

GÉANTE ROUGE

Red giant

for symphonic orchestra

Musique de Diana Syrse, commande de Radio France

*Commissioned by Radio France for the Festival Présences 2021
in homage to the work of Pascal Dusapin*

Music by

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Duration: 7'20" apx.

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Instrumentation

3 Flutes (Fl. 3 doubling Piccolo)
2 Oboes
3 Clarinets (Cl. 3 doubling Bass Clarinet)
2 Bassoons (Bsn. 2 doubling Contrabassoon)

4 Horns in F
2 Trumpets
2 Bass trombones
1 Tuba

1 Timpani (2 sets) + Whirly tube

Percussion I

- Tam-tam
- Gran cassa
- Medium gong
- Low bongo
- High bongo
- Floor tom
- Maracas
- Snare drum
- Tom 1
- Tom 2
- Woodblock low
- Woodblock high
- Hi-hat
- Ride
- Medium Cymbal
- Medium Windchimes
- Crotales 2 octaves
- Tibetan singing bowl in A

Percussion II

- Vibraphone
- Glockenspiel
- Whirly tube
- Small gong
- Medium gong
- Suspended cymbal
- Tam-tam (shared with percussion I)

Strings 14/12/10/8/6

Score in C

Piccolo sounds an octave higher than written
Crotales sound two octaves higher than written

Géante Rouge (Red giant) was commissioned by Radio France for the Festival Présences 2021 presented in homage to the composer Pascal Dusapin. The world premiere of this work will be at the Grande salle Pierre Boulez at the Paris Philharmonic performed by the Orchestre Philharmonique of Radio France, conducted by Alain Altinoglu. This work is inspired by a childhood memory of the composer and her connection with the giant star Betelgeuse.

"Memories that haunt us during our youth. They sometimes pursue us...now and then speak to us with low voices saying: There was an epoch in the Night of Time, when a still-existent Being existed-one of an absolutely infinite number of similar Beings that people the absolutely infinite domains of the absolutely infinite space. It was not and is not in the power of this Being-any more than it is in your own-to extend, by actual increase, the joy of his Existence; but just as it is in your power to expand or to concentrate your pleasures, so did and does a similar capability appertain to this Divine Being, who thus passes his eternity in perpetual variation of Concentrated Self and almost Infinite Self-Diffusion."

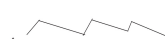
Edgar Allan Poe (Eureka)

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Extended techniques for brass

- Gr.  Growling
-  Lowest possible note
-  Clicking valves
-  Wind sound (no pitch)

Extended techniques for winds

-  Key clicks
-  Wind sound (no pitch)
-  Whistle tone (wind like)

Extended techniques for strings:

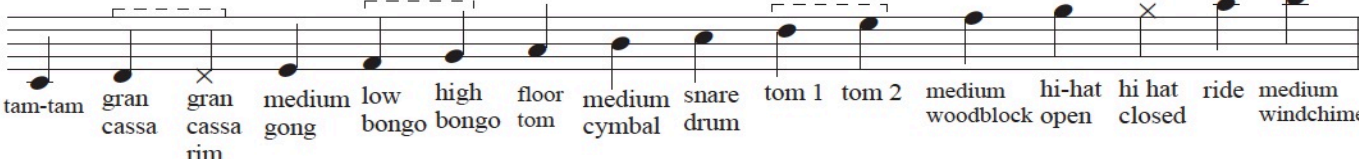
-   Overpressure
-  Gradual change form ordinary pressure to overpressure
-  Circular bowing
-  Bow on the tailpiece
-  Silent fingering: press the strings with the left hand without bowing (no pizz.) to produce a shimmerind sound.

Extended techniques for percussion:

-  Put pressure against the tam tam/gran cassa making semi-circles slowly on the front part of the instrument with a short superball friction mallet (create low and high tones). Variate the velocity and pressure (Whale sound)
-  Scrape the tam-tam surface with a triangle beater
-  Place large suspended cymbal on the drum head of the timpani and hit it with yarn hard mallets
- L.V  Let vibrate

Percussion map (percussion I):

Percussion



tam-tam gran cassa gran cassa rim medium gong low bongo high bongo floor tom medium cymbal snare drum tom 1 tom 2 medium woodblock hi-hat open hi hat closed ride medium windchimes

Plus crotales (2 octaves)
Plus tibetan singing bowl in A

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Energetic ♩ = 60

Piccolo

Flute 1

Flute 2

Oboe 1

Oboe 2

Clarinet in B♭ 1

Clarinet in B♭ 2

Bass Clarinet

Bassoon 1

Bassoon 2

Horn in F 1

Horn in F 2

Horn in F 3

Horn in F 4

Trumpet in C 1

Trumpet in C 2

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Tuba

Timpani

Percussion 1

Tam-tam

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Contrabass

medium hard mallets

Gran cassa
soft mallets

Tam tam
soft mallets

change to whirly tube

change to whirly tube

Play the lowest possible note, growing. Sound like a roaring animal.
Gr.

Energetic ♩ = 60

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Picc. *ff* *mp*

Fl. 1 *p* *ff* *mp* *p*

Fl. 2 *p* *ff* *mp* *mp*

Ob. 1 *p* *ff* *mp* *mp*

Ob. 2 *mp*

B♭ Cl. 1 *p* *mp*

B♭ Cl. 2 *mp*

B. Cl. *p* *mp*

Bsn. 1 *p* *mp*

Bsn. 2 *p* *mp*

Hn. 1 *mp* *ff* *mp*

Hn. 2 *mp* *ff* *mp*

Hn. 3 *mp* *ff* *mp*

Hn. 4 *mp* *ff* *mp*

C Tpt. 1 *mf* *ff* *mf*

C Tpt. 2 *mp* *ff* *mp*

Tbn. 1 *p* *ff* *p*

Tbn. 2 *p* *ff* *p*

Tuba *mf* *ff* *mf*

W.T. *mf* *p* change to timpani Timpani *mf*

Perc. 1 Gran cassa soft mallets *pp* *mp*

W.T. change to tam-tam Tam-tam medium soft mallets *mp*

Vln. I *mp* *mp*

Vln. II *mp* *mp*

Vla. *mf* *mf*

Vc. *p* *ord.* *mp* *mp*

Cb. *p* *ord.* *mp* *mp*

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A

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

T.T.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

mf

ff

p

f

pp

mp

L.V.

change to flute

solo

change to crotales

change to vibraphone

B

Picc. *mf* < *f* *mp* *f* *p* *mf*

Fl. 1 *mf* *mp* *f*

Fl. 2 *mp* *f* *mf*

Ob. 1 *p* < *mp* > *p* *mp* < *mf* > *p*

Ob. 2 *p* *mf* *p*

B♭ Cl. 1 *p* *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *mf*

B♭ Cl. 2 *p* *p* *mp*

B. Cl. *p*

Bsn. 1 *p* *mp* *p* *pp*

Bsn. 2 *p* < *mf* > *p* change to contrabassoon

Hn. 1 *mp* < *mf* > *p*

Hn. 2 *mp* < *mf* > *p*

Hn. 3 *mp* < *mf* > *p*

Hn. 4 *mp* < *mf* > *p*

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tuba

Timp.

Crt. **Crotales**
Play with a contrabass bow *mp* wooden stick

Vib. **Vibraphone**
motor off
Play with a contrabass bow *mp*

B

Vln. I *p* *mf* *p* *mp*

Vln. II *p* *mf* *p* *mp*

Vla. *p* *mf* *p* *mp*

Vc. *mp* < *mf* > *p* *mp*

Cb. *mp* < *mf* > *p* *mp*

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C Explosions ♩ = 80

Fl.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

C. Bn.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Vib.

change to medium gong

medium hard mallets

Medium gong
medium hard mallet

change to hi-hat

C Explosions ♩ = 80

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

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Faster ♩ = 90

Fl.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

C. Bn.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Vib.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Faster ♩ = 90

Hi-hat

Medium ride

change to gran cassa

change to tam-tam

poco sul pont

sul pont

poco sul pont

sul pont

poco sul pont

sul pont

This image shows a page from a musical score, likely for a symphony. The page is divided into two systems, each starting with a rehearsal mark 'D' and the tempo 'Fast' with a quarter note equal to 100. The first system includes staves for Flute 1 and 2, Oboe 1 and 2, Bassoon 1 and 2, Clarinet 1 and 2, Bassoon 1, Bassoon 2, Horn 1 through 4, Trumpet 1 and 2, Trombone 1 and 2, Tuba, Timpani, Percussion 1 (Gran cassa), and Vibraphone. The second system includes staves for Violin 1 and 2, Viola, Violoncello, and Contrabass. The score features various musical notations, including notes, rests, and dynamic markings such as *mf*, *f*, *sub p*, *p*, *mp*, and *mf*. The page is numbered 47 in the top left corner.

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This image shows a page from a musical score, likely for a symphony orchestra. The score is written for multiple instruments, including woodwinds, brass, strings, and percussion. The notation is in standard musical notation, with notes, rests, and dynamic markings (e.g., *f* for forte, *p* for piano) indicating the volume and timing of the music. The score is organized into systems, with each instrument or group of instruments having its own staff. The page includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings like *f* (forte) and *p* (piano). The score is written for multiple instruments, including woodwinds, brass, strings, and percussion. The notation is in standard musical notation, with notes, rests, and dynamic markings (e.g., *f* for forte, *p* for piano) indicating the volume and timing of the music. The score is organized into systems, with each instrument or group of instruments having its own staff. The page includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings like *f* (forte) and *p* (piano).

F

Flute

Fl. *f* *mf* *mp* *p*

Fl. 1 *f* *mp* *p* *mf*

Fl. 2 *f* *mp*

Ob. 1 *f* *mp* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Ob. 2 *f* *mp*

Bs. Cl. 1 *f* *mf* *p*

Bs. Cl. 2 *f* *mp* *p*

B. Cl. *f* *mp*

Bsn. 1 *f* *p*

C. Bn. *f* *p*

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

C Tpt. 1 *mf* *f* *p*

C Tpt. 2 *p* *mf*

Tbn. 1 *p* *f* *p*

Tbn. 2

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1 Medium Gong medium soft mallets L. V. change to toms Low tom wooden sticks Woodblock change to crotales Crotales with a contrabass bow change to floor tom L. V.

Gong *mf* scrape gong with metal mallet change to vibraphone

F

Vln. I *f* *pizz.* *p* *mf* *p*

Vln. II *f* *pizz.* *p* *mf* *p*

Vla. *f* *pizz.* *arco* *mp* *poco sul pont* *sul pont* *poco sul pont* *ord.* *p*

Vc. *p* *overpressure* *f* *ord.* *3* *poco sul pont* *sul pont* *poco sul pont* *ord.* *3* *p*

Cb. *p* *ord.* *f* *ord.* *3* *poco sul pont* *sul pont* *poco sul pont* *ord.* *3* *p*

This page of the musical score is divided into three main sections: Woodwinds and Brass (top), Strings (middle), and Percussion (bottom). The woodwinds and brass section includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Clarinet (Cl.), Horn (Hn.), Trumpet (Tpt.), Trombone (Tbn.), and Tuba. The strings section includes Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Via.), Violoncello (Vc.), and Contrabass (Cb.). The percussion section includes Percussion 1 (Perc. 1), Gong, and Vibraphone.

The score is written in 4/4 time and includes various dynamics and articulations. The woodwinds and brass section features a variety of notes, rests, and articulations, including slurs, accents, and dynamic markings such as *mp*, *p*, *ff*, and *f*. The strings section includes a variety of notes, rests, and articulations, including slurs, accents, and dynamic markings such as *mp*, *p*, *ff*, and *f*. The percussion section includes a variety of notes, rests, and articulations, including slurs, accents, and dynamic markings such as *mp*, *p*, *ff*, and *f*.

The score is written in a standard musical notation style, with notes, rests, and articulations clearly marked. The dynamics and articulations are indicated by various symbols and text, providing a detailed and comprehensive musical score for the orchestra.

G
H

Percussion Section:

- Piccolo:** Measures 5-8, *f*, >
- Fl. 1, Fl. 2, Ob. 1, Ob. 2, B♭ Cl. 1, B♭ Cl. 2, B. Cl., Bsn. 1, Bsn. 2:** Measures 5-8, *f*, >
- Hn. 1, Hn. 2, Hn. 3, Hn. 4:** Measures 5-8, *mp*, *f*, >
- C Tpt. 1, C Tpt. 2:** Measures 5-8, *ff*, >
- Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, Tuba:** Measures 5-8, *p*, >
- Timp.:** Measures 5-8, *f*, >
- Perc. 1:** Measures 5-8, *f*, >
- Vib.:** Measures 5-8, *p*, >

String Section:

- Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., Cb.:** Measures 1-4, *mp*, *p*, *pp*, *ord.*, *sul pont*

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Gong

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

mf

ff

mp

f

ord.

Gran cassa
medium soft mallets

change to suspended cymbal
L.V.

93

I Floating ♩ = 70

Picc. *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp* change to flute

Fl. 1 *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

Fl. 2 *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

Ob. 1 *sub p* *fp* *mp* *mf* *pp*

Ob. 2 *sub p* *fp* *mf* *mp* *pp*

B♭ Cl. 1 *sub p* *fp* *mp* *mf* *pp*

B♭ Cl. 2 *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

B. Cl. *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

Bsn. 1 *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

Bsn. 2 *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

Hn. 1 *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

Hn. 2 *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

Hn. 3 *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

Hn. 4 *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

C Tpt. 1 *sub p* *fp* *mf* *mp* *pp*

C Tpt. 2 *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

Tbn. 1 *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

Tbn. 2 *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

Tuba *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

Timp.

Perc. 1 L.V. change to tibetan singing bowl *sub p* *fp* *mf* *change to tibetan singing bowl*
T.T. *sub p* *f* *change to tam-tam*

Vln. I *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

Vln. II *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

Vla. *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

Vc. *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

Cb. *sub p* *fp* *mp* *pp*

Tibetan singing bowl
☞ Rub the tibetan singing bowl with a thick wooden mallet, rub the wooden mallet continuously around the bowl.

101

Fl.

Fl. 1

Whistle tone (wind like)
mp

Fl. 2

Whistle tone (wind like)
mp

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

wind sound (no pitch)
p

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tuba

Timp.

☞ Rub the timpani with a superball rubber mallet in a circular motion, continue in a non interruptive manner, try to make as many harmonics as possible

very slow ----- not so slow ----- fast

p ----- *mf*

L.V.

T.S.B.

T.T.

Tam-tam

☞ rub the tamtam with a superball rubber mallet in a circular motion, continue in a non interruptive manner (space sound)

slow ----- faster

p ----- *mp*

L.V.

☞ slow ----- faster

p ----- *mf*

L.V.

Vln. I

p

p

Vln. II

p

p

Vla.

p

p

Vc.

Bow on the tailpiece
p

Bow on the tailpiece
p

Cb.

Bow on the tailpiece
p

Bow on the tailpiece
p

This page of a musical score is for a symphony, featuring a variety of instruments. The instruments listed on the left are: Picc., Fl. 1, Fl. 2, Ob. 1, Ob. 2, B♭ Cl. 1, B♭ Cl. 2, B. Cl., Bsn. 1, Bsn. 2, Hn. 1, Hn. 2, Hn. 3, Hn. 4, C Tpt. 1, C Tpt. 2, Tbn. 1, Tbn. 2, Tuba, Timp., Perc. 1, Vib., Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., and Cb.

The score is written in 3/4 time. The key signature is one flat (B♭). The dynamics range from *pp* (pianissimo) to *mf* (mezzo-forte). The score includes various musical notations, including notes, rests, and slurs. There are also performance instructions, such as "Crotales with a contrabass bow" and "Vibraphone motor off with a contrabass bow".

The score is divided into measures, with some measures containing multiple staves. The instruments are grouped into sections, with some instruments playing in unison. The score is a page from a larger manuscript, as indicated by the page number "1" in the top right corner.

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L

Slow
 = 40

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Bursting ♩ = 115

Bursting ♩ = 115

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139

M (2+3) (2+3)

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Vib.

M (2+3) (2+3)

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

[illegible]

This page of a musical score is divided into two systems. The top system includes staves for Piccolo, Flutes 1 and 2, Oboes 1 and 2, Bass Clarinets 1 and 2, Bassoon 1, Bassoon 2, Horns 1 through 4, Trumpets 1 and 2, Trombones 1 and 2, Tuba, Timpani, Cymbals, Gong, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Contrabass. The bottom system continues the Violoncello and Contrabass parts. The score features various musical notations including notes, rests, and dynamics such as *p*, *mp*, and *mf*. Performance instructions are provided for the timpani and cymbals, including the use of a superball rubber mallet and medium soft mallets. The score is written in a standard musical notation style with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature.

P **Whimper** ♩ = 80

P **Whimper** ♩ = 80

168

Fl.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tuba

Timp.

Crt.

Glk.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.