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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score	1	B♭ Tenor Saxophone	2
Piccolo	1	E♭ Baritone Saxophone	1
Solo Flute 1	1	B♭ Cornet 1	2
Solo Flute 2	1	B♭ Cornet 2	2
Flute 1	5	B♭ Trumpet 1	3
Flute 2	5	B♭ Trumpet 2	3
Oboe 1	1	F Horn 1	1
Oboe 2	1	F Horn 2	1
E♭ Clarinet	1	F Horn 3	1
Solo B♭ Clarinet 1	1	F Horn 4	1
Solo B♭ Clarinet 2	1	Trombone 1	2
B♭ Clarinet 1	4	Trombone 2	2
B♭ Clarinet 2	4	Bass Trombone	2
B♭ Clarinet 3	4	Euphonium	2
B♭ Bass Clarinet	2	Euphonium T.C.	2
E♭ Contralto Clarinet	1	Tuba	4
B♭ Contrabass Clarinet	1	Double Bass	2
Bassoon 1	1	Timpani 1	1
Bassoon 2	1	Timpani 2	1
E♭ Alto Saxophone 1	3	Percussion: Marimba, Crash Cymbals,	
E♭ Alto Saxophone 2	3	Snare Drum, Bass Drum	4

PROGRAM NOTE

Symphony Fantastique is among Hector Berlioz's earliest and most prominent works. A young composer in Paris, Berlioz became love-struck with an actress, Harriet Smithson, whom he saw perform the role of Ophelia in Shakespeare's "Hamlet". However, despite his numerous outreaches, Smithson departed Paris, spurning Berlioz and unknowingly inspiring a now cherished piece of the classical repertoire.

Inspired and somewhat challenged by the influence of Beethoven, Berlioz grappled early in his career to reconcile the musical conventions of the time (early 1800's Paris) with his own proclivity for passionate expression, lengthy and numerous melodies, and the unexpected. Within this symphony, the influence of German romanticism is clearly prevalent. A programmatic musical melodrama, Berlioz tells the story of a musician's experience with unrequited love. Or, as he describes it:

"A young musician of morbid sensitivity and ardent imagination poisons himself with opium in a moment of despair caused by frustrated love. The dose of narcotic, while too weak to cause his death, plunges him into a heavy sleep accompanied by the strangest of visions, in which his experiences, feelings and memories are translated in his feverish brain into musical thoughts and images. His beloved becomes for him a melody and like an idée fixe ("fixed idea") which he meets and hears everywhere."

Structured in five movements, the symphony begins already inside the musician's opium-induced sleep, where he recalls his first daydreams of his beloved. Then, he meets her at a ball. Later, set in the countryside, the musician entertains a hopefulness he may yet woo his beloved as he watches storm clouds roll closer. Next, he dreams he's killed his beloved and is condemned to death. The symphony concludes with a wild depiction of his funeral in the midst of a witches' sabbath, replete with "all manner of ghoulish characters", including his beloved, who now appears decidedly less pure in form.

The fourth movement, *March to the Scaffold*, was repurposed from an unfinished opera, "Les francs-juges", and is said to have been written within a single evening. As Berlioz describes:

"He dreams that he has killed his beloved, that he is condemned to death and led to execution. The procession advances to the sound of a march that is sometimes somber and wild, and sometimes brilliant and solemn, in which a dull sound of heavy footsteps follows without transition the loudest outbursts. At the end, the idée fixe reappears for a moment like a final thought of love interrupted by the fatal blow."

NOTES TO CONDUCTOR

This movement is a march, and thus, should be performed with a somewhat “lifted” style. Berlioz’s tempo marking, “Allegretto non troppo”, or “fast, but not too much” indicates a more weighted, heavy feel, matching the imagined fatigue of a man plodding to his death at the scaffold.

At the start of the piece, efforts are made to create options for the conductor to obtain the most accurate replication of the low string texture of the original work in the absence of full instrumentation. The best scenario is for two or more string bassists to perform all the notes in the double bass part, with the low clarinets reinforcing. However, should one bass player be present, she or he should play the bottom split only. In the absence of any string bassist, a tuba should perform the written cues. A low marimba part is written, playable by one player with four mallets, to reinforce all low string and/or low clarinet notes if needed.

Efforts have been made to ensure Berlioz’s orchestration and stylistic intent is captured. It should be noted for wind players that, for the most part, where notes of a quarter note length are marked with a “staccato”, they are to mimic the “pizzicato” technique of the original string parts. However, the staccato is used in other note values to simply denote a lift or separation of the note. In a few cases, original note lengths have been adjusted to better indicate Berlioz’s intended stylistic approach, though much of the piece remains unchanged from its original state. It is recommended the conductor and performers study trusted recordings by major professional orchestras, referencing the lifted stylistic approach, as well as string bowings as it may influence the approach to articulation.

In measure 123, a tremolo is indicated in several of the woodwind voices. To create an accurate ensemble tremolo sound, it is suggested that wind players perform articulations as quickly as possible, varying slightly from other performers within their sections, at an approximate rhythmic pace of sextuplets. To perform the softer dynamic levels in this segment (meas. 128-129), the conductor may consider reducing the number of players temporarily.

While a Contralto Clarinet part is included in the score, parts for Contralto Clarinet and Contrabass Clarinet are provided. These parts are exact duplicates of each other. It is recommended that only one of the two be utilized.

Finally, as an option for your printed program and concert promotion, you may wish to use the French title and spelling **Symphonie Fantastique**.



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SYMPHONY FANTASTIQUE

Conductor Score

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Allegretto non troppo $\text{d} = 72\text{--}80$

Musical score for the first section of the march, featuring staves for Piccolo, Solo Flute 1-2, Flute 1-2, Oboe 1-2, E♭ Clarinet, Solo B♭ Clarinet 1-2, B♭ Clarinet 1, B♭ Clarinet 2-3, B♭ Bass Clarinet (div.), E♭ Contralto Clarinet, Bassoon 1-2, E♭ Alto Saxophone 1-2, B♭ Tenor Saxophone, and E♭ Baritone Saxophone. The music consists of mostly rests with occasional eighth-note patterns.

Allegretto non troppo $\text{d} = 72\text{--}80$

Musical score for the second section of the march, featuring staves for B♭ Comet 1-2, B♭ Trumpet 1-2, F Horn 1-2, F Horn 3-4, Trombone 1-2, Bass Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Double Bass (cue: String Bass (8vb), pizz. (omit top split if one player), div.), Timpani 1 (B♭, F) (The first note of each sixteenth-note pattern played with both hands; use soft mallets), Timpani 2 (G,D) (The first note of each sixteenth-note pattern played with both hands; use soft mallets), and Percussion (Marimba, Crash Cymbals, Snare Drum, Bass Drum) (Marimba cue: String Bass (8vb), pp). The score includes dynamic markings and performance instructions for the timpani and percussion parts.

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10

Picc.

S. Fl. 1-2

Fls. 1-2

Obs. 1-2

E. Clar.

S. Clar. 1-2

B♭ Clar. 1

B♭ Clar. 2-3

B. Cl.

Ca. Clar.

Bsns.

A. Saxos

T. Sax

B. Sax

10

Cmts.

Tpts. 1-2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tbns. 1-2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Timp. 1

Timp. 2

Perc.

17

Picc.

S. Fl. 1-2

Fls. 1-2

Obs. 1-2
ff

E. Clar.
ff

S. Clar. 1-2
ff
a2

B♭ Clar. 1
ff
ff dim.

B♭ Clar. 2-3
ff
ff dim.
ff dim.

B. Cl.
ff
ff dim.

Ca. Clar.
ff
ff dim.

Bsns.
ff

A. Saxes
ff

T. Sax
ff
ff dim.

B. Sax
ff
ff dim.

Cmts.
ff

Tpts. 1-2
ff

Hn. 1-2
ff

Hn. 3-4
ff

Thrs. 1-2
ff

B. Thns.
ff

Euph.
ff

Tuba
ff

D.B.
ff arco
ff dim.

Timp. 1
ff

Timp. 2
ff

Perc.

25

Picc.

S. Fl. 1-2

Fls. 1-2

Obs. 1-2

E. Clar.

S. Clar. 1-2

B♭ Clar. 1 *f* dim. *p* *pp*

B♭ Clar. 2-3 *f* dim. *p* *pp*

B. Cl. *f* dim. *p* *pp*

Ca. Clar. *f* dim. *p* *pp* *f*

Bsns. *mf* cresc. *f* *p* *pp* *f*

A. Saxes *f* dim.

T. Sax *f* dim.

B. Sax *f* dim. *p* *pp*

25

Cnts.

Tpts. 1-2

Hn. 1-2 *f*

Hn. 3-4 *f*

Thns. 1-2

B. Tbn. *f*

Euph.

Tuba *f*

D.B. *f* dim. *p* *pp*

Timp. 1 *mfp*

Timp. 2 *p*

Perc.

25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

33

Picc.

S. Fl. 1-2

Fls. 1-2

Obs. 1-2

E♭ Clar.

S. Clar. 1-2

B♭ Clar. 1

B♭ Clar. 2-3

B. Cl.

Ca. Clar.

Bsns.

A. Saxes

T. Sax

B. Sax

Cmts.

Tpts. 1-2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Thns. 1-2

B. Thn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Timp. 1

Timp. 2

Perc.

49

Picc.

S. Fl. 1-2

Fls. 1-2

Obs. 1-2

E. Clar.

S. Clar. 1-2

B♭ Clar. 1

mp

B♭ Clar. 2-3

mp

B. Cl.

mp

Ca. Clar.

mp

Bsns.

p

sim.

A. Saxes

T. Sax

B. Sax

49

Cmts.

Tpts. 1-2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Thrs. 1-2

B. Thn.

cue: Bs. Clar.

Euph.

mp

cue: Ca. Clar.

Tuba

mp

pizz.

D.B.

mp

Timp. 1

Timp. 2

p

Perc.

Picc.
 S. Fl. 1-2
 Fls. 1-2
 Obs. 1-2
 E♭ Clar.
 S. Clar. 1-2
 B♭ Clar. 1 *dim.*
 B♭ Clar. 2-3 *dim.*
 B. Cl. *dim.*
 Ca. Clar. *dim.*
 Bsns.
 A. Sax.
 T. Sax
 B. Sax
 Cmts.
 Tpts. 1-2
 Hn. 1-2
 Hn. 3-4
 Thbs. 1-2
 B. Tbn.
 Euph. *dim.*
 Tuba *dim.*
 D.B. *dim.*
 Timp. 1
 Timp. 2
 Perc.

78

Picc.

S. Fl. 1-2

Fls. 1-2

Obs. 1-2

E. Clar.

S. Clar. 1-2

B♭ Clar. 1

B♭ Clar. 2-3

B. Cl.

Ca. Clar.

Bsns.

A. Saxes

T. Sax

B. Sax

a2

78

Cmts.

Tpts. 1-2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Thns. 1-2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Timp. 1

Timp. 2

Perc.

p

pizz.

Cr. Cym.

B.D.

p

89

Picc.

S. Fl. 1-2

Fls. 1-2

Obs. 1-2

E♭ Clar.

S. Clar. 1-2

B♭ Clar. 1

B♭ Clar. 2-3

B♭ Cl.

Ca. Clar.

Bsns.

A. Saxes

T. Sax

B. Sax

89

Cnts.

Tpts. 1-2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Thrs. 1-2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Timp. 1

Timp. 2

Perc.

97

Picc.

S. Fl. 1-2

Fls. 1-2

Obs. 1-2

Es Clar.

S. Clar. 1-2

B♭ Clar. 1

B♭ Clar. 2-3

B♭ Cl.

Ca. Clar.

Bsns.

A. Saxes

T. Sax

B. Sax

Cmts.

Tpts. 1-2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Thns. 1-2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Timp. 1

Timp. 2

Perc.

Picc.
 S. Fl. 1-2
 Fls. 1-2
 Obs. 1-2
 E. Clar.
 S. Clar. 1-2
 B♭ Clar. 1
 B♭ Clar. 2-3
 B. Cl.
 Ca. Clar.
 Bsns.
 A. Sax.
 T. Sax
 B. Sax
 Cmts.
 Tpts. 1-2
 Hn. 1-2
 Hn. 3-4
 Thms. 1-2
 B. Tbn.
 Euph.
 Tuba
 D.B.
 Timp. 1
 Timp. 2
 Perc.

Picc. *ff*

S. Fl. 1-2 *ff* *div.* *ff*

Fls. 1-2 *ff* *ff*

Obs. 1-2 *ff* *ff*

E. Clar. *ff* *ff*

S. Clar. 1-2 *ff* *ff*

B♭ Clar. 1 *ff*

B♭ Clar. 2-3 *ff* *f* *f*

B. Cl. *ff* *ff* *f* *mf*

Ca. Clar. *ff* *ff*

Bsns. *ff* *ff* *p*

A. Saxes *ff* *ff*

T. Sax *ff* *ff*

B. Sax *ff* *ff*

Cmts. *ff* *p*

Tpts. 1-2 *ff*

Hn. 1-2 *ff* *p*

Hn. 3-4 *ff* *p*

Tbs. 1-2 *ff*

B. Tbn *f* *ff* *f* *ff*

Euph. *ff*

Tuba *f* *ff* *f* *ff* *pizz.*

D.B. *ff* *ff* *f* *ff* *f* *mf*

Timp. 1 *f* *mf* *p*

Timp. 2 *p* *f* *mf* *p* *Cr. Cym.*

Perc. *p*

Picc.

S. Fl. 1-2

Fls. 1-2

Obs. 1-2

E. Clar.

S. Clar. 1-2

B. Clar. 1

B♭ Clar. 2-3

B. Cl.

Ca. Clar.

Bsns.

A. Saxes

T. Sax

B. Sax

Cmts.

Tpts. 1-2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tbrs. 1-2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Timp. 1

Timp. 2

Perc.

Picc.

S. Fl. 1-2

Fls. 1-2

Obs. 1-2

E. Clar.

S. Clar. 1-2

B♭ Clar. 1

B♭ Clar. 2-3

B. Cl.

Ca. Clar.

Bsns.

A. Saxes

T. Sax

B. Sax

Cmts.

Tpts. 1-2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Thns. 1-2

B. Thn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Tim. 1

Tim. 2

Perc.

wooden or hard mallet

f cresc.

118 119 120 121 122

123

tremolo

Picc.

S. Fl. 1-2

Fls. 1-2

Obs. 1-2

E. Clar.

S. Clar. 1-2

B♭ Clar. 1

B♭ Clar. 2-3

B. Cl.

Ca. Clar.

Bsns.

A. Saxes

T. Sax

B. Sax

123

Cmts.

Tpts. 1-2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tbns. 1-2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Timp. 1

Timp. 2

Perc.

wooden or hard mallet

Picc.

S. Fl. 1-2

Fls. 1-2

Obs. 1-2

E. Clar.

a2

S. Clar. 1-2

div.

B♭ Clar. 1

B♭ Clar. 2-3

B. Cl.

Ca. Clar.

Bsns.

A. Saxes

T. Sax

B. Sax

Cmts.

Tpts. 1-2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tbn. 1-2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Timp. 1

Timp. 2

Perc.

131

140

Picc.

S. Fl. 1-2

Fls. 1-2

Obs. 1-2

E♭ Clar.

S. Clar. 1-2

B♭ Clar. 1

B♭ Clar. 2-3

B♭ Cl.

Ca. Clar.

Bsns.

A. Saxes

T. Sax

B. Sax

140

Cnts.

Tpts. 1-2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tbns. 1-2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Timp. 1

Timp. 2

Perc.

148

Picc.

S. Fl. 1-2

Fls. 1-2

Obs. 1-2

E Clar.

S. Clar. 1-2

B♭ Clar. 1

B♭ Clar. 2-3

B♭ Cl.

Ca. Clar.

Bsns.

A. Saxes

T. Sax

B. Sax

148

Cmts.

Tpts. 1-2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Thns. 1-2

B. Thn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Timp. 1

Timp. 2

Perc.

154

Picc. *f* dim. *pp*

S. Fl. 1-2 *f* dim. *p* *pp*

Fls. 1-2 *f* dim. *p* *pp*

Obs. 1-2 *f* dim. *p* *pp*

E♭ Clar. *div.* *f* dim. *p* *pp*

S. Clar. 1-2 *f* dim. *p* *pp*

B♭ Clar. 1 *f* dim. *p* *pp*

B♭ Clar. 2-3 *f* dim. *p* *pp*

B. Cl. *f* dim. *p* *pp*

Ca. Clar. *f* dim. *p* *pp*

Bsns. *f* dim. *p* *pp*

A. Saxes *f* *pp*

T. Sax *f* dim. *p* *pp*

B. Sax *f* dim. *p* *pp*

154

Cmts. *f* dim. *pp*

Tpts. 1-2 *f* dim. *pp*

Hn. 1-2 *f* dim. *p* *pp*

Hn. 3-4 *f* dim. *pp*

Tbs. 1-2 *f* dim. *pp*

B. Tbn *f* dim. *pp*

Euph. *f* *pp*

Tuba *f* dim. *p* *pp*

D.B. *f* dim. *p* *pp*

Timp. 1 *f* *mf*

Timp. 2 *f* *mf*

Perc. *pp*

160

Picc.

S. Fl. 1-2

Fls. 1-2

Obs. 1-2

E. Clar.

S. Clar. 1-2

B♭ Clar. 1

B♭ Clar. 2-3

B. Cl.

Ca. Clar.

Bsns.

A. Saxes

T. Sax

B. Sax

165

rubato

Cnts.

Tpts. 1-2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Thns. 1-2

B. Thn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Timp. 1

Timp. 2

Perc.

169

poco rall. a tempo

Picc.

S. Fl. 1-2

Fls. 1-2

Obs. 1-2

E. Clar.

S. Clar. 1-2

B♭ Clar. 1

B♭ Clar. 2-3

B. Cl.

Ca. Clar.

Bsns.

A. Saxes

T. Sax

B. Sax

169 poco rall. a tempo

rall.

Cnts.

Tpts. 1-2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Thns. 1-2

B. Tbn

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Timp. 1

Timp. 2

Perc.