

Karsilama

Composer: Avner Dorman

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Duration: 4 min

Orchestration: 2 pianos

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Program Note

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Duo Amal: Bishara Haroni and Yaron Kohlberg, pianists

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Composer's Note:

The Turkish word Karsilama refers to a popular couple's folk dance in 9/8 meter. Originally, the word Karsilama means "face to face greeting." Since a piano duo plays facing each other, I thought it would be appropriate to write a couple's dance of this kind for two pianos.

The piece is structured as a set of variations. Each presents a different way to dance the 9/8 rhythm, as well as a different way two people might greet each other face to face.

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