

Grand Serenade

for Clarinet, Violoncello, and Piano

November 9, 2007—January 20, 2008

Last movement added September 2019

Duration: about 22 minutes

In 2007, Fred Jacobowitz, a clarinetist here in Raleigh, asked me to consider writing something he could play with his wife Bonnie Thron, an accomplished cellist. He noted that there are several couples in the area of clarinetists married to cellists, so it seemed like a very good idea. So, this piece is dedicated to Fred and Bonnie. There were originally three movements, but after the premiere Bonnie and Fred asked me to add a finale. I wrote one by mid-August 2008, but did not find it to my taste. After many years, I replaced it with a short finale in 2019. (This would usually be much longer than its two minutes, but age has caught up to me, and this is all I can manage now.)

In 2022, I made this edition for parts intended for electronic music readers, with the part enlarged and the rest of the score reduced. There is a letter-size edition of score and parts, and for paper printing, there is a legal-size version.

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