

## ABSTRACT

**CREATIVE PROJECT:** Penthesilea – Ballet in One Act

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This dissertation is a ballet composed for chamber orchestra. The ballet is based on Heinrich von Kleist's play *Penthesilea*. The twenty-four scenes of Kleist's play were reduced into ten scenes. In Kleist's version of *Penthesilea*, unlike in Greek mythology, the queen of the Amazons Penthesilea survives after being struck by Achilles, who falls in love with her. The romantic relationship between the two warriors is tragic and results in the death of both. *Penthesilea* features contrapuntal writing, elaborate harmonic language and *Leitmotif* technique. The performance time is approximately 40 minutes.