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## Armotta

for Viola, Cello and Guitar

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## Performance note

## Notation:

| Accidentals | apply till the end of the bar. However, they are occasionally repeated to facilitate sight-reading. <br> Quarter-tone sharp and flat, respectively. |
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| s.v. | senza vibrato. Vibrato should be avoided in all micro-tonal passages (bars $87-109$ and 112-140). <br> lasciare vibrare. Let strings vibrate as long as possible. |
| Wide, exaggerated, somewhat slow vibrato. |  |
| tenuto, play the note to the full written length (only, no accent is intended). |  |
| The lengths of staccati should be in relation to the length of the note and the character of the |  |
| music. |  |
| al niente, let the sound die away completely so that it is not possible to hear exactly when the sound |  |
| stops. |  | | The glissandi are played continuously during the indicated time (not portamento), but |
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| expressivity (through change of speed) is encouraged. Note-stems without head in the middle of |
| a glissando are for temporal orientation only, they are not to be articulated. |

Beginning and end: The lengths of fermati can be anything between ca. one beat and two bars. They should all be of different length.
for viola and cello: The notes in bars $34,36,40,112-120,177,179,183$, and 213-215 should be played on one down bow.

Bars 87-140 Take good care that the perfect fourths and fifths between the viola and the cello are pure.
Cadenza is optional. Instead of improvising a cadenza the violist can just play e.g. a low two-bar half-step trill sul pont. with cresc. dim. and then continue (without repeat), but $\mathrm{s} / \mathrm{he}$ is encouraged to improvise over the two bars, which the cello and guitar keep steadily repeating as necessary. The cadenza can be anything from ca. twelve seconds (no repeat) up to a minute (four repeats). A varied use of dynamics, micro-tones, harmonics, ponticello etc. is encouraged, as long as everything complies with the musical world of the piece and elegantly leads from the gloomy mood of the preceding section to the lighter, more serene one that follows it. During the cadenza, the dynamics of the guitar should conform to those chosen by the violist. The cadenza bars are entered and left attacca.

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d ~ 32

d $\sim 64$ Appassionato















