Cascade

BERT LIGON (BMI)

1 Conductor 8 1st Violin 8 2nd Violin 5 Viola 5 Cello 5 String Bass 1 Piano Accompaniment 1 Drumset

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

While driving by Cascade Mountain outside of Banff, I tried to imagine the basic form of Gershwin's "I Got Rhythm" (a staple for jazz improvisers) with chord changes and style as if James Taylor was a companying fiddlers like Darol Anger and Matt Glaser. Cascade is the result. The marked tempo is J=84. It can be played faster (up to J=96), but not too much slower. After the initial form, the violas trade lines with the first violins, then the cellists trade with the second violins. It is possible to open the piece up for improvised solos at m. 113 by inserting the 32-measure AABA at m. 113 using the chord changes found in the bass part from mm. 49–80, and then returning to the music at m. 113. The string accompanying parts (without the soli lines) could be used as backgrounds for the improvised sections.

Various instruments are featured with written solos at these points

- m. 49 Viola soli over A
- m. 57 Violin 1 soli over
- m. 65 Viola soli over B
- m. 73 Violin 1 soli over A
- m. 81 Cello soli over A
- m. 89 Violin 2 soli over A
- m. 97 Cello soli over B
- m. 105 Violin 2 soli over A

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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