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Dodecaccata

for Solo Organ

by

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Dodecaccata Notes

By Alan Schmitz, the composer

Dodecaccata, for solo organ, was written during the summer of 2008 for Kui-Im Lee, assistant professor of organ at the University of Northern Iowa. Dr. Lee premiered the piece at a faculty recital on September 19, 2008 in Jebe Hall at the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

As the title of the work implies, the piece is a toccata based on a 12-tone row. The structure of *Dodecaccata* consists of several differing sections that, once presented, come back a number of times. The opening, for example, consists of very full held out chords. This is followed with a legato section in a different meter, then a section of staccato chords, then a section labeled “mysteriously,” which is followed by a varied rendition of the staccato chords that preceded it. The piece continues with a faster section, another section similar to the beginning (held chords), another “mysterious” section, and then a lengthy pedal solo, which allows for some elaborate footwork on the part of the performer. The remainder of the piece includes reiterations of the differing sections heard before the pedal solo, concluding with long held chords, some of which include all 12 notes of the row.

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ca. 90

Very full sound

Musical score for solo organ. The first system consists of three staves. The top staff is treble clef, 4/4 time, with dynamic ff. The middle staff is bass clef, 4/4 time, with dynamic ff. The bottom staff is bass clef, 4/4 time. Measures 1-4 show sustained notes with grace notes and slurs.

The second system continues the three-staff format. Measures 5-8 show sustained notes with grace notes and slurs. Measure 9 begins a new section with dynamic ff.

ca. 60

legato

mf

mf

The third system begins at measure 11. The top staff is in 11/8 time, the middle staff in 8/8 time, and the bottom staff in 8/8 time. Measures 11-14 show eighth-note patterns with slurs and dynamics mf. Measures 15-18 continue the pattern with dynamics ff.

The fourth system begins at measure 15. The top staff is in 11/8 time, the middle staff in 8/8 time, and the bottom staff in 8/8 time. Measures 15-18 show eighth-note patterns with slurs and dynamics ff.

detached

18

f

etc.

f

etc.

21

ca. 80
Mysteriously legato

legato *mp*

mp *mp*

24

28

32

(b) ~ (close box)

detached etc.

36

40

(box open)

Più mosso
♩ ca. 108

44

legato
mf

50

legato

mf

55b

60

65

70

75

80

85

ad lib. rhythm

90

ca. 90 Very full sound

95

100

104

Mysteriously

108 ca. 80 legato b_{\flat}

legato mf

legato mf

mf

112 fp

fp

115

mp

mp

mp

mp

Pedal solo

$mp - mf$

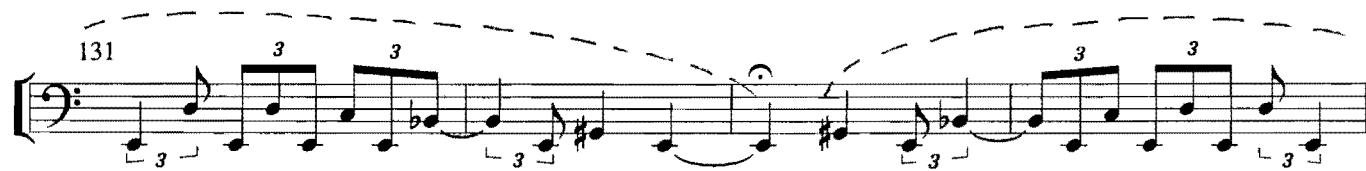
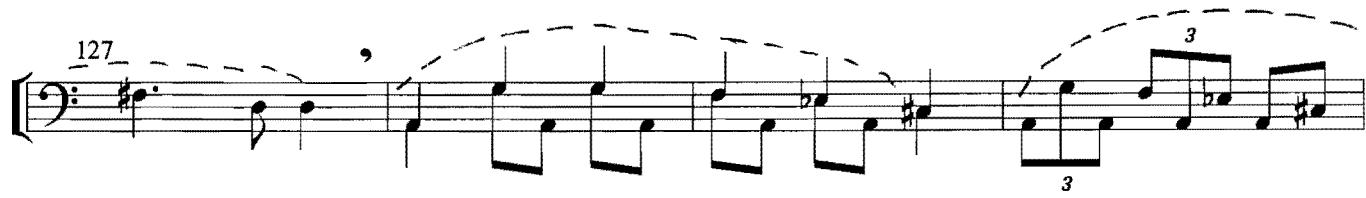
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119

mp

123

mp





163 *Full, full sound*
 ca. 80

// (fast)
detached

etc.

fff // mf
 fff // mf

166

168 (b) gliss. mf
 mf

172 fff
 fff gliss. g