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Salut d'Amour, Op. 12

("Love's Greeting")

Andantino (= 84-88)

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)



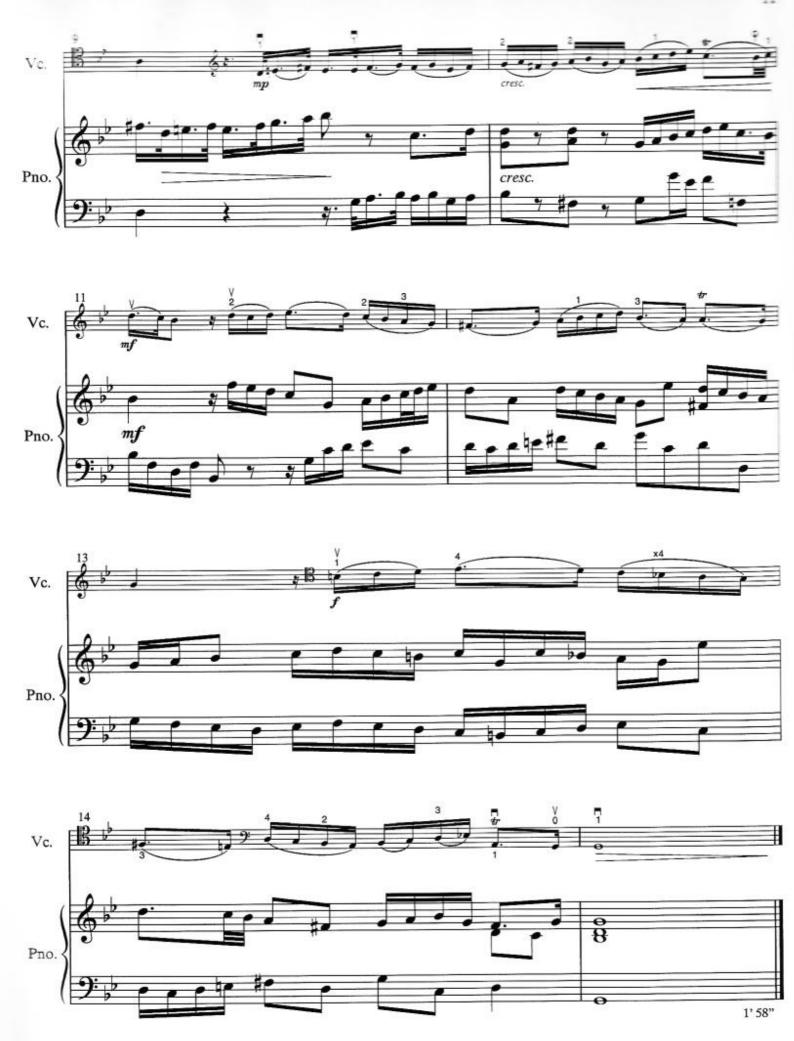






Pieces from the 10th, 12th and 14th Concerti (originally for flute, oboe or violin and basso continuo)





Siciliène





















Adagio and Allegro, Op. 70*

(originally for French Horn and Piano)









































Mazurka, Op. 11, No. 3

(dedicated to B. Cossmann)





















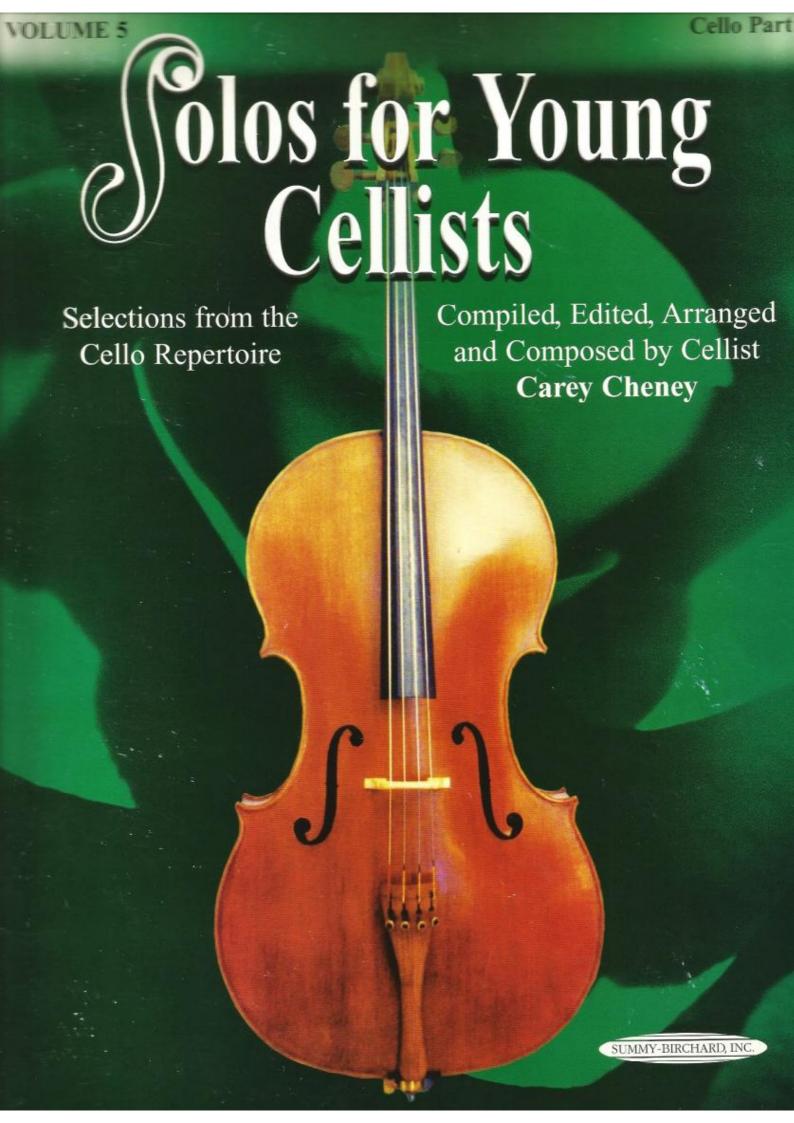


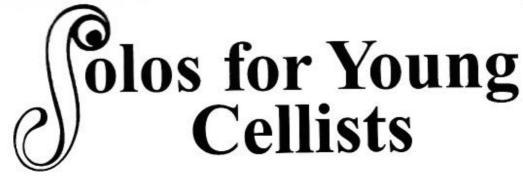












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Salut d'Amour, Op. 12

("Love's Greeting")





General Information and French terms for "Pieces from the 10th, 12th, and 14th Concerti"

These concerti are from a collection called, "Les Gôuts-Réunis ou Nouveaux concerts l'usage de toutes les sortes d'instruments de musique", which translates approximately as: "Various tastes brought together or new concertos using all types of musical instruments." These pieces were originally written for flute/oboe or violin on the melody part, with a bass line and figures provided for a keyboard player, and continuo player. Each concerto has a series of dance movements alternating between slow and fast tempi with a specific rhythmical character within each dance.

This edition is a collection of some of the most adaptable movements presented in the most idiomatic keys for the cello. The realization of the keyboard part, by pianist David Dunford, can also be performed effectively on the harpsichord.

French Terms

Gravement

very slowly and stately

Siciliène

a dance in compound meter that often groups three eights notes as two slurred, one

separate articulation pattern

Tendrement

tenderly

Louré

emphasizing gently the main beat in the Siciliene (the quarter note, or dotted quarter note is emphasized); in the style of the dance, loure, a slow, dignified, French Dance of the 17th and 18th centuries usually in 3/4 or 6/4 time. The name of the dance, loure, is derived from a bagpipe used in Normandy. The dance is usually in 6/4 time and has been described as a slow gigue.

La Tromba

the trumpet

Légérement

lightly; elegantly

Plainte

a lament

Douloureusement

mournfully

Lentement

very slowly

Coulé

very flowing

Très vif

very lively (tempo)

Air de Diable

Song of the Devil

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Plainte





ADAGIO & ALLEGRO, Op. 70 Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

This piece was originally for French horn and piano and was entitled "Romanza & Allegro," Op. 70. The key used in this transcription is a more resonant key for the cello, so it is not in the original key.

Musical terms:

Langsam, mit innigen Ausdruck – sehr gebunden

rasch und feurig

etwas ruhiger

schneller

Erste zeitmas

Slowly with heartfelt expression - very sustained, smooth

swiftly and fiery

somewhat quieter and more relaxed

faster

Tempo I or first tempo



*original title "Romanza & Allegro Op. 70" 212X0









Mazurka, Op. 11, No. 3

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Editor's Note: The notes in mm. 49-52 and mm. 79-81 have been moved down one octave from the original to facilitate execution



Mark Summer and Julie-O Performance Notes

Mark Summer is a founding member of the Turtle Island String Quartet. He is widely regarded as one of the outstanding cellists of our time. He has been innovative in his development of percussive and pizzicato techniques for the cello within the jazz idiom. A graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music, he was a tenured member of the Winnipeg Symphony for three years before leaving to perform in several Canadian contemporary and Baroque ensembles, as well as his own group, The West-End String Band. Asked to perform at the Winnipeg Folk Festival in 1985, the group went on to record Summer's original music for CBC Radio. That same year, Summer visited the Bay Area where he was invited by David Balakrishnian to help form the Turtle Island String Quartet. He continued to touch base with his classical roots, performing with the Chamber Symphony of San Francisco, the Oakland Symphony, the Oakland Ballet, and the contemporary music ensemble, Earplay. In his twenty years on this improvisational musical odyssey, Summer has continued to develop a unique and multi-timbred style, incorporating virtuoso jazz soloing, distinctive bass lines, and extensive percussive techniques adapted from the guitar, bass and drums. The subject of feature articles in Strings and Bass Player magazines, Summer has published two pieces for solo cello, one of which, Julie-O, has been performed by cellists all over the world. Summer also performs in a trio with clarinet virtuoso, Paquito D'Rivera, and has performed and taught at several American Cello Congresses, the New Directions Cello Festival, and Cello Day at the University of Connecticut.

Julie-O is a solo cello piece in a jazz style. It sounds like an improvised piece and allows for great interpretive freedom. The form of the piece evolves from the variation of a tune in many exciting and different rhythmical figures; the middle section of the piece employs many of Summer's original and hip pizzicato and percussive techniques that are not found in the mainstream classical repertoire. Studying these techniques and integrating them into one's playing is a great way to extend one's knowledge of what is possible, and also builds a lot of technical endurance. The rhythm is often syncopated, routinely varied and this variation gives a sheer energy to the music that is compelling. Percussive slaps add a strong back beat feel during the strummed pizzicato section, which makes for a solid "groove".

Julie-O is a piece that every cellist I have ever played it for wants to immediately learn. I have found that by slightly simplifying some of the rhythms, presenting "previews" of how to begin learning the exciting but new techniques, this piece is accessible. The break-down of techniques makes it possible for students to succeed and truly enjoy the greatness of this wonderful piece.

This piece really develops tone, rhythm and endurance. It is my hope that *Julie-O* by Mark Summer will be an exciting door opening up to the amazing world of jazz styles, and that by presenting this version geared toward helping students figure things out, the students will hunger for more! As you read through the bowed sections of the piece, use a metronome to make sure you are feeling the pulse and learning rhythms correctly.

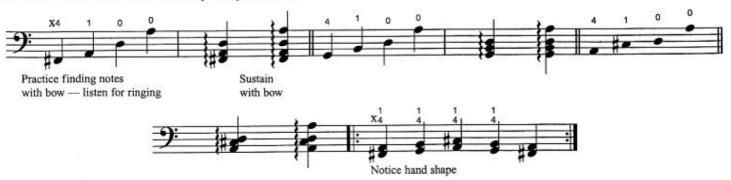
Previews for Julie-O

Left hand preparation:

Here are some suggested preparatory things to practice to help set the left hand double or triple stops and get things set with good, ringing intonation:

Use your bow first (before you practice pizzicato) to set the chordal shapes so that you can hear the ringing of good tuning. Slowly add the written rhythms and/or pizzicato.

E.G. #1 mm. 2-7 Left Hand (L.H.) Outline



Next, practice the rhythmic pattern in the written time signature with the correct string crossings using only open strings (see E.G. #5)

E.G. #2 mm. 29-32 L.H. Outline



Listen for ringing tuning - repeat patterns in tune many times

E.G. #3 mm. 39-49 L.H. Outline

Play arco slowly to hear ringing tuning before practicing pizzicato



Use bow to practice tuning before pizzicato - RINGING TUNING

E.G. #4 mm. 70-72 L.H. Outline

Practice slowly shifting back and forth between two or three of the thirds or sixths to listen for ringing intonation; practice also with slurred bowing to increase facility with accurate shifting.

Play arco slowly to hear ringing tuning before practicing pizzicato



Pizzicato Preparations:

Plucking with alternating first and second fingers of right hand: Practice getting the hang of this just with open strings starting on the C string and crossing upwards.

E.G. #5 mm. 2-7



After you are comfortable with alternating fingers, add the rhythm as written in mm. 2-7. This alternating technique helps to bring out the changing melodic note found in the middle of the broken chord.

Alternating pizzicato between right and left hands: This technique is very effective for defining a quick passing rhythm, and the timbre of the left hand pluck is distinctive; but this takes some getting used to, so practice very slowly the pattern of how the hands alternate:

E.G.#6 mm. 39-40

R = right hand strum pizz.

L or + = left hand pluck

X =slap with open right hand



Percussion Techniques:

This is another area in which Mark Summer is exceptionally innovative; he has brought to cello playing an integration of being the rhythm section while you play the music!

Hammering: (H) you can hammer with your left hand (probably first finger is the most powerful for this) to bring out a cross rhythm or syncopated feel; strike the strings and fingerboard from a higher supported posture of the left arm and practice the rhythmic pattern slowly to get a clear effect with the hammering.



H = hammer with flattened first finger of left hand

Alternating Left Hand Hammer (H) and Open Right Hand Slap (X):

Going slowly is very helpful; you can also try grouping the alternating rhythm of mm. 37-38 in a sort of triplet feel to get the flow of I, but then it is challenging and fun to accent the main quarter note beat.

Try tapping the pattern alternating Left Hand (H)/Right Hand (R)

Repeat until it is easy!



Busting out of your shell: (trying to make up melodies and figures without judgment)

The "Cadenza" of this piece (where it says "freely and flowing"): it just would not be a jazz/improvisation piece without the opportunity to improvise. But any jazz musician I have ever talked to about the secret of improvisation has told me that a basic framework has been worked out ahead, with many possibilities having been practiced thoroughly, so that a "groove" can be set and then flow.

To have a little bit of fun, you could try taking these notes of a D Pentatonic scale (D E F# A B) and noodling around with different rhythms, following a steady beat of a metronome.

E.G. #9



Try finding this set of notes in different octaves. Add triplet rhythms to change the feel of the rhythm. Slide into notes and try this in differing speeds. Borrow an upper neighbor tone to E and B and get two more "bluesy" notes (E# and B#) to slide into when you feel like it. Try more rhythms.





These suggestions are simple, unsophisticated ones, and with more experimentation you will discover many unique tunes and "riffs" that are distinctly your own.

I think it is important to experiment a lot, and to listen to many great improvisers like Mark Summer. See what evolves as you experiment a little more each time you practice the written notes and perhaps you will find yourself adding some new "riff" to something that is written, or changing the written notes completely.

What great joy could there be than to have complete autonomy over the music and reinventing new ways to express something? Have fun!

The original version of Julie-O as written by Mark Summer is available through Shar Music (sharmusic.com) and comes with another great solo piece called Lo How a Rose E're Blooming.





