CYPRESS
CHORAL MUSIC

music from
CANADA

Commissioned by Elektra Women's Choir with generous su[...] [...]illian and Russell Smith

Magpie

from The Lost Words [...] Book

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With Attitude! And a messy and uncoordina[...] [...]er.

ca. 9"

♩ = 60 declamatory
(directed)

Tutti

ma ma ma ma ma (etc.)

Mag - pie - (ee!)

squeak or shriek at the end

*resonant and very nasal, as in "mango"
random pitches

approximate pitches throughout
more spoken than sung

Agogo Bells

♪ = ♪

Triangle

triangle: start slowly and accel.

A

4

ca. 7"

f

Tutti

[...] ma (etc.)

Mag - pie___   Ma - ni - fes - to___(wuh)

squawk or thump the ending

Ag.

[...]ke)

Tri.

(choke)

D *ff* (approximate pitches)

ululate

S1: Sni-i-i-i... - - All___ Day

S2: Snic-ker Snic-ker Snic-ki-tic-ke-ter All___ Day

A1: Snic-ker Snic-ker Snic-ki-tic-ker All___ Day

A2: Snic-ker Snic-ker Snic-ki-tic-l All___ Day

Ag.

Tri.

accel. **Incensed** ♩ = **80**

ululate and gliss. to atonal cluster (approximate pitches)

S1: Long! (guh) Pick an Emp-ty___ In-ter-ject,

S2: Long! (guh) Pick a Fight in an Emp-ty___ Room! In-ter-rupt, In-ter-ject,

sung to spoken

A1: Long! Pick a Fight in an Emp-ty___ Room! In-ter-rupt, In-ter-ject,

A2: (guh) Pick a Fight in an Emp-ty___ Room! In-ter-rupt, In-ter-ject,

*spoken in low range

Ag.

Tri. *chk*

E **Declamatory**

S1: In - ter- rupt, In - ter- ject, In - ter- cept, In - ter - vene! Ev' - ry

S2: In - ter- ject, In - ter- cept, In - ter - vene! Ev' - ry

A1: In - ter- ject, In - ter- cept, In - ter - vene! Ev' - ry

A2: In - ter- rupt, In - ter- ject, In - ter- cept, In - ter Ev' - ry

sung *spoken* *gliss.*

messy - over two beats

ma ma... Mag- pie (ee!) For ev'ry ma ma... Mag- pie (ee!) a-gainst

*Spoken - Muttering - Staggered - Messy, however - a few voices stick out so the listener can understand the text.

Aggressively **accel** ♩ = 108 **Sheepishly**

E...ther Walk-ing Fly ing Swim-ming Creep-ing Creat-ure on the Earth! Except for eagles, for they are scary.*

percussion parts available (gratis) upon request. This piece can be effective without percussion - (with fermatas)

visit cypresschoral.com to read the poetry, composer notes, listen to fine recordings, and enjoy all twenty pieces in the LOST WORDS set