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For viola and piano

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About the piece

Danse Carême is a single movement essay for viola and piano. It is based on the second movement of the composer's Concerto No.4 (Instrumentarum Novum). This movement features the solo viola as a kind of concertante instrument with full orchestra.

The title *Danse Carême* (Lenten Dance) reflects something of the background to *Concerto No. 4* – a work written between Lent and Easter 2005. The music is by turns troubled, reflective, impassioned; hence the many expressive markings found in the score. These markings are but indications not instructions. The performers are encouraged to look at the music as actors might view a text, pacing and interpreting the work to fit their developing relationship with it.

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