JUDITH MARKOVICH

Voices Long Kept Silent

FOR UNACCOMPANIED CELLO (OPTIONAL DELAY PEDAL)



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INSTRUMENTATION

Violoncello Delay Pedal

Duration: ca. 6' 35"

Performance Notes: For any questions about timing or effects, please refer to the recording/video with Diane Chaplin on YouTube. Basically, give room for the delay, even if you have to wait a bit for the next note. The marking for "pedal on" is Ped. "Pedal off" is a small round medallion. * Make sure the pedal synchronizes to the basic pulse, regardless of 8th, 16th, triplet subdivisions.

(This piece can be played without a delay pedal if one isn't available.)

PROGRAM NOTES

Judith Markovich's "Voices Long Kept Silent" is a musical portrayal of emancipation and subsequent purpose. It begins with the ancient cry of generations of the oppressed, strategically muted on cello. As the theme progresses, the mute comes off and the cry is raised to a high point. Then a voice begins to breakthrough, jumbled and mumbled at first, forcing itself to speak past fear: "Ahm a-a-n-n-n-gy." This is followed by stronger assertions: ("I'm an-n-gry, "I'm angry!) Each becomes clearer, until a righteous reason for the anger bursts out.

The music transitions to full-fledged freedom, breaking out of traditional molds into a multi-metered freefor-all. As that celebration comes to a close, the voice remembers others in the same bondage and turns to cry out once more, this time for others.

"Emanicipation always has a purpose greater than itself." Judith Markovich

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Dedicated to Diane Chaplin

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