First Plus String Orchestra

Grade 1.5



Shuffleupagus

Matt Turner

FAS59 INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score	1
Violin I	8
Violin II	
Violin III (Viola T.C.)	
Viola	
Cello	5
Bass	
Piano	1
Drum Set	1

Program Notes

Shuffleupagus is a blues shuffle. A shuffle has a triplet swing feel, and the eighth notes are swung. A solo section gives students an opportunity to improvise using a G blues scale (G, Bb, C, C#, D, F) or G minor pentatonic scale (G, Bb, C, D, F). Staccato notes should be very short. Performers should swing hard on this piece!

About the Composer

Matt Turner is widely regarded as one of the world's leading improvising cellists. Equally skilled as a pianist, Turner performs in a myriad of styles and has shared the stage with Cape Breton fiddle sensation Natalie MacMaster, avant-garde musicians Marilyn Crispell, Peter Kowald, Guillermo Gregorio, Scott Fields, and John Butcher, country musician Wanda Vick, singer-songwriter LJ Booth, and jazz musician Bobby McFerrin to name a few and has performed in Canada, Europe and Asia. He appears on over 100 recordings on Sketch/Harmonia Mundi, Illusions, Music and Arts, Accurate, Polyvinyl, Cadence Jazz and others and has recorded with jazz violinist Randy Sabien, goth vocalist/pianist Jo Gabriel, singer-songwriters Mark Croft and Tret Fure, punk artist Kyle Fischer, Kitty Brazelton's chamber rockestra Dadadah, alt-country band Heller Mason and with the Pointless Orchestra. Turner completed his undergraduate studies at Lawrence University and his Master of Music degree in Third Stream Studies (now the Contemporary Improvisation program) at the New England Conservatory of Music, where he studied with Dave Holland, Geri Allen and Joe Maneri, and where he was the recipient of a Distinction in Performance Award. Turner served on the faculty for several years at Lawrence University where he taught composition, jazz piano, jazz strings, and improvisation. Turner is a Yamaha Performing Artist and currently performs and records with Bill Carrothers' Armistice 1918 ensemble and with the Fantastic Merlins.



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