Lee Hyla Mother Popcorn Revisited for Piano Trio

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Performance Notes

James Brown was one of Lee Hyla's strongest non-classical influences. On the piano in his studio, behind the works-in-progress, Hyla kept a poster from the James Brown compilation *Roots of a Revolution*. Brown is know for shaping funk music in the 1960s, a genre Hyla turned to when the Gramercy Trio commissioned him for a piece of music based on a dance form.

The title of *Mother Popcorn Revisited* comes from Brown's 1969 tune "Mother Popcorn," and the piece is infused with the energetic rhythms and pointed articulations found in funk music. Hyla's precise rhythmic layout combines various subdivisions of the beat, although the piece centers on triplet rhythms with fewer polyrhythmic sections than most of his music. The rhythms in Hyla's music are essential to his aesthetic, as in funk music; Brown once wrote that the strength of his style "...was not in the horns, it was in the rhythm." However, *Mother Popcorn Revisited* is more than a simple recreation of funk, because the temporal structure does not rely on an even, steady beat. Rather, Hyla captures the driving rhythmic energy within frequent tempo changes and time signatures, present in much of his music.

—Bryan Hayslett

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^{*} In unmetered passages (marked by the letter "X"), accidentals apply only to the note which they precede. Courtesy accidentals are frequently provided. In metered passages, accidentals apply throughout the measure, but only in the octave in which they occur.





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