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MARX IN LONDON

A comedy

Libretto by
Charles Hart

After an original scenario by
Jürgen Weber

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CHARACTERS

Principal roles

MARX (Karl Marx, 53) . . . . . Baritone
JENNY (Jenny Marx, 57, wife of Karl) . . . . . .Dramatic Soprano
TUSSI (Eleanor "Tussi" Marx, 16, youngest daughter of Karl) . . . . . Lyric Soprano
FREDDY (Freddy Demuth, 18, Marx's illegitimate son) . . . . . Lyric Tenor
HELENE (Helene Demuth, 51, Marx's housekeeper) . . . Mezzo-soprano (Contralto)
ENGELS (Friedrich Engels, 51, a wealthy industrialist). . . . . Heldentenor

Secondary roles

SPY (A Prussian agent) . . . . . Tenor
PAWNBROKER . . . . . Bass Baritone
MELANZANE (a political speaker) . . . . . Tenor
FRANZ. . . . . Baritone
CHIEF INSPECTOR LITTLEJOHN . . . . . Baritone
SERGEANT . . . . . Baritone
FOREMAN. . . . . Baritone

Workmen
Workmen of the Future in Marx's dream } . . . . . Chorus
Crowd at the Red Lion
People on Hampstead Heath

The action takes place in London over the course of twenty-four hours during the summer of 1871.

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ACT ONE

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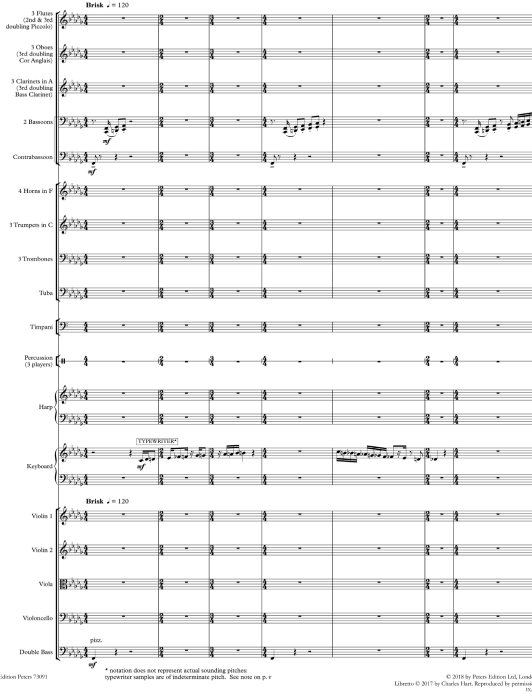
Scene One

A dingy office, furnished only with a small desk, a plain chair and a rudimentary typewriter, on which an unidentified MAN – the SPY – is typing.



* notation does not represent actual sounding pitches: typewriter samples are of indeterminate pitch. See note on p. v

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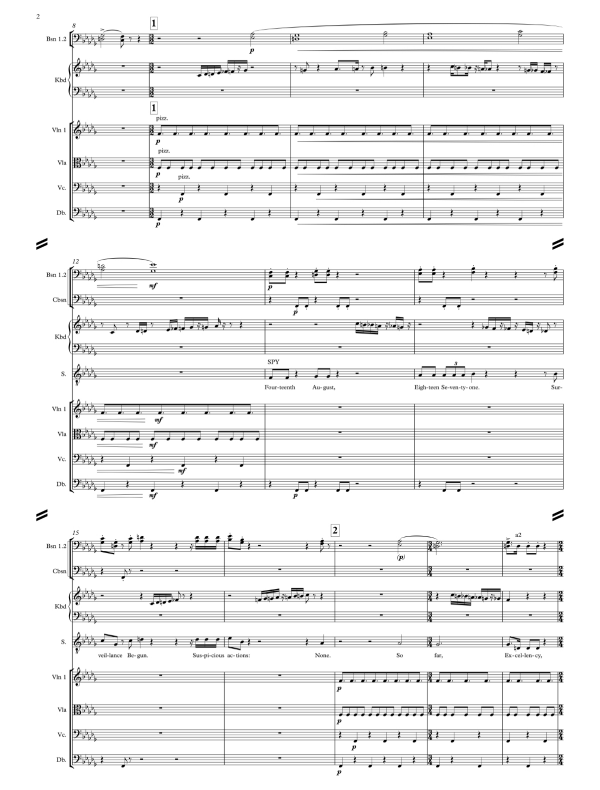
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Kbd
SPY
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Au-gust,
Eigh-teen Se-ven-ty-one.
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Vla
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Bo-gan.
Sus-pi-cious
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Vc.
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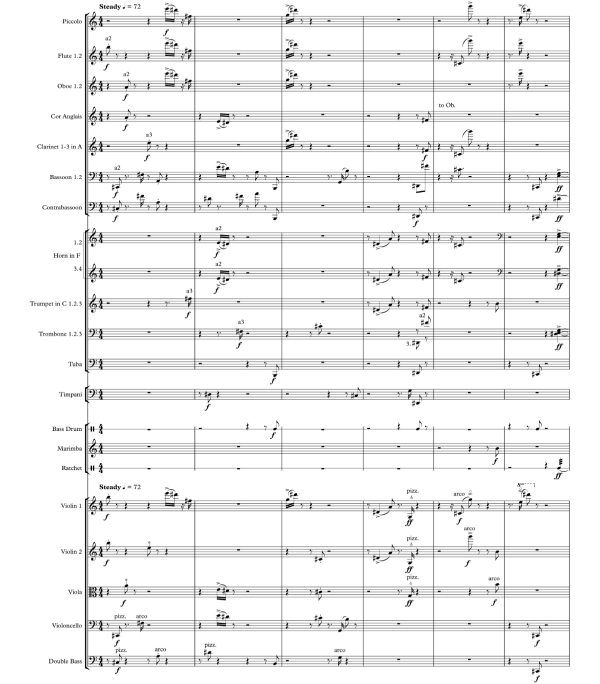
ACT TWO

Scene One

The streets of Bloomsbury. Moments later. MARX is still writhing on the ground in pain, but now he is alone. He struggles to his feet and dusts HIMSELF down.



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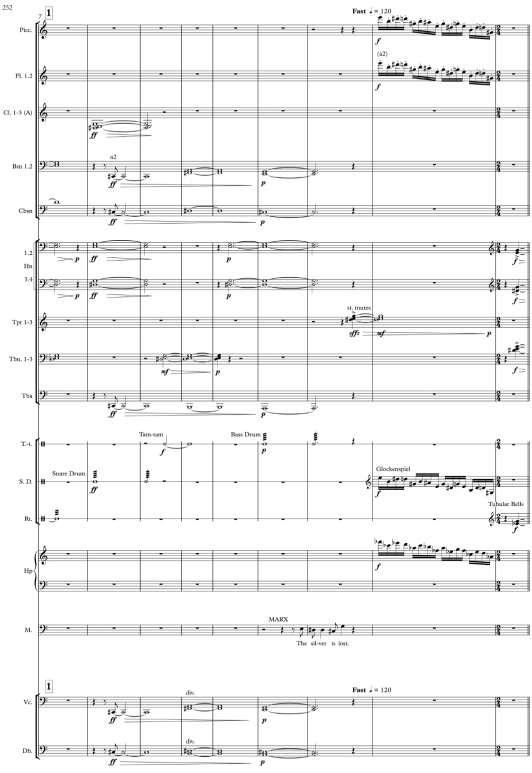
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T.-t.
Tam-tam
Bass Drum
S. D.
Snare Drum
Glockenspiel
Tubular Bells
Rt.
Hp
MARX
M.
The sil-ver is lost.
Vc.
div.
Db.