

Grit and Glitz

Instrumentation: String Trio

Duration: 8'30"

Completed: 2011

Premiered: September 25, 2011 by Patti Kilroy, violin, Nick Revel, viola, and Rose Bellini, cello in Exapno, Brooklyn, NY

"Grit and Glitz" is a high energy show-off piece. Venturing out into the territory of catchy pop and rock melodic gestures, it creates a safe and accessible sonic environment, yet consistently stretches its boundaries until it breaks into a cadenza/ improvisatory section exploring jazz harmonies. "Grit and Glitz" feels familiar, yet surprises with fresh textures and unexpected turns.

The title "Grit and Gliz" marks my first Brooklyn premiere and expresses my love-hate relationship with the New York borough depicting my fascination with the glitzy and chic neighborhoods and my dismay after being lost at night in a gritty part of town.