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Frolic

for clarinet solo

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Frolic commissioned by RAM as part of their 200 Pieces project, and was first performed by Ivan Rogachev on 8th March 2022 in the David Josefowitz Recital Hall, Royal Academy of Music.

PROGRAMME NOTE

Frolic is a short piece for clarinet based on one of my favourite clarinet solos: the opening of the last movement of Mahler's 4th Symphony. In the fast music which opens and closes Frolic, Mahler's melody is somewhat hidden, and is sometimes transformed almost beyond recognition. In the slow middle section of the piece, the melody is much more clearly stated – though not without some vigorous interruptions. I hope to have channelled the spirit of the original Mahler while taking it to new, unexpected places.

Duration c. 3' 15"

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