KALEIDOSCOPE

FOR PIERROT ENSEMBLE

KATHRYN SALFELDER

Instrumentation:

Flute Bb Clarinet Violin Violoncello Piano

Program Listing:

Kaleidoscope (2019)

Kathryn Salfelder (b. 1987)

Program Note:

As a child, I loved peering through kaleidoscopes. I found the dancing bits of color both visually beautiful and emotionally touching. However, I had an attention span of about one minute; after a few turns of the kaleidoscope, I was off in search of the next adventure.

This short piece (about 2.5x the duration of my childhood attention span) aims to capture the complex visual stimuli within the kaleidoscope. Recurring musical elements are recycled and tossed about in various short canons. Each texture is fleeting, much like a child quickly turning the dial to the next permutation of prisms. The music is a bit frantic, a bit intense, and above all, inherently playful with every turn.

I dedicate this work to Richard Pittman - with thanks and appreciation – and to the musicians, staff, and champions of Boston Musica Viva, in celebration of BMV's 50th anniversary.

To the Conductor:

Duration: 2'30"

Accidentals remain in effect for the duration of the measure, at the octave in which they occur. Accidentals are occasionally repeated within a measure for clarity.



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