HYDE PARK BOULEVARD

SUITE FOR PIANO Spring-Summer 2020

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MOVEMENTS

		Total Duration:	21-22 minute
VII.	Promontory Point	29	3'20"
VI.	The Wooded Isle	26	2'45"
V.	Bobolink Meadow	24	1'15"
IV.	Interlude: At Night	20	3'00"
III.	The Lagoon at Dusk	14	5'00"
II.	Lakeshore Drive	6	4'00"
I.	Prelude	1	2'00"
		Page	Duration

The **Appendix** (page 39) provides information and materials about how to perform this suite interleaved with Partita No. 1 in B-flat Major by J.S. Bach.

ABOUT THE SUITE

I composed the suite *Hyde Park Boulevard* during the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring and summer of 2020. During these months, I hardly left the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago, where I took many long walks. This suite memorializes some of the neighborhood's characteristic sights and sounds: the bustle of Lakeshore Drive, a main artery through Chicago, full of horns and sirens; the contemplative quiet of the lagoon at Jackson Park; small creatures at play in Bobolink Meadow, also in Jackson Park; and the same park's Wooded Isle, which contains an exquisite Japanese Garden. (The bells of Rockefeller Chapel also figure into this movement . . . in reality, the chapel is too far from the isle for this fantasy to occur.) The piece concludes with the swirling dynamism of Lake Michigan at Promontory Point, a favorite site for gatherings.

In the early weeks of the pandemic, I played the six Bach Keyboard Partitas obsessively. This suite follows the contours and tonality of the first Partita, with which it may be paired—or interleaved—in performance. Hyde Park Boulevard is dedicated to André J. Washington.

- Daniel Pesca, July 2020

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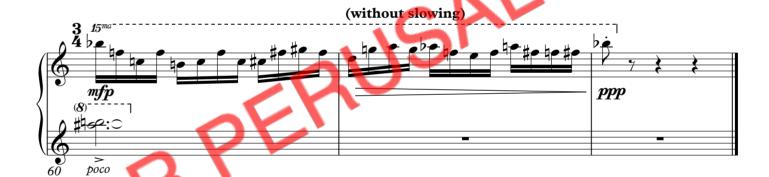












II. LAKESHORE DRIVE (CAPRICCIO)



















III. THE LAGOON AT DUSK













→ una corda

attacca

l.v. into next movement













(*) See Appendix.

VI. THE WOODED ISLE



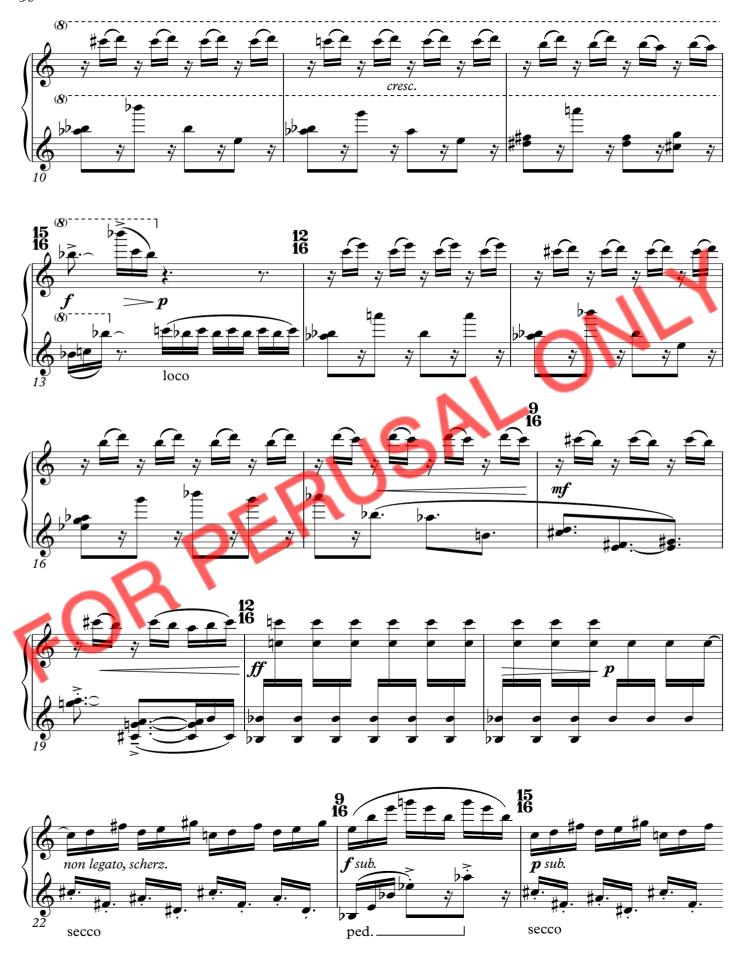








m.s. poco marc.





















ped.→

APPENDIX

Instructions for interleaved performance with Bach's Partita No. 1

This work may be played interleaved with the first of J.S. Bach's six Partitas for keyboard. This makes a satisfying half of a recital program, with a duration of about 40 minutes. Follow this sequence of movements, and these instructions. All repeats must be taken in the Bach movements for proportions of the composite work to make sense.

1. Bach, Prelude

attacca to

2. Pesca, I. Prelude

brief pause, then:

attacca to

4. Pesca, II. Lakeshore Drive

insert about two . beats of rest, keeping time, and proceed directly to:

5. Bach, Corrente (at approx. \rightarrow =112) brief pause, then:

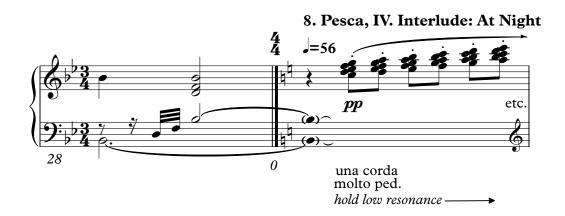
6. Pesca, III. The Lagoon at Dusk

follow asterick (\star) at the end of m. 61 and play instead the following link to the Sarabande:



7. Bach, Sarabande

execute the last bar of the Bach as below, and insert the following one-measure transitions, which leads attacca to Pesca, IV.:

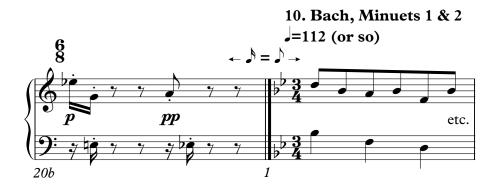


8. Pesca, IV. Interlude: At Night

then

9. Pesca, V. Bobolink Meadow

follow asterick (\star) at the end of m. 19 and play instead the following link to the minuets:



10. Bach, Minuets 1 & 2 (at approx. J=112)

at the end of the da capo, hold the final bar of Minuet I on the pedal, and proceed attacca to

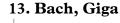
11. Pesca, VI. The Wooded Isle

then

12. Pesca, VII. Promontory Point

at the end of m. 128, follow the asterick (*) and play instead the following link to the Bach Giga:







13. Bach, Giga (at approx. =72)

This concludes interleaved performance.