

Main Themes from CATcerto

Dedicated to Nora The Piano Cat

Composed and arranged for Piano by
Mindaugas Piečaitis

Andante pomposo

Allegro non troppo

Musical notation for measures 1-5. The piece is in 4/4 time. Measure 1 has a **ff marcato** dynamic and a triplet of eighth notes in the bass. Measure 2 has a **p** dynamic. Measures 3-5 show a melodic line in the treble and a bass line with chords.

Musical notation for measures 6-10. Measure 6 starts with a **f** dynamic and a triplet of eighth notes in the bass. Measure 7 has a **rit.** marking. Measure 8 has a **mf** dynamic. Measures 9-10 are marked **a tempo** and feature a more active melodic line in the treble.

Musical notation for measures 11-14. This section continues the melodic development in the treble with rhythmic patterns, while the bass line provides harmonic support with chords.

Musical notation for measures 15-21. Measure 15 has a **mp** dynamic. Measure 16 has a **rit.** marking. Measure 17 is marked **Adagio, molto rubato** and **p espress.**. Measures 18-21 feature a 7-measure rest in the treble and a triplet of eighth notes in the bass.

Musical notation for measures 22-25. Measure 22 has a **mf** dynamic. Measures 23-25 show a melodic line in the treble and a bass line with chords, with a **mp** dynamic in measure 24.

Più mosso

26

Meno mosso

31

8va

Tempo di Tango

35

rit.

f marcato

In April of 2009, Lithuanian conductor, composer and music educator Mindaugas Piečaitis contacted Philadelphia musicians and artists Betsy Alexander and Burnell Yow! by email regarding creating a children's concert piece using footage of their cat Nora. Nora had taught herself to play piano after watching Betsy teach for about one year. At that time, Nora's YouTube video had already been viewed by millions of people all over the world. Intrigued, Betsy and Burnell worked with Mindaugas to set up an online account to exchange existing and new video footage of Nora's unique talent. After he created a multimedia piece by splicing various sections of Nora's playing into one continuous musical piece, the composer created an orchestral accompaniment.

To the enormous delight of many children in the audience, CATcerto was premiered in June of 2009 by the Klaipėda Chamber Orchestra. Nora The Piano Cat, as guest soloist, was projected onto a large video screen behind the musicians. News of the concert was broadcast around the world, and a video of the performance was uploaded to YouTube. Since its successful debut, the full orchestral version has been published by C. F. Peters corporation and can be performed with the chamber orchestra and video. For more information please visit www.peters-edition.com.

You can read more about this unique collaboration between composing conductor and piano playing cat on the official CATcerto website at www.catcerto.com. Information about Nora The Piano Cat can be found on her website at www.ravenswingstudio.com, where you can also purchase a DVD that includes CATcerto's live world premiere as well as broadcast quality versions of her original YouTube videos. For more information about the conductor and composer Mindaugas Piečaitis, please visit www.piecaitis.eu.