的結尾。 皮爾金和其真愛蘇爾維琪間虛幻的關係,正好 給予他很大的想像空間,《後記》其實是描述 予另一種意義。在舒尼格眼中,原作《皮爾金》 而舒尼格的《皮爾金》則為皮爾金一角賦

> 爾維琪二人的對話、爭辯、然後再互相理解。 **看皮爾金懺悔的經過,大提琴則是皮爾金和蘇** 做過的卑劣事情,而合唱錄音播放一刻就代表 琴那近乎瘋狂的演奏似乎在回顧皮爾金一生中 之意境,襯托《皮爾金》主體的氣氛。事實上, 用錄音的原意為塑造出一個既神秘而又超現實 唱出不完整的 D 大調音階,且持續到完結。使 製的錄音來演奏。這張錄音所錄製的是合唱團 除了鋼琴和大提琴外,亦需要用到一張預先錄 納的主導動機來創作。《後記》的特別之處在於 浪漫味道,其中不難看出舒尼格有參考過華格 《後記》的背後意義可以解讀成這樣:開首鋼 《後記》那極具鬱結的色調可説是種另類的

家的皮爾金,將滄桑的臉倒在蘇爾維琪的懷 即使自己的一生毫無意義,但對於深愛着自己 階、漸沒於合唱音樂的一片虚空中——回到老 沉默的鋼琴、緩慢而聖潔的大提琴奏出上行音 的人來說,在真愛面前,一切根本不值一提。 裏,傾聽着她那平和而又温暖的搖籃曲辭世。 《後記》的結尾彷彿是步向終結的階級:

贖;我曾迷失,今復皈依,曾經失盲,今見光 「奇異恩典,何等甘甜,可憐如我,亦得救

(樂曲介紹由「撰樂」古斯撰寫)

Kilian Chan

Cello

Kilian Chan had cello lessons with Laurent Perrin under the Junior Programme of Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. He has been studying with Artem Konstantinov since 2012 and also has lessons with Stefan Popov and Richard Bamping. Kilian has played in various orchestras in Hong Kong including the Hong Kong Festival Orchestra, the Ponte Orchestra and the Pan Asia Symphony Orchestra.

Besides cello playing, Kilian is also active in the arts administration field. He has been a member of the Hong Kong Festival Orchestra Management Committee since 2012. He currently serves as the Director of Finance and Development. Through special concert designs and formats with different channels and methodologies, Kilian hopes to promote classical music in Hong Kong.



和泛亞交響樂團等。 包括香港節慶管弦樂團、Ponte 樂團 陳鈞量在多個樂團任大提琴手,當中 史特凡‧波波夫及鮑力卓上課研習。 2012 年起隨康雅談學習,亦不時與 課程隨貝樂安開始學習大提琴。他自 陳鈞量參加香港演藝學院的初級音樂

道,推動古典音樂在香港的發展。 會設計和形式,運用不同方法和渠 展總監。陳鈞量希望透過不同的音樂 團的管理團隊,現為該團的財務及發 他自 2012 年起加入香港節慶管弦樂 陳鈞量在藝術行政方面亦十分活躍。



Helen Cha

Piano

Currently Music Director of Musica del Cuore and Artist-In-Residence at Academia de Musica S Pio X, Helen Cha has given concerts in the USA, UK, Italy, Belarus, Moldova, South Korea and mainland China. She has performed under the baton of Yip Wai-hong, Yip Wing-sie, Mikhail Sechkin, Takuo Yuasa, Neil Varon, Emil de Cou and Patrick Souillot, among others. Awards she has won included top prizes at the Hong Kong (Asia) Piano Open Competition Open Class (2002), Piano Texas Concerto Competition (2006), Eastman School Concerto Competition (2007) and Thousand Islands International Chopin Competition (2009).

Helen earned the Performer's Certificate and her Doctorate of Musical Arts with Professor Nelita True at Eastman School of Music upon the Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Fund. She is a regular adjudicator at local and international piano competitions, and was a presenter of RTHK Radio 4 programmes Chamber Fragrance, Debussy Recollection and Non-Stop Classic.

鎁琴

查海倫 2005 F以一股资格公司售减速程式建筑,而承承售查海倫現為《樂·心》演奏會系列音樂總監及聖庇護十世音章海倫現為《樂·心》演奏會系列音樂總監及聖庇護十世音章海倫現為《樂·心》演奏會系列音樂總監及聖庇護十世音章海倫現為《樂·心》演奏會系列音樂總監及聖庇護十世音音等倫 2007)及千島國際蕭邦鋼琴比賽(2009)中勝出。

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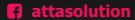


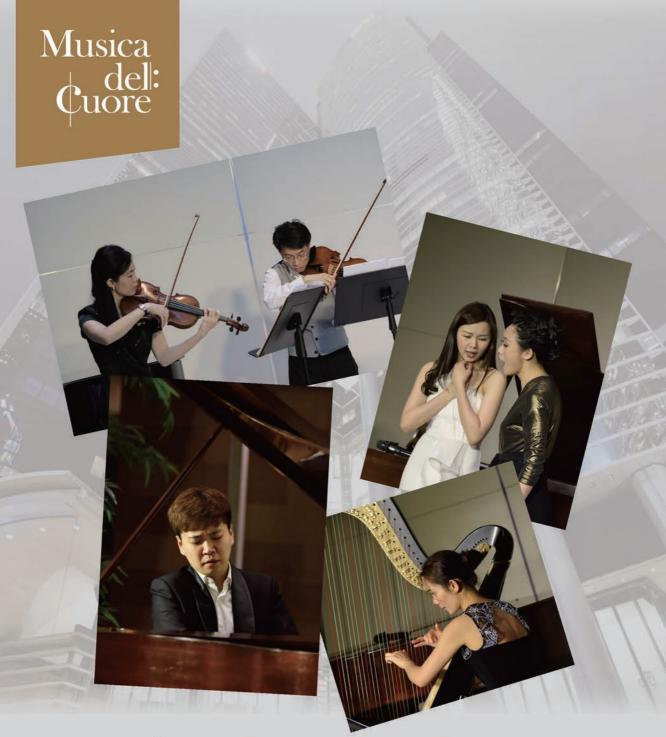


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