Gonçalo Gato

Canti Firmi
Instruments:

Flute (+ alto flute)

Oboe

Clarinet (+ bass clarinet)

Percussion (tirangle, wind chimes, suspended cymbal, bell plates, vibraphone, marimba, whip, snare drum, bass drum)

Piano

Violin

Viola

Violoncello

Programme notes:

Canti firmi was born out of Gesualdo's madrigal 'Gioite voi col canto' (fifth book, I). I started by segmenting the madrigal in seven parts of different lengths. Each segment was then filtered in various ways to obtain 7 different canti firmi. These served as the basis for composing. The procedure of elaborating a cantus firmus is probably as old as polyphonic music itself and it never actually defined a style. Similarly, my 'transcription' of Gesualdo's madrigal is very far from the original. I think this (old) composing process made me feel a sort of primitive compositional impetus that was very inspiring.

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Score in C

Vivo, \( j = 120 \)

Gonçalo Gato
(2014)
32 Molto sereno, \( \text{\textit{j}} = 80 \)

A. Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Perc.

Wind Chimes

PP

f

Pno.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

\textit{pizz.} arco

sul tasto, flautando

sul tasto, con sord.

flautando

sul tasto, flautando

\textit{punta d'arco}
39

ord., sul tasto, flautando

41

arco sul pont.
Meno mosso, \( \text{=} \ 120 \)

\( \text{fl.} \)

\( \text{ob.} \)

\( \text{cl.} \)

\( \text{perc.} \)

\( \text{pno.} \)

\( \text{vln.} \)

\( \text{vla.} \)

\( \text{vc.} \)

\( \text{snare drum} \)

\( \text{bass drum} \)