

VANISHING POINTE

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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score	1
Violin I	8
Violin II	8
Viola	5
Cello	5
String Bass	5

NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

This original selection will challenge every section of your high school string orchestra both musically and technically. A jazzy, rhythmically intense mood dominates much of the piece, but makes way briefly for a lyrical middle section featuring lush, hauntingly beautiful harmonies. *Vanishing Pointe* was inspired by the concept of receding parallel lines. This phenomenon, a key to linear perspective in the art world, is represented musically in the piece by the use of both contrary motion and decrescendos. The converging scales heard at the end of measure 18 become the major motif used throughout the piece. "Vanishing Pointe" also refers to the merging of two distinct and different melodies—a jazzy, driving tune introduced at measure 23, and a haunting, lyrical melody heard in the introduction and developed more fully at measure 77. Eventually, the differences in these two melodies vanish, and they are combined and heard simultaneously at measure 143. The altered spelling in the title is a nod to North Pointe Christian School, who commissioned the piece.



Vanishing Point

CONDUCTOR SCORE

Duration - 6:30

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Andante delicato (♩ = 84)

1st stand (inside) V

(outside)

Violins

Viola

Cello

String Bass

Solo

p

p

p

1 2 3 4 5

Vlins.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

p

p

6 7 8 9 10

14 L'istesso tempo, ma più agitato (♩ = 84)

Vlns. I
 Vlns. II
 Vla.
 Cello
 Str. Bass

11 12 13 14

ppp senza accento
Section

Vlns. I
 Vlns. II
 Vla.
 Cello
 Str. Bass

Tutti

ppp senza accento

15 16

Score for Violins (Vlns. I & II), Viola (Vla.), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass) in 3/4 time.

Vlns. I & II: *cresc.* *f* *ff*

Vla.: *cresc.* *f* *ff*

Cello: *cresc.* *f* *ff*

Str. Bass: *mp* *senza accento* *f* *ff*

Measures 17 and 18 are indicated.

Score for Violins (Vlns. I & II), Viola (Vla.), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass) in 3/4 time.

Vlns. I & II: *p* *f*

Vla.: *ff* *pizz.* *p* *f*

Cello: *f* *pizz.*

Str. Bass: *f* *pizz.*

Measures 19 and 20 are indicated.

Score for measures 21 and 22. The score is for five parts: Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, and Str. Bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. Measure 21 is in 3/4 time, and measure 22 is in 4/4 time. The Vlns. II and Vla. parts have dynamics *f* and *p* marked. The Cello and Str. Bass parts have a *mf* dynamic marked.

21 22

Score for measures 23, 24, and 25. The score is for five parts: Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, and Str. Bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. Measure 23 is in 3/4 time, and measures 24 and 25 are in 4/4 time. The Vlns. I part has dynamics *mf* and *f* marked. The Cello and Str. Bass parts have a *mp* dynamic marked.

23 24 25

Score for Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vla.), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass).

Measures 26 and 27 are shown. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature changes from 4/4 to 3/4 between measures 26 and 27.

Violins (Vlns.): Measure 26 starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic. Measure 27 starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic.

Viola (Vla.): Measure 26 is a whole rest. Measure 27 starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic.

Cello: Measure 26 starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic and is marked *arco*. Measure 27 starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and is marked *pizz.*

String Bass (Str. Bass): Measure 26 is a whole rest. Measure 27 starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic.

Score for Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vla.), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass).

Measures 28 and 29 are shown. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is 4/4.

Violins (Vlns.): Measure 28 starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. Measure 29 starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic.

Viola (Vla.): Measure 28 starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. Measure 29 starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic.

Cello: Measure 28 starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. Measure 29 starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic.

String Bass (Str. Bass): Measure 28 starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. Measure 29 starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic.

31

div.

p

cresc.

mf

mf
arco

mp
arco

mp

30 31 32

Vlns. I
Vlns. II
Vla.
Cello
Str. Bass

f

33 34 35

Vlns. I
Vlns. II
Vla.
Cello
Str. Bass

Score for measures 36-38, featuring Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vla.), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass).

Measure 36: Vlns. I and II play a melodic line with a *dim.* (diminuendo) marking. Vla. plays a rhythmic pattern. Cello and Str. Bass play a bass line.

Measure 37: Vlns. I and II continue the melodic line. Vla. continues the rhythmic pattern. Cello and Str. Bass continue the bass line.

Measure 38: Vlns. I and II play a melodic line with a *p* (piano) marking. Vla. continues the rhythmic pattern. Cello and Str. Bass continue the bass line.

Score for measures 39-41, featuring Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vla.), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass).

Measure 39: Vlns. I and II play a melodic line with a *p* (piano) marking. Vla. plays a rhythmic pattern. Cello and Str. Bass play a bass line with a *f* (forte) marking.

Measure 40: Vlns. I and II continue the melodic line. Vla. continues the rhythmic pattern. Cello and Str. Bass continue the bass line.

Measure 41: Vlns. I and II play a melodic line. Vla. continues the rhythmic pattern. Cello and Str. Bass continue the bass line.

43

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

f

f

f

div.

marcato

marcato

42 43 44

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

p

p

p

p

45 46

Score for Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vla.), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass).

Measures 47 and 48 are shown. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

Violins I and II play a melodic line starting in measure 47, marked *mp* (mezzo-piano). The Viola and Cello play a supporting line, marked *mf* (mezzo-forte) in measure 48. The String Bass plays a rhythmic pattern, marked *mf* in measure 48.

Measures 47 and 48 are marked with measure numbers 47 and 48 respectively.

Score for Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vla.), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass).

Measures 49 and 50 are shown. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

Violins I and II play a melodic line starting in measure 49, marked *ff* (fortissimo). The Viola and Cello play a supporting line, marked *ff* in measure 49. The String Bass plays a rhythmic pattern, marked *ff* in measure 49.

Measure 50 is marked with measure number 50. The key signature changes to one flat (Bb) in measure 50. The Violins I and II play a melodic line, marked *sub. p* (subito piano). The Viola and Cello play a supporting line, marked *p* (piano). The String Bass plays a rhythmic pattern, marked *p* in measure 50.

Measures 49 and 50 are marked with measure numbers 49 and 50 respectively.

Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

cresc.

mp cresc.

mf cresc.

sim.

cresc.

f

f

f

51 52 53

Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

p

cresc.

p

cresc.

p

cresc.

p

cresc.

div.

p

cresc.

p

cresc.

54 55 56

58

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

f *ff* *p*

f *ff* *p*

f *ff* *p*

f *ff* *p*

f *ff* *p*

57 58

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

ff *p*

ff *p*

ff *p*

ff *p*

ff *p*

59 60

62

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

p

f

f

f

div.

61 62 63

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

64 65

68

Vlns. I *pp* *ppp* senza accento

Vlns. II *pp* *ppp* senza accento

Vla. *ppp* senza accento

Cello *pp*

Str. Bass *pp*

66 67 68

Vlns. I *f* *ppp*

Vlns. II *f* *ppp*

Vla. *f* *ppp*

Cello *ppp* senza accento

Str. Bass *ppp* senza accento

69 70

Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

f

f

f

ppp

71 72

Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

ppp

cresc. poco a poco

ppp

cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

ppp

cresc. poco a poco

73 74

mp
senza accento

77 L'istesso tempo e molto sonoro (♩ = 84)

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Score for measures 75-78, featuring Vlns. I & II, Vla., Cello, and Str. Bass. The tempo is L'istesso tempo e molto sonoro (♩ = 84). The key signature is one sharp (F#).

Measures 75-78 show a crescendo from *mp* to *mf* and then *f*. The Vlns. I & II parts include a *div.* (divisi) marking. The Vla. part includes a *Soli* marking. The Cello and Str. Bass parts include a *div.* marking. The Str. Bass part includes a *cresc.* marking.

Measures 75, 76, 77, and 78 are indicated at the bottom of the score.

Score for measures 79-85, featuring Vlns. I & II, Vla., Cello, and Str. Bass. The tempo is L'istesso tempo e molto sonoro (♩ = 84). The key signature is one sharp (F#).

Measures 79-85 show a decrescendo from *mf* to *p*. The Vlns. I & II parts include a *mf* marking. The Vla. part includes a *p* marking. The Cello and Str. Bass parts include a *p* marking. The Cello part includes a *div.* marking. The Str. Bass part includes a *p* marking.

Measures 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85 are indicated at the bottom of the score.

86 1st stand

Vlns. I *p*

Vlns. II *pp*

Vla. *pp*

Cello *pp*

Str. Bass *pp*

86 87 88 89 90 91

Vlns. I *mf cresc.* *sub. p molto cresc.*

Vlns. II *mp cresc.* *sub. p molto cresc.*

Vla. *mp cresc.* *sub. p molto cresc.*

Cello *div.* *mf*

Str. Bass *mp cresc.* *mf*

92 93 94 95

Tutti div.

96

Vlns. I *ff*

Vlns. II *ff*

Vla. *ff*

Cello *ff*

Str. Bass *ff*

96 97 98 99 100

104

Vlns. I *pp*

Vlns. II *pp*

Vla. *pp*

Cello *mp* *Soli*

Str. Bass *p*

101 102 103 104 105

Vlns. I
 Vlns. II
 Vla.
 Cello
 Str. Bass

106 107 108 109 110

Vlns. I
 Vlns. II
 Vla.
 Cello
 Str. Bass

111 112 113 114 115

Score for measures 116 to 120, featuring Vlns. I & II, Vla., Cello, and Str. Bass. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The tempo is marked *rit.* (ritardando). Dynamics include *pp* (pianissimo) and *p* (piano). A *Solo* marking is present above the Vlns. I staff in measure 119.

116 117 118 119 120

Score for measures 121 to 124, featuring Vlns. I & II, Vla., Cello, and Str. Bass. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The tempo is marked *rit.* (ritardando). The time signature changes to 4/4 in measure 124. Dynamics include *ppp* (pianississimo), *f* (forte), and *pp* (pianissimo). A *Solo* marking is present above the Cello staff in measure 121. A *div.* (divisi) marking is present above the Str. Bass staff in measure 121. A *Tutti* marking is present above the Vlns. I & II staff in measure 124. The instruction *Con precisione e senza accento* (with precision and without accent) is written above the Vlns. I & II staff in measure 124, followed by the tempo marking $\text{♩} = 84$.

121 122 123 124

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

125

126

ppp

ppp

ppp

Tutti

ppp

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

127

128

f

f

f

f

f

ppp

ppp

ppp

ppp

f

129

Vlns. I *cresc.* *ff*

Vlns. II *cresc.* *ff*

Vla. *cresc.* *ff*

Cello *cresc.* *ff*

Str. Bass *f* *ff*

130

131

Vlns. I *pizz.* *p* *f*

Vlns. II *pizz.* *p* *f*

Vla. *pizz.* *p* *f*

Cello *f*

Str. Bass *f*

131 132 133

arco

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

134 135 136

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

137 138

139

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

ff *p* *ff*

ff *p* *ff*

ff

ff *p* *ff*

ff

139 140

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

p *p* *p*

p *pizz.* *p*

141 142

143

Vlns. I *f* legato

Vlns. II *f*

Vla. *f* div.

Cello *f*

Str. Bass *f* arco

143 144 145

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

146 147 148

151

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

legato

149 150 151

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

152 153 154

div.

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

155 156 157

160

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

158 159 160

161 162 163

Vlns. I *ff*

Vlns. II *f* *ff*

Vla. *ff*

Cello *div.* *ff*

Str. Bass *ff*

164 165 166 167

Vlns. I *ff*

Vlns. II *ff*

Vla. *p* *ff* *div.*

Cello *ff*

Str. Bass *ff*