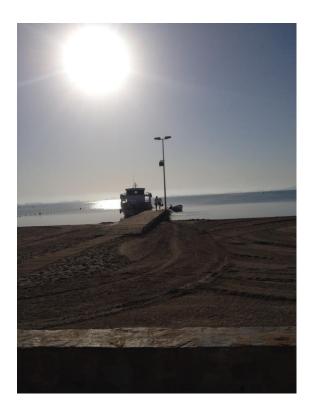


Mirage: a Spanish summer

For string quintet, piano and percussion



Liz Lane

Programme notes

Mirage is a reflection on a Spanish summer at various times of day. The music is an image of events which, whilst not perhaps significant in themselves, together shape a lifestyle which necessarily revolves around the supremely hot weather.

A shimmering heat haze is a background to early morning walking, cycling and jogging on the seafront, mist rising on the water and the opening of beachside churingitas. Later on, a juxtaposition of old and new Spain is characterised; late night flamenco, even English barbershop and most significantly, a lone accordionist playing outside in the evening whose melody drifts in and out and is never heard in its entirety.

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INSTRUMENTATION:

String Quintet Piano Percussion: 2 suspended cymbals, 3 tom toms, vibraphone

Drum Legend

Low Tom Mid Tom High Tom Low Suspended Cymbal High Suspended Cymbal

Duration: 8 minutes

Mirage was written for the Norfolk Chamber Ensemble, conductor Andrey Kasparov, and first performed on 20 April 2015, Chandler Recital Hall, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, USA.