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I did not bow down to you,
I bowed down to all the
suffering of humanity.
Raskolnikov
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INSTRUMENTATION

2 Flutes
Alto Flute (doubles in Piccolo)

2 Oboes
English Horn

2 Clarinets in Bb
Bass Clarinet in Bb

3 Bassoons
Contrabassoon

4 Horns in F

3 Trumpets in C

2 Tenor Trombones
Bass Trombone
Tuba
Timpani

Percussion (4 percussion players required)  Snare Drum, Tenor Drum, Bass Drum, Triangle, Wood Block, Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals, Vibraphone, Marimba, Xylophone

2 Harps
Piano and Celesta (one player)

Soloists

   Violin Solo, Clarinet in Eb Solo, Accordion Solo, Alto Recorder (or Piccolo) Solo

Strings

   28 Violins, 10 Violas, 10 Violoncelli, 8 Double Basses
ABSTRACT

Crime and Punishment: One Act Ballet is a ballet for full orchestra and soloists based on the novel *Crime and Punishment* by Russian writer Fyodor Dostoevsky. The form of the piece is based on the form of the novel, but as the means of literature are different of the means of music, an adaptation of the plot of the novel was revealed necessary. Only the most significant happenings in the plot of the novel are present in the piece. All passages in which a description of psychological characteristics of the main characters is presented in the novel were translated into musical images.

Crime and Punishment: One Act Ballet is orchestrated to full orchestra and soloists. The soloists represent the main characters which also are represented by the soloist dancers. So, each of the main characters are represented in two ways exactly like it happens in Igor Stravinsky’s *Le Noces*. The piece is divided in three scenes. In the first scene the main character, Rodion Raskolnikov, is presented in his many different facets. In the second scene Raskolnikov goes to see the pawnbroker Aliona Ivanovna. He has a long dialog with her and ends up killing her. In the third scene Raskolnikov meets Marmeladov and after takes him home where he meets Sonia, Marmeladov’s daughter. After a while he decides to tell Sonia about the murder and to turn himself in. He goes to the prison in Siberia where the story comes to an end. Although the piece is meant to be staged as a ballet it can be played in a concert hall as concert music.

Maurice Ravel’s *Daphnis and Chloe*; Claude Debussy’s *Prelude of an Afternoon of a Faun*; Igor Stravinsky’s *The Rite of Spring, Petroushka* and *Les Noces*; are the ballets that mainly influenced the composition process of this piece. The main compositional techniques are octatonic scales, functional harmony and chord superpositions, polytonality, clusters, leitmotivs and twelve-tone. The orchestration style and polytonality are influences from Stravinsky.
Twelve-tone is an influence from the Second Viennese School and the use of clusters an influence from Ligeti and Penderecki.
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OP. 10

I - Rodion Romanovich Raskolnikov:
a Divided Man

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Part I - Walking to Aliona Ivanovna's House

Ronald Caden - Baton Rouge 2008
I will bring you the interest for another month; wait a little.

But that's for me to do as I please, my good sir, to wait or to sell your pledge at once.
How much will you give me for the watch, Alyona Ivanovna?
And there's one key there, three times as big as all the others, with deep notches; that can't be the key of the chest of drawers...

"It must be the top drawer, So she carries the keys in a pocket on the right. All in one bunch on a steel ring.... then there must be some other chest or strong-box... that's worth knowing. Strong-boxes always have keys like that... but how degrading it all is."
Beethoven: Jazz the Aces on the Floor
Crime and Punishment
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Part I - Going to the Tavern
III - Finale

Moderate Crepescu

Renaldo Cadeu,
Baton Rouge 2009
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Tromboni
A. Fl. (G)
E. H. (F)
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Harp 2
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