Lagniappe

for Ondes Martenot, vibraphone, harp, contrabass, and Disklavier
(computer-driven piano)

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"Lagniappe" (lanny-app) is a Cajun word meaning a little something extra thrown in gratis. Because my mother was from the Lake Pontchartrain area of Louisiana, I grew up using it, and only learned when I went north for college that it was exotic. I had felt like retiring from composing, or at least taking a long break from it, after I finished my mammoth microtonal piece *Hyperchromatica*, but I had this previous commission, and I jestingly started calling the piece *Lagniappe*. (I will not mention the commissioning ensemble, because they never gave the piece a full performance.) Then, as I worked on it, I realized that the instrumentation chosen by my colleagues in the commission was incredibly infelicitous. The Disklavier, not being human, had to serve a metronome function, which rendered the bass often redundant. The Ondes Martenot, being electronic, didn’t seem to fit in. And since a Disklavier piece by its nature has to be very fast, and since my music is very chromatic, I nearly despaired of what to do with the diatonic harp. Everything except the vibraphone came to seem superfluous, and *Lagniappe* grew to seem the right word after all. Nevertheless, I persevered.

Duration: 15 minutes

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Lagniappe

1. A movement too many...

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Lagniappe 1
O.M.

Vib.

Hp.

Pno.

Cb.

Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
O.M. 62

Vib.

Hp.

Pno.

Cb.

2'39.9"

Lagniappe 1
2'43.1"
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
O.M.

Vib.

Hp.

Pno.

Cb.

Lagniappe I
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe I
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe I
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
3'54.3''

O.M.

Vib.

Hp.

Pno.

Cb.

Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe I
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
4'43.8"

Lagniappe 1
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Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe 1
Lagniappe I
2. ...and another one thrown in
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