

ENTHUSIASM

Enthusiasm *noun*

1. absorbing or controlling possession of the mind by any interest or pursuit; lively interest.
2. extravagant religious emotion.
3. the object of one's lively interest: gardening is an enthusiasm of his.

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COMMENTARY

With enthusiasm, one senses everything is about to burst at the seams. The point of departure here is Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March' from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Whereas in the original version, the musical organisation is hierarchical, either using chordal textures or melody and accompaniment, here the music is based on hockets, klangfarben technique, counterpoint and with a nod to pointillism. While there are moments of focus, every part generally has an equal voice.

In true enthusiastic style, the music doesn't adhere to the original formal order of Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March'. Instead, it jumps all over the place disrupting itself with chords and entries entering uncontrollably at the wrong time.

Enthusiasm knows no bounds. It is quintessentially human.