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MAURICE RAVEL

TZIGANE for Violin and Orchestra

Solo Violin Edited by Endre Granat

FULL SCORE

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INSTRUMENTATION

2 Flutes (2nd d. Piccolo) 2 Oboes 2 Clarinets in B flat 2 Bassoons

> 2 Horns in F Trumpets in C

Percussion (1 player) Celesta Harp

Violin Solo

Strings (9.8.7.6.5)

PREFACE

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937) created and dedicated the *Tzigane* to the wonderful Hungarian violinist Jelly d'Aranyi. The premiere performance took place in the Spring of 1924. This work requires brilliance and great virtuosity from the performer.

The unaccompanied introduction begins on the G string, then continues in octaves (so called "fingered octaves," a fairly new technique in the 1920's). Other techniques employed are single harmonics as well as double and triple harmonics, and pizzicatos for both hands alternating at breakneck speed.

One of the interesting requirements by the composer is to use natural harmonics which create non-vibrant ethereal sounds as well as pitch deviations. Some of the natural overtones of the open strings sound slightly flat. On display is Ravel's knowledge of the violin, which is truly astounding despite having never played the instrument.

The *Tzigane* was originally written for Violin and Piano or Violin and Lutheal (an attachment to the piano with tone color registration). For the *Tzigane*, Ravel used mostly the sound of the cimbalom. Lutheal was cumbersome to play and subject to frequent breakdowns. This instrument is now obsolete. The Violin and Orchestra version was completed by the composer later in 1924.

The present edition is the first with complete bowings and fingerings, and addresses errors found in all previous publications.

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Rapsodie de Concert pour Violon et Orchestre

à JELLY D'ARANYI

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