

Sinfonia No. 2 for Orchestra

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(ASCAP)

Sinfonia No. 2 for Orchestra was completed in October 2024.. The work is approximately 17 minutes in duration and is cast in four movements. Most of the composition has a decidedly Latin as well as Spanish “flavor”.

INSTRUMENTATION: W.W. - 2 fl, picc, 2 ob, 2 Bb cl, 2 bsn, **Brass:** 4 hn, 3 Bb trp, 2 trb, Bass trb, tuba. **Percussion:** Timp. Xylo., Glock., Crotales, Tamb., 4 tom toms, Sus. Cym., Crash Cym., S.D, Hi hat, **Strings.**

MOVEMENTS/FORMAL STRUCTURE

Mvt I. *Pachanga* - In keeping with the “slang” definition of Pachanga (fiesta, lively party, binge, booze-up), this movement presents a series of caffeine induced “telegraph rhythm” motifs woven into a lively music romp through a wild unrestrained Cuban risqué party! After mostly heavily scored music there is a more subdued section where different instrumental combinations are featured giving the impression of “improvised” passages while accompanied by rhythmic “big band – like jazzy interjections. Afterward the tutti sections return climaxing in a “shout chorus” statement of the Pachanga theme and a brief quote from Beethoven’s 7th that is similar to the recurring “Pachanga” rhythm! The tempo gradually increases as the piece ends exuberantly on an F Major chord!

Mvt II. *Intermezzo Tropical* is suave in nature and pseudo tango-like in feel. The opening ostinato bass sets the pace. Often subdued, this movement occasionally offers up some tutti orchestral statements.

Mvt III. *Romance* is the emotional heart of the entire work featuring an array of shifting tone colors. There are solos for, among others, trumpet and horn.

Mvt. 4. *España* is totally imbued with “Spanish-isms” and flamenco influences. There is even a section (beginning at bar 191) titled “six string jive” where all the music is made up of only the pitches of the open strings of the guitar! All in all the entire movement is exuberant in nature and brings the entire composition to a spirited finale!

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