

W. Jay Sydeman

Trio
for Violin, Harp and Piano
(c. 1962)

Transcription of *Trio for Violin, Guitar and Piano* by the composer.

W. Jay Sydeman's life mirrors the breadth and variety of his music. Born in New York in 1928 and educated at Manhattan's Mannes School of Music, he quickly became one of the most sought-after and honored composers of his generation, receiving commissions from such prestigious groups as the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the Tanglewood Music Center, and the Boston Symphony, which premiered his orchestral work in memory of John F. Kennedy in 1966. "Sydeman uses a whole battery of far out techniques," wrote the *New York Times*, "but he has an uncanny ability to throw in the whole avant-garde machinery as if it were the simplest, most normal way of making music in the world ... More than many of his colleagues, he seems to know what will sound well, and he works for some remarkably attractive, pure textures. His sounds seem to grow from a physical sense of exactly what material is right."

In 1970, after a heady period that included awards from the National Institute of Arts and Letters, the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Library of Congress, Sydeman left New York – and composition – to begin a journey of personal and artistic exploration.

"Around 1980," he has written, "I returned to composition – at first a large number of choral works which reconnected me to the source of all music – the human voice. Out of this new lyric impulse have evolved all of my works since that time – more romantic, more accessible. I create music for the musician."

– Howard Hersh,
Artistic Director of "Music Now"

Sydeman is a member of Nevada County Composers Cooperative, a composers' group in Nevada City annually producing the "Wet Ink Festival of New Music." He now lives in Mendocino.

Duration: circa 1:30

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Andante ♩ = c. 96

Violin

mp espr.

Harp

mp

sempre legato

Piano

mp

4

8 A

Musical score for measures 8-11. The score consists of three systems. The first system has a vocal line and two piano accompaniment staves. The vocal line starts with a melodic phrase, followed by a whole note, a half note, and a quarter note. The piano accompaniment features a complex melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The second system continues the vocal and piano parts. The third system shows the vocal line with a dotted quarter note and an eighth note, followed by a quarter note. The piano accompaniment continues with its respective parts. The fourth system shows the vocal line with a quarter note and a half note, followed by a quarter note. The piano accompaniment continues with its respective parts.

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Musical score for measures 12-15. The score consists of three systems. The first system has a vocal line and two piano accompaniment staves. The vocal line starts with a half note, followed by a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The piano accompaniment features a complex melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The second system continues the vocal and piano parts. The third system shows the vocal line with a dotted quarter note and an eighth note, followed by a quarter note. The piano accompaniment continues with its respective parts. The fourth system shows the vocal line with a quarter note and a half note, followed by a quarter note. The piano accompaniment continues with its respective parts.

B *a tempo*

19

p sub.

p sub.

p sub.

23

rit.-----

27

a tempo *rit.*-----