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I arranged Contrapunctus XV / Es ist genug for a Meridian performance at the Lieksa Brass Festival. One of our concerts was in a church, and the program consisted of mostly old music. As was Meridian practice, we felt compelled to offer a 20th Century perspective on the pieces, both of which hold prominent positions in the canon. As Contra XV is unfinished, I thought it appropriate to cut directly Es ist genug (It is enough), as if Bach had had enough.

The only alteration to the fugue was the leaving “open” of certain vibraphone notes, extending consonances and creating subtle dissonances.\* Upon arrival at Es ist genug, the solemn quality of the fugue transforms to one of humor and jocularity, as the trombone plays a wacky figured bass, and the percussionist plays a very baroque xylophone obligato, wandering off into be-bop, with some very “blue” notes. This arrangement was recorded by Meridian Arts Ensemble on its cd “Alchemy”, with piccolo trumpet overdubbing the xylophone part at the end.

\* When the percussion part has a phrase mark over vibes notes, the pedal should remain depressed. Sections without a phrase indication should be played by clearing each beat, lifting the pedal. The percussionist is encouraged to experiment with the motor speed as well.  
---- Jon Nelson

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Score

$\text{♩} = 128$

1

Trumpet 1 in Bb

Trumpet 2 in Bb

Horn F

Trombone

Tuba *mp*

Vibes / Xylo

7

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

13

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F *mp*

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. System 1 (measures 1-6) features six instruments: Trumpet 1 (Bb), Trumpet 2 (Bb), Horn F, Trombone, Tuba (marked *mp*), and Vibes/Xylo. System 2 (measures 7-12) features five instruments: Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Hn. F, Tbn., and Tu. Tpt. 2 begins a melodic line starting at measure 7. System 3 (measures 13-18) continues with the same five instruments, with Hn. F and Tbn. providing harmonic support to Tpt. 2's melody. Measure 13 includes dynamic markings *mp* and *f*.

A

19

Tpt. 1  
Tpt. 2  
Hn. F  
Tbn.  
Tu.  
Perc.

*mf*

Vibes

*mf*

25

Tpt. 1  
Tpt. 2  
Hn. F  
Tbn.  
Tu.  
Perc.

*mf*

8

31

Tpt. 1  
Tpt. 2  
Hn. F  
Tbn.  
Tu.  
Perc.

B

37

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2 *mf*

Hn. F

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

This musical score page contains six staves for wind instruments. Staff 1 (Tpt. 1) has a single note at the beginning. Staff 2 (Tpt. 2) starts with a rest followed by a dotted half note. Staff 3 (Hn. F) has a single note. Staff 4 (Tbn.) consists of eighth-note pairs. Staff 5 (Tu.) has a single note. Staff 6 (Perc.) shows sustained notes with a fermata over them.

43

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F *p*

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

This musical score page contains six staves. Staff 1 (Tpt. 1) has a single note. Staff 2 (Tpt. 2) has a single note. Staff 3 (Hn. F) has a single note. Staff 4 (Tbn.) consists of eighth-note pairs. Staff 5 (Tu.) has a single note. Staff 6 (Perc.) shows sustained notes with a fermata over them.

49

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

This musical score page contains six staves. Staff 1 (Tpt. 1) has a single note. Staff 2 (Tpt. 2) has a single note. Staff 3 (Hn. F) has a single note. Staff 4 (Tbn.) is blank. Staff 5 (Tu.) has a single note. Staff 6 (Perc.) shows sustained notes with a fermata over them.

C

55

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

*mp*

*mp*

61

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

*mp*

*mp*

*mf*

67

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

*p*

*mp*

*mf*

*p*

D

73

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

79

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

85

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

E

91

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

97

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

103

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

*ff*

109

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

poco ritardando

poco ritardando

poco ritardando

poco ritardando

poco ritardando

poco ritardando

F a tempo  $\text{♩} = 128$

115

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

121

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

*p*

## G

126

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

131

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.

136

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hn. F

Tbn.

Tu.

Perc.