# MAXIMUS an opera in one act 

## full score

Music: Georgi Dimitrov<br>Libretto: Daniel Kelley and Georgi Dimitrov<br>Direction: Julianne Just<br>Story: Georgi Dimitrov,<br>Julianne Just, and Daniel Kelley

## Instrumentation:

Violin<br>Viola / Violin II (if violist doesn't play violin all Violin II parts are easily played on the viola) Cello<br>Bass Clarinet / Clarinet in Bb<br>Soprano (Monica, Debt Counselor, Automated Phone System)<br>Baritone (Maximus)<br>Bass (Mr. Erzwhiler, Parking Notice, The Judge)<br>Supernumerary (Junk Mail Voice, The Bailiff)

Maximus is an opera that takes place in Bay City, in the year 2021. It tells the story of a young, middle-class man who wages everything he has against the dismissal of an erroneous parking ticket. The opera invites one to experience a world with incredible technology, total privatization, and little justice.

Scene 1
Maximus is at home with his wife Monica. Monica is worried about money and about her own job; Maximus suggests she quit and find something better. The mail arrives and interrupts them. Among the junk there is a curious parking notice addressed to Maximus, accusing him of a violation he didn't commit. His wife wants him to pay the ticket, as that would be the most prudent thing to do. Maximus promises to take care of it.

Scene 2
After receiving a second notice with its penalty doubled, Maximus calls the "Universal Parking Corporation Parking Violation Customer First Satisfaction Information Center" to resolve the issue. He encounters a frustrating automated system that leads nowhere.

Scene 3
Maximus visits a Universal Parking Debt Counselor to contest the citation in person. He is again ignored and not given a chance to explain the ticket error.

## Scene 4

Mr. Erzwhiler, Maximus' boss, discovers that his employee has violated the parking code of Bay City and is accumulating penalties that are not being paid. Mr. Erzwhiler calls Maximus into his office for a chat. Maximus is furloughed until the matter with Universal Parking is completely resolved.

Scene 5
Monica tells Maximus she quit her job. Maximus confides that he hasn't been honest with her: he never paid the parking ticket but instead has been fighting it. He is also furloughed from his own job so now he couldn't pay the ticket even if he wanted to. Monica is optimistic as another notice is due in the mail at any moment, and it could resolve everything. The notice arrives, a carbon copy of all the others except that the fine has been doubled yet again, this time to $100,000,000$ Yuan. Maximus remembers that at the end of each notice there is a disclaimer stating that Universal Parking is a contractor employed by Bay City Transportation. Despite his wife's pleas, he decides to take a final step in resisting payment and goes to court.

Scene 6
Maximus finally has a chance to explain the parking error to the friendly judge of MuniciCo Court. However, the judge waives only the initial fine, ruling that Maximus owes 9,999,990,000 Yuan to Universal Parking Corporation. Monica is shocked and leaves her husband and the courtroom. Maximus is defeated. Due to the plaintiff's inability to pay, the judge remands Maximus to a debt ward of Safe America Prison Systems.

## Scene 7

Maximus is in jail, and cannot make payments to his grandmother's senior home. He knows that without making a payment she will be thrown out and could not survive. Monica visits him, but only to bring him the last letter from his recently deceased grandma', as all inmates are cut off from the network. The letter reads that Maximus' grandma' is happy to die and leave this world. She sees death as a pleasant relief, and suggests that Maximus embrace it too.

## Scene 1

Georgi Dimitrov



Slower, $d=d(d=68)$











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Slow and authoritative, $d=56$

B. Cl .

Slow and authoritative, $d=56$

B. Cl .


104

B. Cl .




Lively, $d=102$


bet-ter to pay it, real - ly.

Vc.
Bar.






Scene 2

## Faster, $d=96$



173 Maximus is attempting put the numerous parts of a table, all on the floor, together.



Maximus throws a table leg onto the floor. He mumbles in frustration.

The sound of new mail.



Slow and authoritative, $d=56$


Much faster, $d=108$
${ }^{214}(\boldsymbol{f})$ no vibrato
B.




B. Cl .


To re-peat,
to re-peat this,


B. Cl .

Vla.

Vc.
VIn. 1
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Scene 3

Sarcastic, $d=106$






Three-oh-six, here, three-five-six!

Bar.

Vla.

Vc.








Three-two - one, three-seven-one,
three - two - two,
three-seven-two, three - two - three,
three-seven-three,




accel. .


Sarcastic, $d=106$






The D. C. flips a sign that now says


Sarcastic, $ل=70(d=106)$
505 Maximus is at work - he is the concierge of the Belle Regal hotel







accel. .
In tempo, $d=70(d=106)$

$\%$




B.

B. Cl .

Vla.

Vc.
Vln. I



gestures to 'shh' M.


B.


Vln. I


Much faster, $d=108$



Bar.



Slower, authoritative, $d=56$

$\%$



Scene 5

Sarcastic, $d=96(\rho=192)$







Sweet, $d=60$



Vla.

Vc.

B. Cl .

Vn. I

Vla.

accel. (clar. only) in time













[Announces his honor, High Judge of MuniciCo Incorporated's Bay City Division]




The Judge








rit.
In tempo, with pride, $\varnothing_{=}=80$




Interrupts the judge,
Faster, $d=56$
looking at Monica

Bar.


I knew it! I told you he'd fix it!
B.


Faster, $d=56$
B. Cl .





Slower, $d=44$








Before Maximus leaves the courtroom the bailiff slaps


Scene 7

Bare and broken, $\delta=88$






## Like the opening of the opera, $d=88$


ppppp possibile


