I’m Inclined to New Music
For String Orchestra or Quartet

(1991)

Commissioned by the Bravo! Colorado Festival

Dedicated to Ida Kavafian

Duration ca. 8’
PLEASE NOTE:

When playing the String Orchestra version, the double bass part doubles the cello.

Program Notes

When violinist Ida Kavafian asked me compose a short tribute to Mozart (years ago, not this go round) for her festival in Angel Fire, New Mexico, I immediately thought about writing a comic paraphrase of Eine kleine Nachtmusik because I figured practically everyone is familiar with that most performed of Mozart's works. (Mozart's Eine kleine Nachtmusik is a wonderful, sparkling serenade which probably has been performed more than any similar-size piece ever composed.) But when a title that sounds like the German title spoken in English suddenly popped into my head -- I'm Inclined to New Music -- I knew I had to follow through.

My little tribute is a phrase-by-phrase, meticulously detailed paraphrase of the first movement of Mozart's serenade. I simply spiced it up, both rhythmically and harmonically, so that it sounds a bit more like music of our time. Other than that, it is just as Mozart wrote it....well, almost.

-Bruce Adolphe