

Darwin's Walkin' Fish Quartet

(2008)

for Percussion Quartet
Jocelyn Morlock

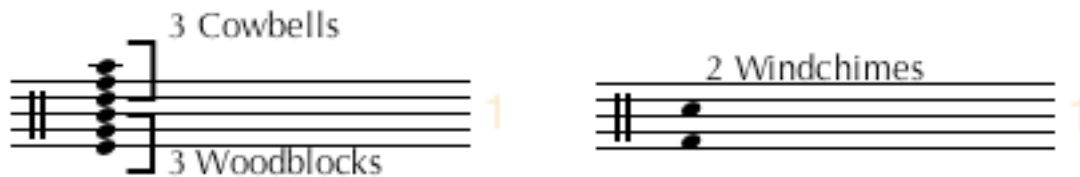
Darwin's Walkin' Fish Quartet is an arrangement/revision of my percussion sextet, Darwin Fish. The original fish was commissioned by Vancouver New Music and its first performance was March 25, 2006. The premiere of Darwin's Walkin' Fish Quartet will be on December 6, 2008, in a performance by Vancouver's Fringe Group who requested this new version. My thanks to the BC Arts Council for their assistance in the commissioning of the first fish.

Performance Notes:

1. Total instrumental requirement for the piece is as follows: 12 woodblocks/temple blocks, 12 cowbells, 8 windchimes (or more), 1 vibraphone, 1 marimba, 1 xylophone.
2. All four players need three cowbells, three woodblocks or temple blocks, and at least two windchimes each. The windchimes should preferably be wooden or bamboo, although shell/glass would be acceptable. (Don't use metal windchimes that are too "pitched" in timbre.) Player one also plays vibe, player two also plays marimba, and player three also plays xylophone. Player four needs one extra woodblock which should be as high and sharp a sound as possible. It is notated with "x" notation on the high C (extra ledger line above the cowbells), and used only in the middle section of the piece where the other players are playing the keyboard percussion.

3. Ideally, the total sum of twelve cowbells and twelve woodblocks should be varied in pitch. They should be dispersed, from high to low, so that each player has one high, one medium, and one low of each type, with player one's instruments being highest and player six's instruments being lowest. That is to say, if there are 12 instruments, player one gets #1, #5, and #9; player two gets #2, #6 and #10, player three gets #3, #7, and #11, player four gets #4, #8, and #12.
4. Instead of cowbells, some players may use other bells (or ethnic cowbells from other countries, etc.) to increase the variety of pitch and timbre found in the cowbell sections of the piece. As long as they are clapperless metal bells with very fast decay, they should work.
5. Accidentals hold for the entire bar (unless cancelled, of course.)

Percussion required for each player (notated as follows in each part):



Program Notes:

Darwin's Walkin' Fish Quartet (yes that's true, a fish with legs...)

Scored for vibraphone, marimba, xylophone, windchimes, woodblocks and, of course, cowbells.

Aside from the obvious reference to evolution (but really, all music evolves/devolves in some way or another, whether becoming more/less complex or simply progressing through time) the other reason for naming the quartet after a Darwin fish was that the very idea of a fish with legs, and the type of locomotion that it would be capable of, completely fascinates me. I mean, can you imagine the way that a fish with legs would move??? The combination of walking/swimming/wiggling would be excellent. I think sometimes it would be more of a torsion-inflected style of side-to-side motion, and at other times perhaps it would hop. (These ruminations may well be reflected in the different sections of music found in this quartet.)

Darwin's Walkin' Fish Quartet

Jocelyn Morlock

♩ = 108

Wood Blocks/
Cowbells

Wood Blocks/
Cowbells

Wood Blocks/
Cowbells

Wood Blocks/
Cowbells

(3 cowbells/3 woodblocks)

mp

p

(3 cowbells/3 woodblocks)

p

mp

(3 cowbells/3 woodblocks)

p

W. Bl./
C.B.

W. Bl./
C.B.

W. Bl./
C.B.

W. Bl./
C.B.

mp

p

mf *p*

mp

mf

mp

11

W. Bl./
C.B.

W. Bl./
C.B.

W. Bl./
C.B.

W. Bl./
C.B.

f *mf* *p* *f* *mf* *p* *f* *mf* *p* *mf* *f* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *mp*

16

W. Bl./
C.B.

W. Bl./
C.B.

W. Bl./
C.B.

W. Bl./
C.B.

f *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f*

21

W. Bl./
C.B.

f

W. Bl./
C.B.

mf 3

3 3 3 3 3

mp

(cowbells only, to m. 74)

W. Bl./
C.B.

mp

W. Bl./
C.B.

mf

mp 3 3 3 3

25

W. Bl./
C.B.

mf *f*

6 6 3

W. Bl./
C.B.

mp *mf* 6

3 3 3

W. Bl./
C.B.

mp 3 *mf* 3 *f* 3

W. Bl./
C.B.

mf *f* 3

(cowbells only, to m. 74)

29

W. Bl./
C.B.

3 6 3

ff *p* *poco a poco cresc.* 3 3 3

W. Bl./
C.B.

3

ff *p* *poco a poco cresc.*

W. Bl./
C.B.

3 3

ff *p* *poco a poco cresc.*

W. Bl./
C.B.

3

ff *p* *poco a poco cresc.*

33

W. Bl./
C.B.

(cresc.) 3 3 3 3

W. Bl./
C.B.

(cresc.)

W. Bl./
C.B.

(cresc.)

W. Bl./
C.B.

(cresc.) 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

37

W. Bl./
C.B.

(cresc.)

3

3

3

ff

W. Bl./
C.B.

(cresc.)

ff

W. Bl./
C.B.

(cresc.)

ff

W. Bl./
C.B.

(cresc.)

3

3

3

3

3

3

ff

41

W. Bl./
C.B.

mf 3 3 3 3

W. Bl./
C.B.

mf

W. Bl./
C.B.

mf

W. Bl./
C.B.

ff

mf *p*

ff

45

W. Bl./
C.B.

W. Bl./
C.B.

W. Bl./
C.B.

W. Bl./
C.B.

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 *pp*

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 *pp*

49

W. Bl./
C.B.

W. Bl./
C.B.

W. Bl./
C.B.

W. Bl./
C.B.

p *poco a poco cresc.*

p *poco a poco cresc.*

p *poco a poco cresc.*

p *poco a poco cresc.*

52

W. Bl./
C.B.

(cresc.)

W. Bl./
C.B.

(cresc.)

W. Bl./
C.B.

(cresc.)

W. Bl./
C.B.

(cresc.)

55

W. Bl./
C.B.

(cresc.)

W. Bl./
C.B.

(cresc.)

W. Bl./
C.B.

(cresc.)

W. Bl./
C.B.

(cresc.)

58

W. Bl./
C.B.

fff

W. Bl./
C.B.

(*cresc.*) *fff*

W. Bl./
C.B.

(*cresc.*) *fff*

W. Bl./
C.B.

(*cresc.*) *fff*

62

W. Bl./
C.B.

pp *mp*

W. Bl./
C.B.

pp *mp*

W. Bl./
C.B.

pp *mp*

W. Bl./
C.B.

66 *poco a poco rit.*

W. Bl./C.B. *mf* *ff* *f*

W. Bl./C.B. *mp* 6 6 6 6 6 6 *ff* 6 6 *f*

W. Bl./C.B. *mp* *ff* *mf*

W. Bl./C.B. *mp* *ff* *mf*

70 *To Vib.* **Vibraphone** *mf* *ppp* 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

W. Bl./C.B. *mf* *pp* *To Mar.*

W. Bl./C.B. *mf* *pp* *To Xyl.*

W. Bl./C.B. *ppp*

[illegible][illegible]

82

Vib.

Mar.

Xyl.

W. Bl./
C.B.

mf *3* *3* *3* *mf* *3* *mp* *f* *pp* *p* *3*

mf *3* *mp* *ff* *p* *3* *mf* *3* *mp* *3* *3* *mp* *3* *mp* *3* *p*

mf *3* *6* *3* *mp* *ff* *p* *mf* *3* *3* *p*

mf *3* *ff* *mp* *3* *mf* *ff* *6*

86

Vib.

Mar.

Xyl.

W. Bl./
C.B.

87

88

89

90

91

92

93

94

95

96

97

98

99

100

101

102

103

104

105

106

107

108

109

110

111

112

113

114

115

116

117

118

119

120

121

122

123

124

125

126

127

128

129

130

131

132

133

134

135

136

137

138

139

140

141

142

143

144

145

146

147

148

149

150

151

152

153

154

155

156

157

158

159

160

161

162

163

164

165

166

167

168

169

170

171

172

173

174

175

176

177

178

179

180

181

182

183

184

185

186

187

188

189

190

191

192

193

194

195

196

197

198

199

200

201

202

203

204

205

206

207

208

209

210

211

212

213

214

215

216

217

218

219

220

221

222

223

224

225

226

227

228

229

230

231

232

233

234

235

236

237

238

239

240

241

242

243

244

245

246

247

248

249

250

251

252

253

254

255

256

257

258

259

260

261

262

263

264

265

266

267

268

269

270

271

272

273

274

275

276

277

278

279

280

281

282

283

284

285

286

287

288

289

290

291

292

293

294

295

296

297

298

299

300

301

302

303

304

305

306

307

308

309

310

311

312

313

314

315

316

317

318

319

320

321

322

323

324

325

326

327

328

329

330

331

332

333

334

335

336

337

338

339

340

341

342

343

344

345

346

347

348

349

350

351

352

353

354

355

356

357

358

359

360

361

362

363

364

365

366

367

368

369

370

371

372

373

374

375

376

377

378

379

380

381

382

383

384

385

386

387

388

389

390

391

392

393

394

395

396

397

398

399

400

401

402

403

404

405

406

407

408

409

410

411

412

413

414

415

416

417

418

419

420

421

422

423

424

425

426

427

428

429

430

431

432

433

434

435

436

437

438

439

440

441

442

443

444

445

446

447

448

449

450

451

452

453

454

455

456

457

458

459

460

461

462

463

464

465

466

467

468

469

470

471

472

473

474

475

476

477

478

479

480

481

482

483

484

485

486

487

488

489

490

491

492

493

494

495

496

497

498

499

500

501

502

503

504

505

506

507

508

509

510

511

512

513

514

515

516

517

518

519

520

521

522

523

524

525

526

527

528

529

530

531

532

533

53

90

Vib.

Mar.

Xyl.

W. Bl./
C.B.

mp *mf* *ff* *p* *ff*

mp *mf*

mf *mp*

pp *pp* *f* *mf* *p* *mp*

94

Vib.

Mar.

Xyl.

W. Bl./
C.B.

p *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *p*

ff *p* *ff* *p* *pp*

mf *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *mp*

mf *p* *mf* *p*

To W. Bl.

98

Vib.

Mar.

Wood Blocks

Xyl.

W. Bl./
C.B.

mp pp mp pp mf

f mf

f mf f

mp pp mp pp mf

3 3 3 3

102

Vib.

W. Bl.

To Mar.

Marimba

Xyl.

W. Bl./
C.B.

f 5 3 f 5 3 f mf³ mp f

3

ff³ mf³ mp³ f

3 f 3 mf³ mp³ f

[illegible][illegible]

114

Vib.

Mar.

Xyl.

Mar.

This musical system covers measures 114 to 117. The Vibraphone (Vib.) part features a melodic line with triplets and quintuplets, ending with a *mp* dynamic. The Maracas (Mar.) part has a steady eighth-note pattern in measures 114 and 115, then rests. The Xylophone (Xyl.) part begins with a *ppp* dynamic, moves to *mf*, then *f*, and ends with a *mp* dynamic. The second Maracas part is silent.

118

Vib.

Mar.

Xyl.

Mar.

This musical system covers measures 118 to 121. The Vibraphone (Vib.) part continues its melodic line with triplets and quintuplets, with dynamics ranging from *mf* to *mp*. The Maracas (Mar.) part has a steady eighth-note pattern in measures 119 and 120, then rests. The Xylophone (Xyl.) part has a steady eighth-note pattern in measures 118 and 119, then rests. The second Maracas part is silent.

122

Vib. *mp* *mf* *p*

Mar. *f* *mp* *mf*

Xyl. *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp*

Mar. *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp*

126

Vib. *mf* *p* *mf* *f* *mp*

Mar. *f* *pp* *f*

Xyl. *f* *pp* *f*

Mar. *f* *pp* *f*

130

Vib.

Mar.

Xyl.

Mar.

Measure 130: Vib. (rest), Mar. (6/6/3 eighth notes, mf), Xyl. (quarter note, pp), Mar. (rest).
Measure 131: Vib. (pp), Mar. (ff), Xyl. (rest), Mar. (rest).
Measure 132: Vib. (f, 3/3/3 eighth notes, mf), Mar. (mp), Xyl. (rest), Mar. (rest).
Measure 133: Vib. (p), Mar. (p), Xyl. (5/5 eighth notes, f), Mar. (rest).

134

Vib.

Mar.

Xyl.

Mar.

(woodblocks only from here to end)

Measure 134: Vib. (f, 3/3/3 eighth notes, mf), Mar. (mf), Xyl. (5/5 eighth notes, mp), Mar. (p, mf).
Measure 135: Vib. (f, 3/3/3 eighth notes, mf), Mar. (f, mf), Xyl. (f, p, f), Mar. (p, mf).
Measure 136: Vib. (mp, 3/3/3 eighth notes, f), Mar. (f, mp), Xyl. (f, 5/5 eighth notes, f), Mar. (p, mf).
Measure 137: Vib. (f, 3/3/3 eighth notes, f), Mar. (f), Xyl. (f, 5/5 eighth notes, f), Mar. (p, mf).

138

Vib. *mf* *f* *mp* *f* *mp* *mf*

Mar. *mp* *mf* *mp* *f* *mp* *f*

Xyl. *f* *p* *f* *ppp*

W. Bl. *p* *mf*

142

Vib. *mp* *f* *mp* *f* *mp*

Mar. *mp* *f* *p* *f* *mp*

Xyl. *f* *p* *mp* *mf* *f* *p*

W. Bl. *p* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *p*

Wood Blocks

To Vib.

Vibraphone

Xylophone

146

Vib.

Mar.

Xyl.

W. Bl.

Measure 146: Vibraphone has a triplet of eighth notes (Bb, A, G) with an accent. Maracas has a quarter note chord (Bb, A, G) with an accent. Xylophone has a quarter note chord (Bb, A, G) with an accent and a five-measure rest. Woodwinds are silent.

Measure 147: Vibraphone has a quarter note (Bb) with an accent. Maracas has a quarter note chord (Bb, A, G) with an accent. Xylophone has a quarter note chord (Bb, A, G) with an accent and a five-measure rest. Woodwinds are silent.

Measure 148: Vibraphone has a quarter note (Bb) with an accent. Maracas has a quarter note chord (Bb, A, G) with an accent. Xylophone has a quarter note chord (Bb, A, G) with an accent and a five-measure rest. Woodwinds are silent.

Measure 149: Vibraphone has a quarter note (Bb) with an accent. Maracas has a quarter note chord (Bb, A, G) with an accent. Xylophone has a quarter note chord (Bb, A, G) with an accent and a five-measure rest. Woodwinds are silent.

150

Vib.

Mar.

Xyl.

W. Bl.

Measure 150: Vibraphone has a quarter note (Bb) with an accent. Maracas has a quarter note chord (Bb, A, G) with an accent. Xylophone is silent. Woodwinds are silent.

Measure 151: Vibraphone has a quarter note (Bb) with an accent. Maracas has a quarter note chord (Bb, A, G) with an accent. Xylophone is silent. Woodwinds are silent.

Measure 152: Vibraphone has a quarter note (Bb) with an accent. Maracas has a quarter note chord (Bb, A, G) with an accent. Xylophone is silent. Woodwinds are silent.

Measure 153: Vibraphone has a quarter note (Bb) with an accent. Maracas has a quarter note chord (Bb, A, G) with an accent. Xylophone is silent. Woodwinds are silent.

154

Vib. *p*

Mar. *p*

Xyl. *p* 6 3 3 3 3

W. Bl.

158

Vib.

Mar.

Xyl. *p* 6 6 3 6 3 3

W. Bl.

162

Vib. *mp*

Mar. *p* 6 3 *mp*

Xyl. to Wood Blocks *mp* 3 3

W. Bl. *pp* *mp* 3

166

Vib.

Mar.

W. Bl. *(mp)* 6 3 6

W. Bl. 6 3 6

170

Vib. *ppp* *mp* Wood Blocks

Mar. *pp* to Wood Blocks *mp* Wood Blocks

W. Bl. *mp* *mf*

W. Bl. *mp* *mf*

174

W. Bl. *mp* *mf*

Mar. *mp* *mf*

W. Bl. *mp* *mf*

W. Bl. *mp* *mf*

178 $(\text{♩} = 72)$ *poco a poco string.*

W. Bl. p

Mar. p p

W. Bl. p

W. Bl. pp 3 pp

182

W. Bl. p mf 3

Mar. mp mp

W. Bl. p 3

W. Bl. p mp 3 3

186

W. Bl. *mf* *mf* *mf* *poco cresc.*

Mar. *mf* *mf* *mf* *poco cresc.*

W. Bl. *mf* *mf* *mf* *poco cresc.*

W. Bl. *mf* *mf* *mf* *poco cresc.*

190

W. Bl. *(cresc.)* *ff*

Mar. *(cresc.)* *ff*

W. Bl. *(cresc.)* *ff*

W. Bl. *(cresc.)* *ff*

194

W. Bl. *f* 6

Mar. *f* 6

W. Bl. *f* 3 6

W. Bl. *f* 6

198 ♩ = 100

W. Bl. *f* *fff* *f* *fff* *fff* *mf* l.v. 2 windchimes, attack with sticks

Mar. *f* *fff* *f* *fff* *fff* *mf* l.v. 2 windchimes, attack with sticks

W. Bl. *f* *fff* *f* *fff* *fff* *mf* l.v. 2 windchimes, attack with sticks

W. Bl. *f* *fff* *f* *fff* *fff* *mf* l.v. 2 windchimes, attack with sticks