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Music Presentation

MOMENTS MUSICAUX

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Written in September and October 2011, *Moments Musicaux* is a composition for clarinet and piano. It consists of two movements with each four to five minutes in length. This composition, as the title suggests, are brief musical pieces, or “moments.” It is by no means a clarinet sonata bearing comparison to Brahms’s or Poulenc’s. Rather, it is a miniature duo for these two instruments. While both movements are intended to highlight the lyrical quality of the clarinet, the first movement carries a more melancholic and somber mood. Besides providing harmonic foundation, the piano part interweaves with the clarinet melody, creating a three-voice-counterpoint.