LUV Time

3 movements for chamber ensemble

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- 1) Between the Jaws 2) Ramrods 3) Instep

Instrumentation:

Bass clarinet with low C extension Baritone saxophone Trombone Piano Balinese kempli or kajar

"Between the Jaws" and "Instep" are dedicated to Boo Elmer; "Ramrods" is dedicated to Steve Lacy

The first performance of LUV Time took place at Hertz Hall, Berkeley, California, in November 1984. The performers were:

Boo Elmer, trombone Dan Plonsey, saxophone Jennifer Rycenga, piano Michael Tenzer, kempli Evan Ziporyn, bass clarinet

Performance instructions:

<u>First movement</u>: Tempo indications are relative guideposts only. Measures 1-28 should be crisp, precise, almost militaristic, with short, clipped attacks in the wind instruments. There should be an abrupt change in feel at m. 29 - from here to the end the mood is rhapsodic, albeit rowdy and loud: wind attacks from here to the end of the piece are smooth (see wind notes below). Mm. 98-118 call for reverent rowdiness. Mm. 119 to the end should be dreamlike but quotidian. The final fermata is short.

Second movement: The final chord is strictly in time, as indicated.

Third movement: The tempo here should be just under out-of-control, and it should be maintained strictly until indicated toward the end of the movement. The three final fermatas (mm. 103, 105, 108) should go from long (maybe 2-4 seconds) to longer (3-5 seconds) to extremely excessive (10-30 seconds). The first two should be brooding and ominous. The final one begins soft and gradually builds to whatever extreme is attainable. The instructions at m. 108 should be observed: wind players hold the fundamental, but build screaming multiphonics above it. They can breathe as needed. Piano continues to rock impassively on low Fs; kempli is silent. Final cut off should be together.

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