

**Davide Verotta**  
**Facing Chaos**  
**(2011)**

Piccolo  
Flauto  
Oboe  
Clarinetto in Si<sup>b</sup>  
Fagotto  
Controfagotto

Corno in Fa  
Tromba in C  
Tuba

Percussione (4 players)

Timpani

Vibraphone  
Snare Drum

Marimba  
Suspended Cymbals

Glockenspiel  
Tom-Toms  
Bass Drum  
Large Tam-tam

Pianoforte

Arpa

Violino I  
Violino II  
Viola  
Violoncello  
Contrabasso

*Piece duration: 11 minutes.*



## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTATION

*The score and parts are written with usual transpositions.*

*Accidentals apply throughout entire bars, but only at written octave.*

*A horizontal arrow indicates to change gradually from one sound or one-way of playing to another.*

**Facing Chaos** is an orchestral piece inspired by a passage from the tragedy *Thyestes* (62 C.E.) by Seneca the Younger: "Trembling are our hearts, lest all things fall shattered in fatal ruin and once more gods and men be overwhelmed by formless Chaos; lest the lands, the encircling sea, and the stars that wander in the spangled sky, nature blot out once more." In the cosmogony of Hesiod and Democritus, chaos is the initial state of the universe, a dark void, a primordial condition where out of nothing tiny atoms are formed and churn incoherently until they collide together to form larger units, including the earth. The passage inspires Facing Chaos with a sort of existential malaise that, as probably was the case for Seneca, is generated by our discomfort with the apparent contradiction between the presence of us, our relationships, our civilization, earth, and the much larger overwhelming dimension of space and time that surrounds it. Structure is one of the ways we face this discomfort, and a rather tight form characterizes the piece. In juxtaposition with rather aggressive rhythmic sections, the main motives of the piece take shape, metamorphosing all the way to the end of the piece. In addition, two highly recognizable slow sections (played in a low register by the bassoons) serve as stopping points; question marks expressing our wonder in the face of the gigantic structure that sprouted from the original chaos to form the universe.

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# Facing Chaos

Score

**Davide Verotta**  
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**Allegro** ♩ = 112

**Piccolo**

**Flute**

**Oboe**

**Clarinet in B♭**

**Bassoon**

**Contrabassoon**

**Horn in F**

**Trumpet in C**

**Tuba**

**Timp.**

**Vib.**

**Sn. Dr.**

**Marimba**

**Suspended Cymbals**

**Glockenspiel**

**Tom-tom**

**Bass Drum**

**Tam Tam**

**Piano**

**Harp**

**Violin 1**

**Violin 2**

**Viola**

**Cello**

**Double Bass**

**Key Signature Change:** DCB | E♭ F #G A♭

This image displays a comprehensive musical score for a symphony orchestra, arranged in a standard score format. The score is divided into several systems, each containing multiple staves for different instruments. The instruments listed on the left include Piccolo (Picc.), Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Bassoon in C (C. Bn.), Horn (Hn.), Trumpet in C (C Tpt.), Tuba, Timpani (Timp.), Vibraphone (Vib.), Snare Drum (SDr.), Maracas (Mrb.), Cymbals (S.Cym.), Glockenspiel (Glk.), Tom-toms (Toms), Bass Drum (B.Dr.), and Tam-tam (Tam). The score also includes staves for Piano (Pno.), Harp (Hp.), Violin 1 (Vln. 1), Violin 2 (Vln. 2), Viola (Vla.), Violoncello (Vlc.), and Double Bass (D.B.). The notation is written in standard musical notation, including notes, rests, and dynamic markings such as *sfz*, *pp*, *p*, *mf*, and *sfz*. The score is presented in a clear, professional layout, suitable for a conductor or musician's reference.

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Picc. *mf sfz mf sfz mf sfz f*

Fl. *sfz mf sfz f*

Ob. *mf sfz sfz mf*

B♭ Cl. *sfz p sfz mf sfz f*

Bsn. *sfz p sfz mf sfz f*

C. Bn. *f sfz mf f*

Hn. *f*

C Tpt. *f*

Tuba *mf f*

Timp. *ff p* B♭ - A♭

Vib.

SDr.

Mrb. *f*

S.Cym.

Glk.

Toms

B.Dr. Tam

Pno. *f*

Hp. *f*

Vln. 1 *ff p* pizz.

Vln. 2 *ff* pizz.

Vla. *ff* pizz. II

Vlc. *ff* pizz. III

D.B. *f sfz mf ff* pizz. II

46

C

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tuba

close to Rim

*p*

Timp.

Vib

SDr.

Mrb.

S.Cym.

Glk.

*p*

Toms

B.Dr.

Tam

Pno.

Hp.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

D.B.

7

Facing Chaos



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This page of a musical score is for a symphony, featuring a large ensemble of instruments. The instruments listed on the left are: Picc., Fl., Ob., B♭ Cl., Bsn., C. Bn., Hn., C Tpt., Tuba, Timp., Vib., SDr., Mrb., S.Cym., Glk., Toms, B.Dr. Tam, Pno., Hp., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vlc., and D.B.

The score is written in 3/4 time. It includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. Key dynamics include *pp* (pianissimo), *p* (piano), and *ord.* (ordinario). Performance instructions like "con sord." (con sordina) and "arco sul tasto" are present. The score is divided into measures, with a double bar line indicating a section change.

The instruments are arranged in a standard symphonic layout. The woodwinds (Picc., Fl., Ob., B♭ Cl., Bsn., C. Bn.) are in the upper staves, followed by the brass (Hn., C Tpt., Tuba, Timp.). The percussion section (Vib., SDr., Mrb., S.Cym., Glk., Toms, B.Dr. Tam) is in the middle. The strings (Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vlc., D.B.) are in the lower staves. The piano and harp are also included.

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The image displays a page from a musical score, likely for a symphony, featuring a variety of instruments. The instruments listed on the left include Picc., Fl., Ob., B♭ Cl., Bsn., C. Bn., Hn., C Tpt., Tuba, Timp., Vib., SDr., Mrb., S.Cym., Glk., Toms, B.Dr. Tam, Pno., Hp., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vlc., and D.B. The score is written in 4/4 time and includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. Key dynamics include *pp* (pianissimo), *p* (piano), *mp* (mezzo-piano), *sfz* (sforzando), and *p* (piano). Performance instructions like "arco sul tasto" and "dead stroke" are present. The score is divided into measures, with some measures containing multiple staves for different instruments. The page ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

175

G

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tuba

Timp.

Vib.

SDr.

Mrb.

S.Cym.

Glk.

Toms

B.Dr.  
Tam

Pno.

Hp.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

D.B.

*sforzando*

*piano*

*mezzo-forte*

*f*

*pp*

*mf*

*senza sord.*

*arco*



Picc. *sfz* *f* *sfz* *f* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

Fl. *sfz* *mf* *sfz* *f* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

Ob. *sfz* *f* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

B♭ Cl. *sfz* *sfz* *f* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

Bsn. *sfz* *mf* *sfz* *mf* *sfz* *f* *sfz* *sfz*

C. Bn. *sfz* *mf* *sfz* *f* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

Hn. *p* *f* *p* *f*

C Tpt. *p* *f* *p* *f*

Tuba *p* *f* *p* *f*

Timp.

Vib.

SDr.

Mrb. ord. *p* *f* *p* *f*

S.Cym.

Glk.

Toms *p* *f*

B.Dr. Tam

Pno.

Hp.

Vln. 1 *sfz* *mf* *sfz* *mf* *sfz* *f* *sfz*

Vln. 2 *sfz* *mf* *sfz* *f* *sfz* *f* *sfz*

Vla. *sfz* *mf* *sfz* *f* *sfz* *f* *sfz*

Vlc. *sfz* *mf* *sfz* *mf* *sfz* *f* *sfz*

D.B. *mf* *sfz* *mf*

[illegible]

[illegible]

150 The Rite of Spring 150-160

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tuba

Timp.

Vib

SDr.

Mrb.

S.Cym.

Glk.

Toms

B.Dr.  
Tam

Pno.

Hp.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

D.B.

Tam-Tam

pizz.

arco

ff

G#Ab



Picc. *f*

Fl. *f*

Ob. *f*

B♭ Cl. *f*

Bsn. *f*

C. Bn. *f*

Hn. *f*

C Tpt. *f* con sord. *pp*

Tuba *f*

Timp. *p* *f*

Vib.

SDr.

Mrb. *p* *f*

S.Cym.

Glk.

Toms

B.Dr. Tam

Pno.

Hp.

Vln. 1 *f* *p*

Vln. 2 *f* *p*

Vla. *f* *p*

Vlc. *f* *p*

D.B. *f* S.P. *p* *f*



Picc. *pp*

Fl. *p*

Ob. *pp* *p*

B♭ Cl. *pp* *p*

Bsn. *p*

C. Bn. *p*

Hn. *p* *mf* *p* con sord.

C Tpt. *p* *mf* *p*

Tuba

Timp. *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Vib.

SDr.

Mrb. *p*

S.Cym.

Glk.

Toms

B.Dr. Tam

Pno. *p*

Hp. *p* D#CBb|EFGAb

Vln. 1 *pp*

Vln. 2 *pp*

Vla. *pp*

Vlc. *p* S.P. *mf*

D.B. *p* S.P. *mf*





Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tuba

Timp.

Vib.

SDr.

Mrb.

S.Cym.

Glk.

Toms

B.Dr.  
Tam

Pno.

Hp.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

D.B.

*mf*

*f*

Picc. *ff* *p* *ff* *pp*

Fl. *ff* *p* *ff*

Ob. *ff* *p* *ff*

B♭ Cl. *ff* *p* *ff*

Bsn. *ff* *p* *ff*

C. Bn. *ff* *p* *ff*

Hn. *ff* *p* *ff* *f* *p*

C Tpt. *ff* *p* *ff* *f* *p*

Tuba

Timp. *ff* *p* *ff* *p* L.V.

Vib.

SDr.

Mrb. *f* *mf* *p* dead stroke

S.Cym.

Glk.

Toms *ff*

B.Dr. Tam

Pno. *ff*

Hp. *ff* *p* G#

Vln. 1 *ff* *ff* *p* arco

Vln. 2 *ff* *ff* *p* arco

Vla. *ff* *ff* *p* arco

Vlc. *ff* *ff* *p*

D.B. *ff* *ff* *p*

This page of a musical score is for a symphony, featuring a variety of instruments. The instruments listed on the left are: Picc., Fl., Ob., B♭ Cl., Bsn., C. Bn., Hn., C Tpt., Tuba, Timp., Vib., S.Dr., Mrb., S.Cym., Glk., Toms, B.Dr. Tam, Pno., Hp., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vlc., and D.B. The score is written in a single system with multiple staves. The key signature is one flat (B♭), and the time signature is 4/4. The music includes various dynamics such as *pp* (pianissimo), *p* (piano), *sfz* (sforzando), and *ord.* (ordinario). Performance instructions like *arco* (arco) and *S.P.* (S.P.) are also present. The score is a page from a larger work, as indicated by the page number 100 in the top left corner.

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Picc. *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff*

Fl. *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *p* <sup>3</sup>

Ob. *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *p* <sup>3</sup>

B♭ Cl. *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff*

Bsn. *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff*

C. Bn. *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff*

Hn. *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff*

C Tpt. *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff*

Tuba

Timp.

Vib. *f* <sup>3</sup> *subito mf* <sup>3</sup>

SDr.

Mrb. *mf* <sup>3</sup>

S.Cym.

Glk.

Toms

B.Dr. Tam

Pno. *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *pp*

Hp. *pp* <sup>3</sup>

Vln. 1 <sup>(8<sup>va</sup>)</sup> *p* *pp* S.P.

Vln. 2 *p* *pp* S.P.

Vla. *p* *pp* S.P.

Vlc. *p* *pp* S.P.

D.B. *p* *pp* S.P.

DCB♭|E♭FGA♭

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tuba

Timp.

Vib

SDr.

Mrb.

S.Cym.

Glk.

Toms

B.Dr.  
Tam

Pno.

Hp.

G♭

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

D.B.

ord.

ord.

ord.



Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tuba

Timp.

Vib

SDr.

Mrb.

S.Cym.

Glk.

Toms

B.Dr.  
Tam

Pno.

Hp.

G♯  
espressivo

D♭

D♯

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

D.B.

*p*

*p*

*mf*

*p*

*pp*

*pp*

*mp*

*espressivo*

*espressivo*

*espressivo*

*mp*





247

*p*

*accelerando*

**Q** Piú mosso  = 96

This page of a musical score is for a large orchestra and strings. The staves are arranged as follows from top to bottom:

- Picc.
- Fl.
- Ob.
- B♭ Cl.
- Bsn.
- C. Bn.
- Hn.
- C Tpt.
- Tuba
- Timp.
- Vib.
- SDr.
- Mrb.
- S.Cym.
- Glk.
- Toms
- B.Dr. Tam
- Pno.
- Hp.
- Vln. 1
- Vln. 2
- Vla.
- Vlc.
- D.B.

The score is written in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B♭). The music features complex rhythmic patterns, including triplets and sixteenth notes. The dynamics range from piano (p) to fortissimo (f). The score is for measures 1 through 10, with a repeat sign at the end of measure 10.

261

This musical score page contains measures 261 through 266. The instrumentation includes Piccolo, Flute, Oboe, B♭ Clarinet, Bassoon, Contrabassoon, Horn, C Trumpet, Tuba, Timpani, Vibraphone, Snare Drum, Maracas, Conga, Gluck, Tom, Bass Drum/Tam-tam, Piano, Harp, Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass. The score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B♭). Measures 261-263 feature complex woodwind passages with triplets and slurs. Measures 264-266 continue these patterns, with a forte (ff) dynamic marking in measure 264. The string section (Violins, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass) provides a rhythmic foundation with triplets and slurs. The percussion section (Snare Drum, Maracas, Conga, Gluck, Tom, Bass Drum/Tam-tam) is mostly silent, with only the Snare Drum and Maracas having a few notes in measure 261.

R

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tuba

Timp.

Vib

SDr.

Mrb.

S.Cym.

Glk.

Toms

B.Dr.  
Tam

Pno.

Hp.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

D.B.

272

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tuba

L.V.

Timp.

Vib.

S.Dr.

Mrb.

S.Cym.

Glk.

Toms

B.Dr.  
Tam

Pno.

Hp.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

D.B.

This page of a musical score is for a symphony orchestra, featuring a variety of instruments. The score is written in 4/4 time and includes a key signature of one sharp (F#). The instruments listed on the left are: Picc., Fl., Ob., B♭ Cl., Bsn., C. Bn., Hn., C Tpt., Tuba, Timp., Vib., SDr., Mrb., S.Cym., Glk., Toms, B.Dr. Tam, Pno., Hp., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vlc., and D.B. The score includes musical notation, dynamics, and performance instructions.

**Key Features:**

- Dynamic Markings:** *p* (piano), *f* (forte), *mp* (mezzo-piano), *pp* (pianissimo).
- Performance Instructions:** "chiuso solo", "soft mallets", "arco on the tip", "pizz." (pizzicato), "arco" (arco).
- Rehearsal Markers:** Indicated by double bar lines with a repeat sign.
- Key Signature:** One sharp (F#).
- Time Signature:** 4/4.

The score is a page from a larger musical work, likely a symphony or concerto, and is designed for a professional orchestra.





293

This page contains musical staves numbered 293 through 307. The instruments listed are Picc., Fl., Ob., B♭ Cl., Bsn., C. Bn., Hn., C Tpt., Tuba, Timp., Vib., SDr., Mrb., S.Cym., Glk., Toms, B.Dr. Tam, Pno., Hp., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vlc., and D.B. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, dynamics (p, mp, pp), articulation marks (accents, slurs), and performance instructions like "Ossia: play only bottom note" and "pedal similarly". Measure numbers 293, 294, 295, 296, and 297 are indicated at the top of their respective systems.



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**U**

This page of a musical score is for a large orchestra. It features 24 staves, each representing a different instrument or section. The instruments listed are: Picc., Fl., Ob., B♭ Cl., Bsn., C. Bn., Hn., C Tpt., Tuba, Timp., Vib, SDr., Mrb., S.Cym., Glk., Toms, B.Dr. Tam, Pno., Hp., Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vlc., and D.B. The score is written in 3/4 time. It includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings like *pp*, *sfz*, and *p*. The score is divided into two systems, with a double bar line in the middle. The first system covers measures 1 through 10, and the second system covers measures 11 through 20. The score is written in a standard musical notation style, with a key signature of one flat (B♭) and a time signature of 3/4. The instruments are arranged in a traditional orchestral layout, with the woodwinds and strings in the front and the brass and percussion in the back. The score is a page from a larger manuscript, as indicated by the page number 298 in the top left corner.

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tuba

Timp.

Vib.

SDr.

Mrb.

S.Cym.

Glk.

Toms

B.Dr. Tam

Pno.

Hp.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

D.B.

This image displays a comprehensive musical score for a symphony orchestra, organized into two systems of staves. The instruments and their parts are as follows:

- Woodwinds:** Piccolo (Picc.), Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Bass Clarinet (B♭ Cl.), Bassoon (Bsn.), and Contrabassoon (C. Bn.). These parts feature complex rhythmic patterns, often in triplets, with dynamic markings such as *sfz* (sforzando) and *p* (piano).
- Brass:** Horns (Hn.), Trumpets (C Tpt.), Tuba, and Timpani (Timp.). The Horns and Trumpets have parts marked "aperto" (open) and "senza sord." (without mutes), with dynamics ranging from *pp* (pianissimo) to *f* (forte). The Tuba and Timpani parts include specific malletting instructions.
- Percussion:** Vibraphone (Vib.), Snare Drum (SDr.), and various auxiliary percussion instruments including Maracas (Mrb.), Small Cymbals (S.Cym.), Gongs (Glk.), Toms, and Bells (B.Dr. Tam.).
- Piano and Harp:** Piano (Pno.) and Harp (Hp.). The Piano part includes a complex harmonic structure with multiple voices.
- Strings:** Violins 1 and 2 (Vln. 1, Vln. 2), Viola (Vla.), Violoncello (Vlc.), and Double Bass (D.B.). The string parts are characterized by intricate rhythmic patterns and dynamic markings.

The score is written in a standard musical notation, including notes, rests, and various performance instructions. The layout is clean and professional, typical of a high-quality musical score.

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tuba

Timp.

Vib

S.Dr.

Mrb.

S.Cym.

Glk.

Toms

B.Dr.  
Tam

Pno.

Hp.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

D.B.

This musical score page, numbered 321, contains staves for the following instruments: Piccolo, Flute, Oboe, B♭ Clarinet, Bassoon, Contrabassoon, Horn, Cornet, Tuba, Timpani, Vibraphone, Snare Drum, Maracas, Small Cymbal, Glockenspiel, Tom-toms, Bass Drum/Tam-tam, Piano, Harp, Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass. The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features complex rhythmic patterns, including triplets and sixteenth notes, and dynamic markings such as sfz, ff, p, and f. The woodwinds and strings have active parts throughout, while the brass and percussion instruments have more limited, punctuated roles.

326

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

C. Bn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tuba

Timp.

Vib

SDr.

Mrb.

S.Cym.

Glk.

Toms

B.Dr.

Tam

Pno.

Hp.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

D.B.

X



