

Maraca, Cymbals, Ocean Drum, Goat Hoof Shaker)

Scenes for Viola and Percussion by John Patitucci (2008) Commissioned by duoJalal.

duoJalal commissioned Grammy Award-wining bassiat/composer and jazz legend John Patitucci to write Scenes for Viola and Percussion. Scenes is in three movements and is inspired by the blend of solo Bach and exotic hand drums. The composer has given the viola an unusual sound hamonically, matching moods with the hand percussion. The viola part has an unusual sound hamonically, matching moods with the hand percussion. The viola part has on unusual sound hamonically, matching moods with the hand percussion. In the true jazz spirit, Mr. Patitucci came over to duoJalal's home and sang the percussion grooves to Yousif. (Percussion: Djembe,

Duo for Solo Viola and Percussion by Philip Glass (2009) Percussion arranged by Yousif Sheronick.

Having toured extensively with Philip Glass in 2001, Yousif reunited with Mr. Glass in 2008 to play some duos at the Helinde Musicfest in Colorado. Upon being asked about a possible work for duodalal, Mr. Glass sent a solo viola part Pelluride Musicfest in Colorado. Upon being asked about a possible work for duodalal, Mr. Glass entrated Yousif to arrange the percussion part as he had done when they performed together in 2001. together. Yousif based the arrangement around the instruments Mr. Glass admired when they performed together in 2001. (Percussion: Tibetan Cymbals, Triangle, Caxixi, Goat Hoof Shaker, Bird Whistle, Cymbals, Bodhran)

Homage for Frame Drum and Viola by Clen Velez (2007) Commissioned by duodalal.

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Lastly, the fourth movement, titled simply Lost and Found, explores yet another language - the wonderful string music traditions of Scandinavia, in particular the Swedish Myckelharpa and the Morwegian Hardanger fiddle. Paired with the versatile Cajon (Peruvian Box Drum), this is a celebratory dance-like movement that brings the work to a joyful conclusion." (Percussion: Cajon) – Kenji Bunch

A crastic departure from this groove comes next with Lost in Space. This title refers to the spacial, un-metered notation of this movement - one that relies heavily on the discretion of the performers to make basic decisions about pacing, duration, dynamics, articulation, and in the case of the percursion, even notes and choice of instruments. My goal is for each performance of this movement to exist as a unique, ephemeral experience that can be vastly different from the performance preceding and following it. (Percursion: Wind Gong, Thai Gong, Tibetan Cymbals, Indian Bells, Cymbals, Frame Drun, Metal Shaker)

Brooms)

The second movement, Found Objects, explores a very different sonority, with the viola used as a guitar-like instrument, plucked and strummed with a pick. Again, the instrument is retuned, creating the illusion of an exotic folk instrument, similar, perhaps, to the Kora from West Africa. The Djembe supports this image, providing a pulse that draws connections between the world of rock and the wonderfully rich West African traditions that influenced it. (Percussion: Djembe with

The first movement, Lost in Time, evokes the music of the late Renaissance and early Baroque periods, in particular the solo string writing of Heinrich Biber with the solemn viola part played scordatura (alternate tuning for open strings). Combined with the Durbakeh, the sound seems at times both ancient and exotic. (Percussion: Durbakeh)

Lost & Found by Kenji Bunch (2010) Commissioned by duoJaial.

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A Different World by Enzo Rao Camemi (1992)

Enzo Rao Camemi was born in Palermo, Italy. He works as a composer and plays a variety of instruments including violin, out, saz, Jewish harp and bass. His true passation is Sicilian and Mediterranean music which clearly comes through in this light and folksy song. The opening statement moves between DVA, 8/4 and 6/4, giving the piece an easy but uneven gait. A Different World is originally for violin and percussion and includes solos for both instruments. (Percussion: Cajon)

on Yousif's CD titled SilkThread. (Percussion: Bendir)

Jubb Jannin by Youst Sheronick (2002)

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Jubb Jannin is the village where Yousif's mother grew up in Lebanon. The piece was inspired by Yousif's childhood memories of his mother singing folk melodies, usually over the drone of the vacuum. Jubb Jannin was originally written for the Nay (Middle Eastern flute) and the viols solo section has been adapted from Bassam Saba's original Nay improvisation the Nay (Middle Eastern flute) and the viols solo section has been adapted from Bassam Saba's original Nay improvisation

Thracian Sketches by Derek Bermel (2003) Adapted for duoJalal by Derek Bermel in 2010.

Thracia is a region in Bulgaria which stretches over the Rodopi mountains and extends into Modern Greece. Thracian Sketches bends original Bulgarian modes into a whole-tone melodic context while retaining much of the original hythm Sketches bends original Bulgarian modes into a whole-tone melodic context while retaining much of the original hythmic specially the tendency to sustain ited mordents over the barline in odd meters. The piece begins in the lower register of the viola, and moves through the songs, increasing in velocity, range, and the complexity of rhythmic groupings as it progresses. Originally written for solo clarinet, duoJalai worked closely with Mr. Bermel, who reworked the clarinet part for viola and helped arrange and shape the percussion part. (Percussion: Large Frame Drum with Cymbaleh)

(Percussion: Bodhran with Broom) - David Krakauer

Klezmer a la Bechet by David Krakauer (1997) Adapted for duoJalal by David Krakauer in 2008.

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Nature Brandwein. Klezmer a la Bechet takes the Klezmer 'terkisher influenced) dance rhythm as a base, and

superimposes a New Orleans tunk feel with an across-the-barline lyricism reminiscent of Bechet's romantic improvisations.

This version for viola and percussion that I adapted for duoJalal, brings the Middle Eastern flavor of the 'terkisher' to the

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1. Klezmer a la Bechet – David Krakauer 4:48 2. Thracian Sketches - Derek Bermel 8:57 3. Jubb Jannin – Yousif Sheronick 7:02 4. A Different World - Enzo Rao Camemi 5:03 Lost & Found – Kenji Bunch 5. Lost in Time 3:54 5:00 Found Objects Lost in Space 4:00 Lost & Found 4:51 Homage for Frame Drum and Viola - Glen Velez 9. Movement I 3:35 10. Movement II 4:02 11. Duo for Solo Viola and Percussion – Philip Glass 5:26 Percussion arranged by Yousif Sheronick Scenes for Viola and Percussion – John Patitucci 12. Tempo Rubato; Tempo Nouvo 2:57 13. Tempo Moderato 3:44 14. Rubato; Andante 3:37 **Total Running Time** 67:03

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