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Music Presentation

BRINGING UP BABY, THE TWO LEOPARDS

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This piece is a soundtrack written to a clip from the film *Bringing up Baby*. Directed by Howard Hark in 1938 and starring legends Katherine Hepburn and Carry Grant, it's an old romantic comedy. Amid classic elements of this genre, there is a mix-up over two leopards, one tame and one wild. This clip is near the end of the film and resolves this mix-up. With this score, I tried to bring out the correct emotions in the scene, such as when there is considerable tension and action, I have the cellos playing sixteenth notes in chromatic patterns and dissonant intervals to mirror the discomfort on screen. While trying to bring these emotions out, I also tried to place the music correctly in regards to where important lines and actions were and keep my music new while still fitting the atmosphere of that time period.