Antiphonally Challenged

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for Clarinet Choir

Written for two antiphonal "choirs", one Classical and straight-laced with the other being Jazz loving. (for performance, you might like to dress accordingly?)

Antiphonally Challenged is based on an original composition (Canzona 341) which was commissioned for 2 sets of quartets, a Clarinet Quartet who preferred a classical repertoire and a Saxophone Quartet who were much more Jazz based. Each quartet could either play their quartet (or "Choir") separately or combined. Now rewritten for two clarinet ensembles, the same rules apply and the quartets can exist independently although my preference is to have a joint performance with the dichotomy of the styles in juxtaposition. The "choirs" should perform antiphonally in a similar manner to Gabrieli's Canzonas.

Minimum Scoring:

6 Bb Clarinets and 2 Bass Clarinets

Full Scoring:

Choir 1 (the classical)

Eb Clarinet (optional and only in addition to Clarinet 1)

Bb Clarinet 1

Bb Clarinet 2

Bb Clarinet 3

Bass Clarinet 1

Contra Alto Clarinet in Eb (optional)

Choir 2 (the jazz)

Bb Clarinet 4 (1)

Bb Clarinet 5 (2)

Bb Clarinet 6 (3)

Alto Clarinet in Eb (alternative for Cl.6)

Bass Clarinet 2

Contrabass Clarinet in Bb (optional)

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