Quartet for Flutes, Bass and Harpsichord was composed in 1969 at the request of Claude Monteux. It received its premiere at the Donnell Library Auditorium, New York City, on December 20, 1969, as part of a Composer¹s Forum featuring Richard Wilson and Joel Chadabe, with Elliott Carter as moderator. The performers were Claude Monteux and Marianne Monteux, flutes, Kenneth Fricker, bass, and Sylvia Suzowsky, harpsichord.

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