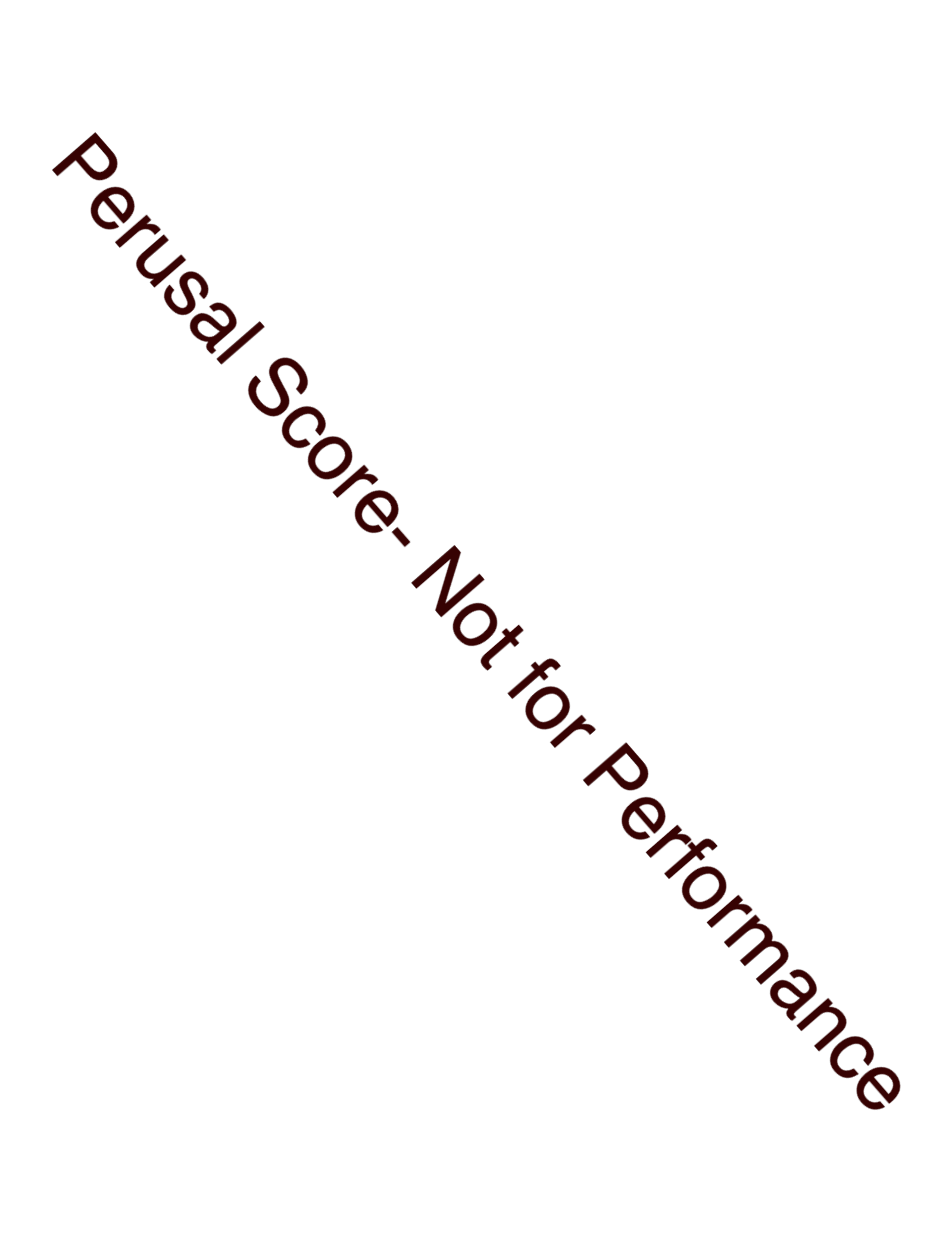


FRACTURED SKY

music for
string orchestra

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FRACTURED SKY

(2026)

STRING ORCHESTRA

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

Duration: 4 ½ min

PROGRAM NOTES

Fractured Sky captures the energy of an otherworldly horizon. The music paints a picture of light and sparks ripping through a charged atmosphere, where dark, striking violence erupts against radiant colors. Textures and grit collide with brief flashes of beauty and moments of unexpected tranquility.

PERFORMANCE NOTE

The ascending glissandi in measure 2 and 117 (Va., Vcl., D.B.) are notated simply to show an upward gliss. from open strings. It is not necessary for the lower string to reach entirely up to the pitch in the next measure. This is simply a sonic effect that is not reliant on any particular pitch preceding the arrival in m. 3 and m. 118. For example: The viola G string should reach the A, but the C string may sound as much as a fifth lower. The gliss. should never go *higher* than the arrival pitch.

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FRACTURED SKY

FOR STRING ORCHESTRA

Kevin Poelking (2026)

lunga $\text{♩} = 160$ **Furioso**
div. un.
highest pitches on II. + III.

(non arm.) div. a3 gliss.

Violin I ppp ff pp ff un. highest pitches on II. + III.

Violin II ppp div. a3 n ff un. highest pitches on II. + III.

Viola ppp div. n ff un.

Violoncello ppp n ff un.

Double Bass ppp n ff un.

2 3 4 5 7 6 7 8

Violin I

Violin II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

9

10

11

Violin I

Violin II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

12

13

15

sim.

Violin I (Vln I) and Violin II (Vln II) staves show a melodic line with accents and slurs. The Viola (Vla) staff shows a similar melodic line. The Violoncello (Vc.) and Double Bass (D. B.) staves show a bass line with accents and slurs. The music is in 8/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The measures are numbered 14, 15, and 16.

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4

pizz. unis. arco

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

20 21 22

(ff) mf

(ff) mf

(ff) f mp f mf

(ff) f

(ff) f

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

23 24 25

f

div.

f

f

f

mf

unis.

mf

mp

3

Violin I (Vln I)

Violin II (Vln II)

Viola (Vla)

Violoncello (Vc.)

Double Bass (D. B.)

Measures 26, 27, 28

Dynamic markings: *f*, *mf*, *ff*

Rehearsal marks: 26, 27, 28

First ending bracket (1.)

Triplet markings (3)

Accents (^)

Staccato markings (>)

Violin I (Vln I)

Violin II (Vln II)

Viola (Vla)

Violoncello (Vc.)

Double Bass (D. B.)

Measures 29, 30, 31, 32

Dynamic markings: *f*, *pp*, *ppp*, *ff*

Rehearsal marks: 29, 30, 31, 32

Section markings: solo, tutti

Triplet markings (3)

Accents (^)

Staccato markings (>)

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

33 34 35 36

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

37 38 39

div.

div.

div.

41

Violin I (Vln I): unis. gliss. *f* *mf*

Violin II (Vln II): unis. pizz. *f* *mf*

Viola (Vla): unis. gliss. *f* *mf*

Violoncello (Vc): div. gliss. *f* *mf*

Double Bass (D. B.): *f* *mf*

Measures 40, 41, 42

Violin I (Vln I): *f* *pp* *f* unis.

Violin II (Vln II): *f* *pp* *f* pizz.

Viola (Vla): *f* *pp* *f*

Violoncello (Vc): *f* *pp* *f*

Double Bass (D. B.): *f* arco *pp* *f* pizz.

Measures 43, 44, 45

49

Vln I

mf *ff*

Vln II

arco *ff* pizz. *f*

Vla

unis. *mf* *ff* div. *f*

Vc.

unis. *mf* *ff* div. *f*

D. B.

arco *mf* *ff*

46 47 48 49

Vln I

mf *f* *pp* div. 3

Vln II

arco 3 *pp* *f*

Vla

mf *f* *pp* 3

Vc.

mf *f* *pp* 3

D. B.

pizz. *mf* *f* arco *pp* 3

50 51 52

unis. Λ Λ Λ

Vln I *f* *mf* *f*

Vln II pizz. *f* *mf* *f*

Vla *f* *mf* *f*

Vc. *f* *mf* *f* unis. pizz. *pp* *f*

D. B. *f* pizz. arco *mf* *f* div. *n*

53 54 55

div. arco *ff* *Vast, radiant*

Vln I pizz. *f* *ff* *2.*

Vln II arco *ff*

Vla unis. pizz. *f* arco *ff*

Vc. arco *ff*

D. B. unis. pizz. *f* arco *ff* div.

56 57 58 59

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

unis.

div.

60

61

62

63

3

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

unis.

le altre

ff

div.

ff

div.

ff

unis.

ff

64

65

66

67

div. ord.

Vln I

unis.

Vln II

div.

unis.

Vla

unis.

Vc.

D. B.

68 69 70 71

unis.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

72 73 74 75

76

Vln I *f* *ff* *f* *pp*

Vln II pizz. arco pizz. arco *ff* *pp*

Vla div. unis. div. unis. *f* *ff* *pp*

Vc. div. unis. div. unis. *f* *ff* *pp*

D. B. *pp*

76 77 78 79

80

Vln I div. unis. div. unis. *ff* *pp* skipping

Vln II *ff* *pp* skipping

Vla *ff* *pp* skipping

Vc. *ff* *pp* skipping

D. B. *ff* *pp* skipping

80 81 82 83

85 $\text{♩} = 48$ Peaceful

div. sul tasto

Vln I *ff* *n* *pp* div. sul tasto

Vln II *ff* *n* *pp* div. sul tasto

Vla *ff* sul tasto *pp* sul tasto

Vc. *ff* *n* *pp* sul tasto

D. B. *ff* *n* *pp* sul tasto

84 85 86 87 88

rit..... lunga 92 ($\text{♩} = 160$) Tempo I, building...

Vln I unis. *pp*

Vln II unis. *pp* gliss.

Vla unis. *pp*

Vc. *pp*

D. B. *pp*

89 90 91 92 93

96

solo
norm. (*non sul tasto*)

Score for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass, measures 94-97.

Measures 94-95: Violin I and Violoncello/Double Bass play a melodic line. Violin II and Viola play a rhythmic accompaniment. The Violoncello/Double Bass part is marked *norm. (non sul tasto)* and *ppp*.

Measure 96: Violin I plays a melodic line marked *p*. Violoncello/Double Bass continues the melodic line.

Measure 97: Violin I and Violoncello/Double Bass continue the melodic line.

Score for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass, measures 98-101.

Measures 98-101: Violin I and Violoncello/Double Bass play a melodic line. Violin II and Viola play a rhythmic accompaniment.

104

tutti
div. a3

Violin I (Vln I) part, measures 102-105. The part features a melodic line with a fermata at measure 104, marked *tutti* and *div. a3*.

Violin II (Vln II) part, measures 102-105. The part features a melodic line with a fermata at measure 104, marked *norm.*

Viola (Vla) part, measures 102-105. The part features a melodic line with a fermata at measure 104, marked *div. a3* and *norm.*

Violoncello (Vc.) part, measures 102-105. The part features a melodic line with a fermata at measure 104, marked *norm. (non sul tasto)* and *pp*.

Double Bass (D. B.) part, measures 102-105. The part features a melodic line with a fermata at measure 104, marked *pp*.

Measures 102, 103, 104, and 105 are indicated at the bottom of the system.

Violin I (Vln I) part, measures 106-108. The part features a melodic line with a fermata at measure 107, marked *tutti* and *div. a3*.

Violin II (Vln II) part, measures 106-108. The part features a melodic line with a fermata at measure 107, marked *norm.*

Viola (Vla) part, measures 106-108. The part features a melodic line with a fermata at measure 107, marked *div. a3* and *norm.*

Violoncello (Vc.) part, measures 106-108. The part features a melodic line with a fermata at measure 107, marked *norm. (non sul tasto)* and *pp*.

Double Bass (D. B.) part, measures 106-108. The part features a melodic line with a fermata at measure 107, marked *pp*.

Measures 106, 107, and 108 are indicated at the bottom of the system.

Violin I (Vln I) and Violin II (Vln II) parts are shown, along with Viola (Vla), Violoncello (Vc.), and Double Bass (D. B.) parts. The score includes measures 109, 110, and 111. A large diagonal watermark "Not for Performance" is overlaid across the page.

Violin I (Vln I) and Violin II (Vln II) parts are shown, along with Viola (Vla), Violoncello (Vc.), and Double Bass (D. B.) parts. The score includes measures 112, 113, 114, and 115. A large diagonal watermark "Not for Performance" is overlaid across the page. Performance markings include *f*, *ppp*, *div. ord.*, *div. a3*, *unis.*, and *#8*.

116

unis.
highest pitch on II. + III.

gliss.

ff

unis.
highest pitches on II. and III.

n *ff*

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

116 117 118 119 120

122

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

121 122 123

Violin I

Violin II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

124

125

126

This block contains the musical notation for measures 124, 125, and 126. The score is for five instruments: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/8. In measure 124, Violin I plays a rapid sixteenth-note run. Violin II, Viola, and Violoncello play chords, while the Double Bass plays a steady eighth-note pattern. In measure 125, Violin I continues with a similar run, and the other instruments provide harmonic support. In measure 126, the strings play sustained chords, with Violin I adding some movement.

Violin I

Violin II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

127

128

This block contains the musical notation for measures 127 and 128. The instrumentation remains the same. In measure 127, Violin I has a melodic line with some grace notes, while the other instruments play chords. In measure 128, the strings play sustained chords, with Violin I and Violoncello adding some movement.

130

sim.

Score for Violins I and II, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass.

Measures 129, 130, and 131 are shown. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The time signature changes from 8/8 to 12/8 to 2/4.

Violin I (Vln I) and Viola (Vla) parts feature rapid sixteenth-note passages in measures 129 and 130, marked with accents and a *sim.* (sustained) instruction. Violin II (Vln II) and Violoncello (Vc.) parts play sustained notes with accents. The Double Bass (D. B.) part plays sustained notes with accents.

Measures 129, 130, and 131 are marked at the bottom of the staves.

Score for Violins I and II, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass.

Measures 132, 133, and 134 are shown. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The time signature changes from 4/4 to 3/4 to 4/4.

Violin I (Vln I) part features a dynamic shift from *pp* (pianissimo) to *ff* (fortissimo) in measure 132, marked with a crescendo hairpin. The part includes a *div.* (divisi) instruction in measure 133. Violin II (Vln II) and Viola (Vla) parts play sustained notes with accents. Violoncello (Vc.) and Double Bass (D. B.) parts play sustained notes with accents. The Double Bass part includes a *ffpp* (fortissimopiano) instruction in measure 132, marked with a decrescendo hairpin.

Measures 132, 133, and 134 are marked at the bottom of the staves.

Explosive, wild

136

unis.

Score for Performance

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

135

136

137

138

gliss.

div.

ov.

3

140

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

139

140

141

142

div.

div.

div.

unis.

3

Violin I (Vln I)

Violin II (Vln II)

Viola (Vla)

Violoncello (Vc.)

Double Bass (D. B.)

143

144

145

div.

unis.

p

ff

Violin I (Vln I)

Violin II (Vln II)

Viola (Vla)

Violoncello (Vc.)

Double Bass (D. B.)

146

147

148

149

gliss.

unis.

ffp

ff

fff

fff

fff

fff

div.