DIVISIONS I

Seán Doherty
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Solo Violin

PROGRAMME NOTE

Divisions is a catalogue of Baroque techniques and motifs, that took initial inspiration from the improvisatory genre of 'divisions on a ground'. It follows a single duration, the semibreve, through all its subdivisions—crotchet, quaver, semiquaver, triplet, quintuplet, sextuplet—to the semidemiquaver. Similarly, a single interval, the semitone, is developed into the *passus duriusculus*, a descending chromatic fourth, which serves to link each division thematically. It was inspired by the long line of violin virtuosi, a tradition that began in the Baroque era and is continued today by Claire Duff.

Performance Time: *c*. 6 mins

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