

MINOTAUR

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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

The myth of the minotaur—half-man, half-bull—has haunted generations since it was first told centuries ago. This colorful tone painting will give your advanced high school orchestra a real workout and challenge every section as they tell the story of the warrior Theseus' descent into the mysterious labyrinth and his heroic struggle with the terrible monster within. An outstanding opportunity for cross-curricular studies, this epic piece is sure to become a favorite of your students and your audience.

The Myth of Theseus and the Minotaur

King Minos of Crete kept a minotaur (m. 2), a terrifying monster that was half-man, half-bull, hidden in an intricate labyrinth. Minos routinely imprisoned his enemies from Athens in this labyrinth so that the minotaur could eat them. After several years of this torture, Theseus, an Athenian warrior (m. 22), vowed to put an end to these human sacrifices and volunteered to enter the labyrinth to kill the minotaur. King Minos knew that even if he did manage to kill the minotaur, Theseus would never be able to exit the labyrinth.

Upon his arrival in Crete, Theseus met Princess Ariadne (m. 79), daughter of King Minos, who fell madly in love with him and decided to help Theseus. She gave him a thread and told him to unravel it as he made his way through the labyrinth, so that he could find his way back out. Theseus followed her suggestion and entered the labyrinth, unraveling the thread behind him (m. 103).

Theseus made his way through the labyrinth in search of the minotaur (m. 111) and finally located the monster (m. 140). After a terrible struggle (m. 153), Theseus killed the minotaur (m. 197) and emerged from the labyrinth victorious (m. 208).



Minotaur

CONDUCTOR SCORE

Duration - 7:45

Largo misterioso (♩ = 60)

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The Minotaur — Half Man, Half Bull

Violins I *pp*

Violins II *pp*

Viola

Cello *p*

String Bass *p*

1 2 3 4

Vlns. I *p*

Vlns. II *p*

Vla. *p*

Cello *mp*

Str. Bass *mp*

5 6 7 8

11 Poco più mosso (♩ = 70)

Vlns. I (V)
 Vlns. II *mp*
 Vla. *mp*
 Cello *p*
 Str. Bass *p*

9 10 11 12

Vlns. I *cresc.* *mf*
 Vlns. II *cresc.* *mf*
 Vla. *cresc.* *mf*
 Cello *cresc.* *mf*
 Str. Bass *cresc.* *mf*

13 14 15 16

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

f *f* *f* *ffp* *ffp*

17 18 19 20

div.

21 **Allegro non troppo** (♩ = 120)
Theseus

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

pp *pp* *f* *cresc.* *cresc.*

Soli

21 22 23 24 25 26 27

accel.

Vlns.

I
II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

28

29

30

31

32

33

35 Con moto e risoluto (♩ = 142)

Vlns.

I
II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

34

35

36

37

38

39

43

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

40 41 42 43 44 45

51

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

46 47 48 49 50 51

mp

f

mp

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

52 53 54 55 56 57

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

58 59 60 61 62 63

f

div.

69

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

ff *mf* *mp* *ff* *mf* *f* *p*

64 65 66 67 68 69

rallentando

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

mp *div.* *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *mp*

70 71 72 73 74 75

Andante passionato (♩ = 80)

Princess Ariadne

79

Vlns.

First system of musical notation (measures 76-80). The system includes staves for Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, and Str. Bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is 4/4. The tempo is Andante passionato (♩ = 80). The dynamics are marked *p* (piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). The Cello part is marked *Soli cantabile*. The Str. Bass part is marked *p*. The measures are numbered 76, 77, 78, 79, and 80.

Vlns.

Second system of musical notation (measures 81-84). The system includes staves for Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, and Str. Bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is 3/4. The dynamics are marked *mf* (mezzo-forte). The measures are numbered 81, 82, 83, and 84.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

87

Soli

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

85 86 87 88 89

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

90 91 92 93 94 95

1st chair Solo *rit.*

Vlns. I *mf* *div.*

II *p*

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

96 97 98 99 100 101

Allegretto (♩ = 100)
 Theseus Enters the Labyrinth

102 2nd chair Solo

Vlns. I *p* 1st chair Solo *mf* Solo

II *p* Solo

Vla. Solo *mf*

Cello *p* *mf*

Str. Bass

102 103 104 105

108 Andante rigoroso (♩ = 72)

Score for measures 106-110, Andante rigoroso (♩ = 72).

Instrument parts shown: Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, Str. Bass.

Measure 106: Cello and Str. Bass play a rhythmic pattern. Cello has a *Solo* marking. Str. Bass has a *mf* marking.

Measure 107: Cello and Str. Bass continue the pattern. Cello has a *p* marking.

Measure 108: Vlns. I and II, Vla., and Cello enter with a *Tutti* marking. Cello has a *p* marking.

Measure 109: Vlns. I and II, Vla., and Cello continue. Cello has a *p* marking.

Measure 110: Vlns. I and II, Vla., and Cello continue. Cello has a *p* marking.

Score for measures 111-112, In Search of the Minotaur.

Instrument parts shown: Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, Str. Bass.

Measure 111: Vlns. I and II, Vla., and Cello play a melodic line. Vlns. I and II have a *p* marking. Vla. has a *p* marking. Cello has a *p* marking.

Measure 112: Vlns. I and II, Vla., and Cello continue. Vlns. I and II have a *p* marking. Vla. has a *p* marking. Cello has a *p* marking.

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

113

114

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

115

116

117

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

117 118 119

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

120 121 122

Score for measures 123-125, featuring Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vla.), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass). The music is marked *dim.* (diminuendo) and includes a *V* (Vibrato) marking.

Measures 123, 124, and 125 are shown.

Score for measures 126-128, featuring Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vla.), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass). The music is marked *pp* (pianissimo) and *p* (piano), and includes a *V* (Vibrato) marking.

Measures 126, 127, and 128 are shown.

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

129

130

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

131

132

133

mp

Soli

div.

sim.

div.

cresc.

mf

div.

mf

cresc.

mf

cresc.

mf

cresc.

mf

cresc.

mf

134 135 136 137

140 Theseus Confronts the Minotaur

cresc.

f

cresc.

f

cresc.

f

cresc.

f

cresc.

f

cresc.

f

138 139 140

sim.

Vlns.

sim.

Vla.

pesante

Cello

ff

pesante

Str. Bass

ff

dim.

p

dim.

dim.

141 142 143 144

145 L'istesso tempo (♩ = 72)

Vlns.

mp

Vla.

pp *f*

Cello

pp *f*

Str. Bass

pp *f*

145 146 147 148

molto accel.

Vlns.

Violins I and II, Viola, Cello, and String Bass parts for measures 149-152. The score shows a transition from 3/4 to 4/4 time. Dynamics include *mp* and *molto accel.*

153 Allegro energico (♩ = 120)

The Fight

Vlns.

Violins I and II, Viola, Cello, and String Bass parts for measures 153-156. The score shows a transition from 3/4 to 4/4 time. Dynamics include *f* and *sim.*

Score for Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vla.), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass) from measures 157 to 160.

Vlns. I *mf*

Vlns. II *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Cello

Str. Bass

Measures 157, 158, 159, 160

Score for Violins (Vlns.), Viola (Vla.), Cello, and String Bass (Str. Bass) from measures 161 to 164.

Vlns. I *f*

Vlns. II *f*

Vla. *f*

Cello *f*

Str. Bass *f*

Measures 161, 162, 163, 164

165 (♩ = ♩.)

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

f

165 166 167 168 169

173

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

170 171 172 173 174

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

175 176 177 178 179

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

cresc. *div.* *ff* *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *mp* *ff*

180 181 182 183 184

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

185 *mp* 186 187 *mf* 188 189

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

190 191 192 193 194 195

197 Theseus Kills the Minotaur

Score for measures 196-202, featuring Vlns. I & II, Vla., Cello, and Str. Bass. The music is marked *fff* (fortissimo) and includes dynamic markings *sfz* (sforzando) and *Bartok pizz.* (Bartok pizzicato). The score is divided into measures 196 through 202.

Score for measures 203-207, featuring Vlns. I & II, Vla., Cello, and Str. Bass. The music is marked *p* (piano) and includes dynamic markings *molto cresc.* (molto crescendo). The score is divided into measures 203 through 207.

208

Eroica! (♩ = 120)

Vlns.

I

sempre f

II

sempre f

Vla.

sempre f

div.

Cello

sempre f

Str. Bass

sempre f 208

209

210

211

Vlns.

I

div. 2

2

II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

212

213

214

215

216

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

216 217 218 219

molto rit.

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

220 221 222 223

Molto maestoso e drammatico (♩ = 86)

224

div.

Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

ff

ff

ff

ff

224 225 226 227

231 **Vivace** (♩ = 138)

rit.

Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

f

f

f

f

228 229 230 231

28

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

f

div.

ff

ff

ff

232 233 234 235

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

fff

fff

fff

fff

fff

fff

fff

236 237 238 239 240 241