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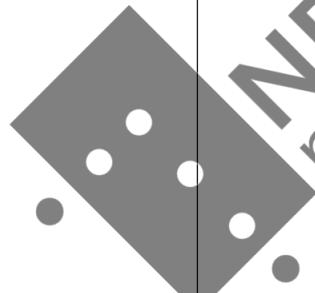
Artic Circles

Concert in three movements for
Percussion and Chamber Orchestra

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1. Fok - Adagio con misterioso
 2. Marr - Leggero e giocoso, ma non troppo
 3. Glit - Allegro e vivace

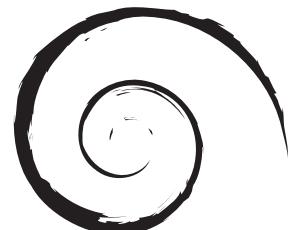
Solo Percussion

- 5 Cymbals
 - 12" Splash
 - 18" Crash
 - 20" Chinese
 - 22" Ride
 - 28" Crash
- 2 Tam Tams
large, medium
- 3 Thunder sheets
- 1 Bass drums
- 1 Tenor Drum
- Woodblocks
- Templeblocks



Ensemble

- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Bassoon
- French Horn (practice mute)
- Trumpet (practice mute, wah wah - harmon mute, straight mute)
- Trombone (bucket mute, plunger mute)
- Piano (bowing hair to bow the piano strings)
- Violin I
- Violin II
- Viola
- Violincello
- Double Bass



Duration c.a. 21 min.

1st Movement – Marr.

Conductor is using “light” baton that can be seen in the dark.

All players should be located at their base sitting down (see illustration).

Pno. D.B and Cello do not move (by obvious reason).

When the soloist gives a sign all other players stand up and start playing and move slowly in circles as shown in illustration.

Soloist (or conductor) gives a clear message “queue” when each player starts to play.

The Piano starts with the soloist at the very beginning, then cello, DB etc.

Lights in different colors are on each base for each player. Lights differ in colour when player is playing or not playing. Spotlights also make two circles on the stage for the players to follow.

At the end of the 1st movement Woodwind players go slowly to their bases and sit down. Other players stand still when the woodwinds are seated.

2nd Movement – Fok

Bassoon starts playing when soloist gives a clear signal, with Theatrical act. Standing players start to move when soloist gives a signal and move in the same path as before. Soloist gives a clear signal when the players should play their short solo. Soloist can now move is wearing a marching bass drum and interact with players including giving them signals.

Spotlights are on each played, light differ when player plays his melodic material (solo phrase)

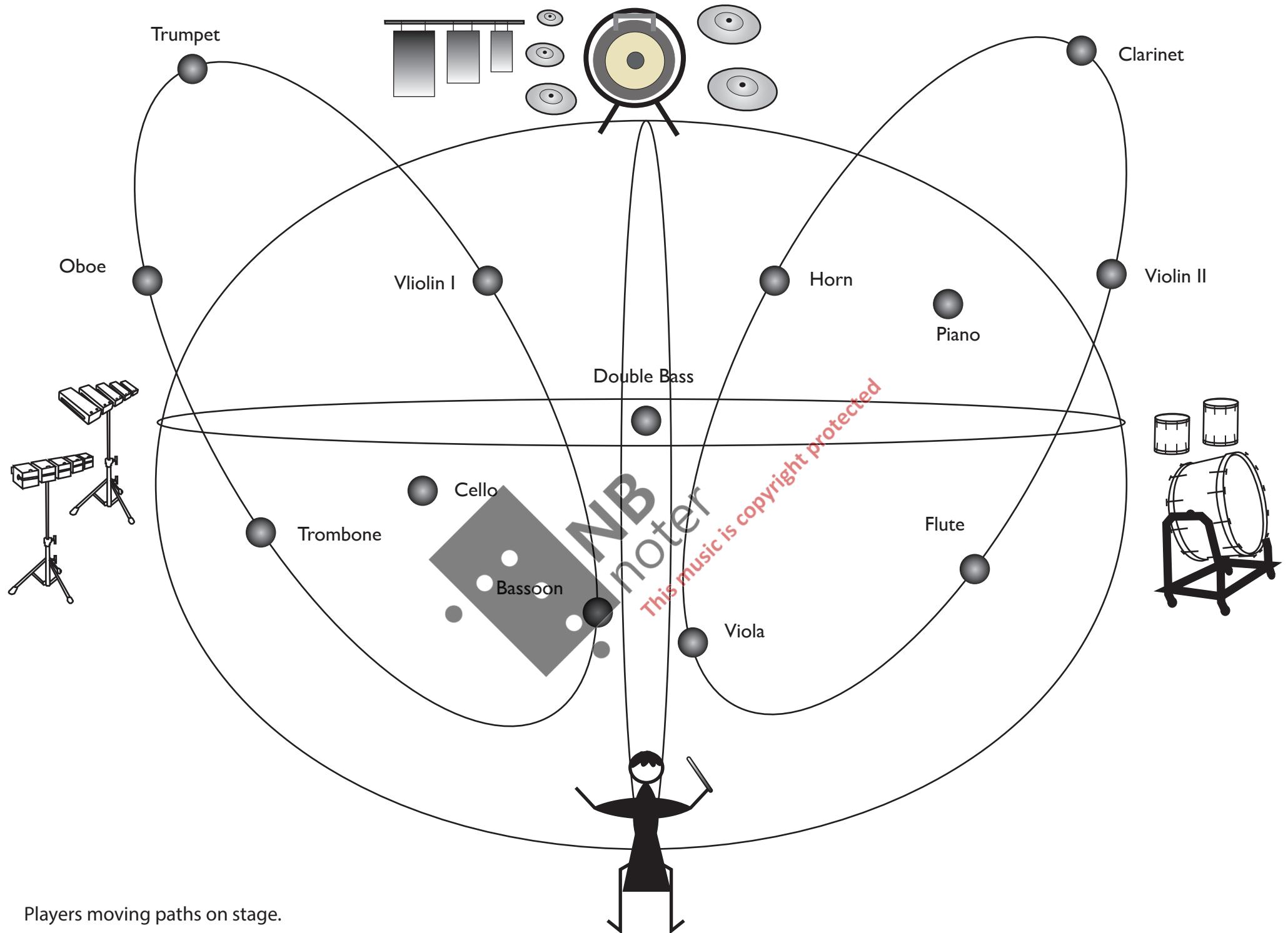
3rd Movement – Glit

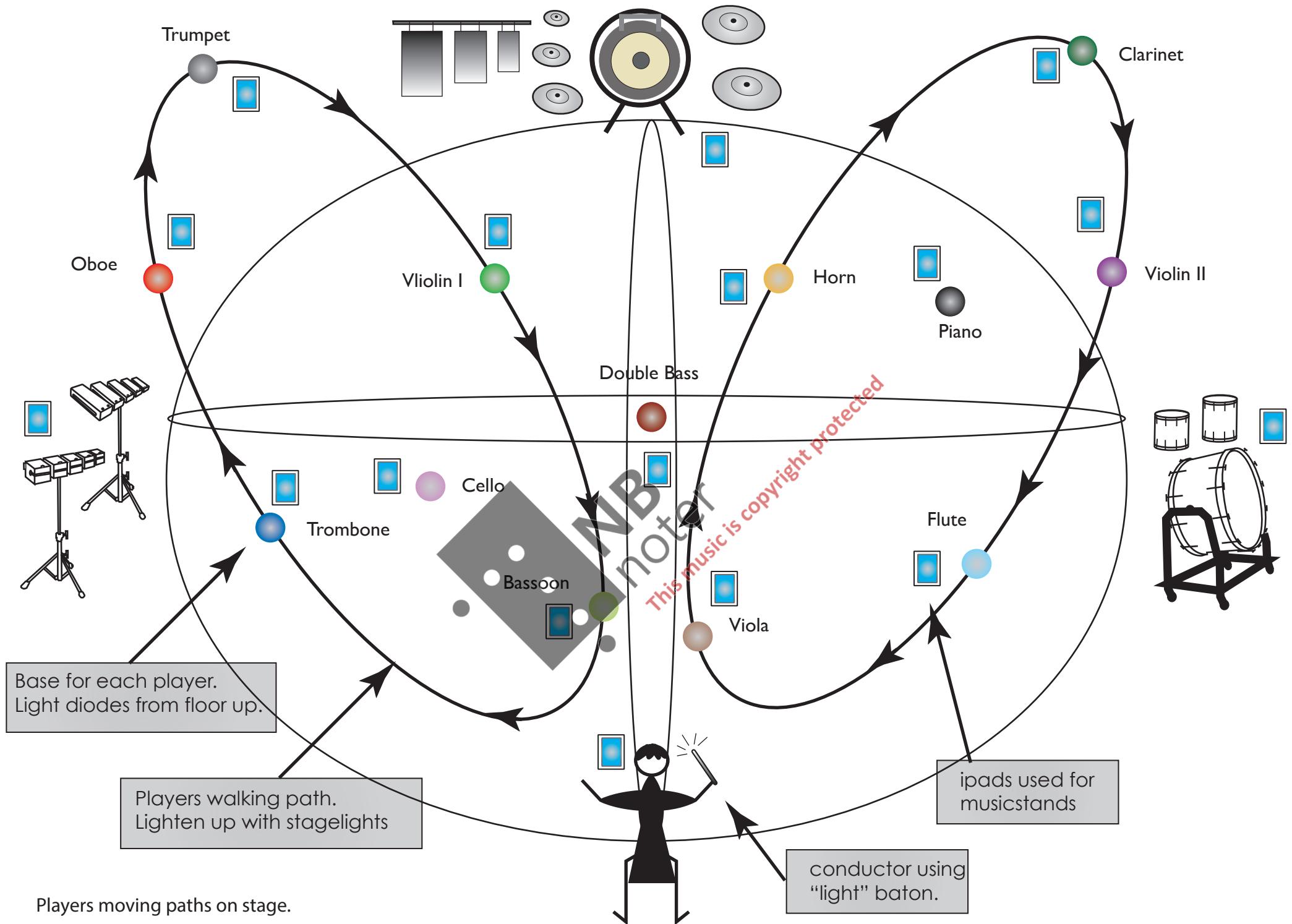
All performers are seated at their base (see illustration) Soloist moves around the same path (circles) as the players did before. Wood blocks are hanging on soloist in a belt as he/she for him to be able to walk.

The walk can vary in tempo (rhythm) and include pauses (standing still). Soloist moves gradually faster and faster as the density of playing increases. At the end soloist is moving furiously.

Lights are static on the players while they blink on the percussionist following her steps (move with her).

Lights wary in colour brightness (dark red – light red) in sink with the velocity.





Artic Circles

First movement - Fok

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$\text{♩} = 55$

Adagio con misterioso

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B \flat

Bassoon

Horn in F

Trumpet in C

Trombone

Cymbals

TamTam/
Thunder Sheet

Piano

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

Chinese 20'' Crash sizzle 18''

p move slightly from center to the edge

move from the edge to center

hit the Tam tam with a metal pin
Senza mizura

p poco

niente

Bowed string

Hold pedal down all the way through

$\text{♩} = 55$

Adagio con misterioso

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Ride 28''
move from the edge to center
Ride 22'' +
Splash 12''
mp
hit the Tam tam with a metal pin
Senza mizura
poco

sul pont.senza vibrato
p

sul pont.
flag senza vib.
p

26

tr *p* *poco-p* *p* *p* *tr*

niente *pp*

move slightly from center to the edge

mp *p* *poco-p* *p* *poco-p* *3* *5* *7* *f*

hit the Tam tam with a metal pin
Senza mizura

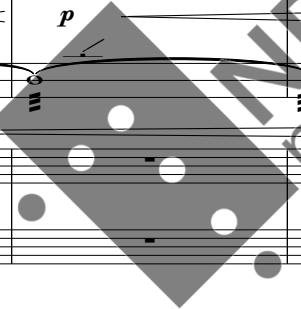
p

senza vib.
sul pont.

p *poco-p* *p* *p*

senza vib.
sul pont.

p



36 (tr) *poco*

p tr *poco*

poco *p* *tr* *poco* *p* *p*

con sord. *Wah Wah* *gradually open* *gradually close* *gradually open* *gradually close* *gradually open*

p *poco* *poco* *con sord. bucket* *poco* *poco*

to thunder sheet *pp* *molto f* *f* *Thunder Sheet* *p* *subito ff* *mp* *3*

niente

play on keyboard *p*

senza vib. *sul pont.* *play microtones around f# - fast senza mizura*

p *senza vib.* *sul pont.* *play microtones around c# - fast senza mizura*

poco *p*

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42

very soft tongue, senza misura

mp

poco- *p*

very soft tongue, senza misura

p *poco-* *p+* gradually open gradually close + gradually open gradually close

gradually close

p *pp* *mp*

plucked inside pno.

p

senza vib.
sul pont.

senza vibrato
sul pont.

senza vibrato
sul tasto

play a bit larger steps around g# - fast senza misura

vibrato nat.

55

multiphonics

mp

gradually open

gradually close

Tam Tam

plucked inside pno.

pp

sul pont. senza vib.

61

nat.

gradually open... + gradually close... o + gradually open... + gradually close... +

gradually open... - gradually close... - gradually open... - gradually close... -

con sord.
plunger + + gradually open... p

f

senza vib.
sul tasto

senza vibrato
sul tasto

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This musical score page contains six staves of music for various instruments. The top staff is a treble clef staff with a basso continuo staff below it. The second staff is a soprano staff. The third staff is a alto staff. The fourth staff is a tenor staff. The fifth staff is a bass staff. The sixth staff is a double bass staff. Various dynamics and performance instructions are written above the staves, such as 'gradually open...', 'gradually close...', 'con sord.', 'plunger', 'f', 'senza vib.', 'sul tasto', and 'senza vibrato', 'sul tasto'. Measure numbers 61 and 62 are indicated at the beginning of the section. A large red watermark with the text 'N.B. noter This music is copyright protected' is overlaid across the middle of the page.

68

p

tr

p

con sord.
practice

tr
start slow grad. faster

con sord.
practice

gradually slower

tr
start slow grad. faster

p

p

gradually from center to edge

5

7

mf

5

Senza mizura
hit the Tam tam with a metal pin

poco

mp

nat.

sul pont.

p

play microtones around f# - fast senza mizura

play a bit larger steps around Bb - fast senza mizura

sul tasto

senza vib.

74

(b) gradually slower

very slowly open and close the mute

plucked inside piano.

sul pont.
senza vibrato

pizz. microtones around c# - fast senza mizura

flag.

gradually move the bow to tasto

pizz. play a bit larger steps around g# - fast senza mizura

sul tasto

p

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81

p

mp

pp 7

pp

plucked
bowed

arco
pizz.
arco

vibrato
nat.

arco
sul tasto
pizz.
microtones around c - fast senza mizura
vibrato
nat.

poco à poco cresc...

p

mp

mf

f

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91

Kadenz (as long as you like, or even longer)
wild and loud, use rests ad lib.

ffff Hit the Tam Tam or Thunder Sheed ad. lib.

Senza mizura
Bowed cymbal corale

fff > *niente*

pp *Thunder sheets*

= *niente*

pp

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repeat ad lib with constant diminuendo

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Marr 2nd movement

$\text{♩} = 108$

Leggero e giocoso, ma non troppo

Flute *pp*

Oboe *pp*

Clarinet in B \flat *pp*

Bassoon *pp*

Horn in F

Trumpet in C

Trombone

Tenor Drum
Med.Bass Drum
Large Bass Drum

Piano

Large B.D. 36", Medium D.B. 28"/30" and Tenor Drum

$\text{♩} = 108$

Leggero e giocoso, ma non troppo

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

Horn

10

poco cresc...

mp

poco cresc...

mp

poco cresc...

mp

poco cresc...

with perc..

mp

soft bass drum stick

mp

poco cresc...

AC 2nd movement

3

20

Cello

Viola

Trumpet

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

after Viola
con sord.

mf

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mf

mf

after Cello
senza sord.

mf

after Horn
senza sord.

mf

138

30

Trombone

Horn

after Trombone

after Trp. con sord.

mf

con la mano

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AC 2nd movement

The musical score is divided into three main sections. The first section (measures 30-35) features the Trombone and Horn. The second section (measures 36-41) features the Trombone and Horn. The third section (measures 42-47) features the Trombone, Horn, and Piano. The Trombone and Horn parts consist of eighth-note patterns, while the Piano part features melodic lines and dynamics like 'mf' and 'con sord.'. A large gray diamond-shaped graphic with white dots is overlaid on the middle section of the music.

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AC 2nd movement

45

[Violin II]

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after D.Bass senza sord.

poco *mf* poco *mf* *mf*

AC 2nd movement

The musical score consists of six staves of music. The top two staves are in common time (4/4), the third is in 2/4, the fourth is in 3/4, the fifth is in 2/4, and the bottom two are in 3/4. Measure 45 begins with Violin II playing eighth-note patterns. The music then transitions through various measures, including a section where the bassoon plays eighth-note patterns (measures 5-6). The score concludes with dynamic markings *poco*, *mf*, *poco*, *mf*, *mf*, and a final instruction "AC 2nd movement". A large gray rectangular box with three white circles on it is positioned over the music staff, obscuring some notes. A red watermark "This music is copyright protected" is diagonally across the page.

60

accel...

Violin I

A tempo

f

f

f

f

con la mano

accel...

after Trp. senza sord.

A tempo

mf

f

This page contains musical notation for multiple instruments, including Violin I, strings, and brass. The notation includes various time signatures (e.g., 6/8, 4/4, 7/8) and dynamic markings (e.g., f, mf). The score is divided into sections by vertical dashed lines, each with specific performance instructions like 'accel...', 'A tempo', and 'con la mano'. A large red watermark is present across the page.

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68

Viola

Double Bass

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AC 2nd movement

10

76

Violin II

Horn

Piano

p

p

p

p

after Violin II

p

with Horn

p

after Horn

p

after D.Bass

mp

mf

AC 2nd movement

This page contains musical notation for multiple instruments, including Violin II, Horn, and Piano. The notation is organized into measures, with specific dynamics like *p* (pianissimo) and *mp* (mezzo-pianissimo) indicated. The piano part includes a dynamic marking *mf* (mezzo-forte) at the bottom. The score is divided into sections by vertical dashed lines, with labels such as 'after Violin II', 'with Horn', 'after Horn', 'after D.Bass', and 'AC 2nd movement'. Measure 76 begins with a series of eighth-note patterns in various voices, followed by a section where the piano plays sustained notes. The score then transitions through different sections involving the violin, horn, and piano, with the piano often providing harmonic support or rhythmic patterns. The overall structure suggests a complex, multi-layered musical piece.

Trumpet

11

84

12

92

Trombone

Cello

mp

mp

mp

after Trp.

mp

mf

p

5

3

3

6

mp

3

3

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after Trombone

mp

mp

This page contains 12 staves of musical notation for various instruments. The notation includes measures of 6/8, 7/8, and 4/4 time signatures. Dynamic markings such as *mp*, *mf*, and *p* are present. A large red watermark 'NB: This music is copyright protected' is overlaid across the middle of the page. A grey diamond-shaped graphic is positioned in the center of the page, partially obscuring the music. Measure numbers 12 and 92 are indicated at the top left. Measure 12 starts with a 6/8 section for Trombone and Cello, followed by a 7/8 section for Trombone and a 4/4 section for Cello. Measure 92 begins with a 7/8 section for Trombone, followed by a 4/4 section for Trombone and Cello, and ends with a 7/8 section for Trombone.

101

Piano

Piano

13

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with Piano
after Cello *mp*

mp

mp

AC 2nd movement

Viola

Violin 1 and Violin 2 play eighth-note patterns. Viola and Trombone play eighth-note patterns. The Trombone part includes dynamic markings *mf*, *mf*, *mf*, and *mf*.

Trombone

Viola

Violin 1 and Violin 2 play eighth-note patterns. Viola and Trombone play eighth-note patterns. The Trombone part includes dynamic marking *mp*. The Viola part is labeled "after Viola". The Trombone part ends with dynamic marking *poco a poco cresc...*

Violin 1 and Violin 2 play eighth-note patterns. Viola and Trombone play eighth-note patterns. The Trombone part includes dynamic markings *rubber ball/superball*, *mp*, and *mp*. The Viola part is labeled "after Piano". The Trombone part ends with dynamic marking *poco a poco cresc...*

Violin 1 and Violin 2 play eighth-note patterns. Viola and Trombone play eighth-note patterns. The Trombone part includes dynamic markings *after Tbn.* and *mp*. The Viola part is labeled "after Piano". The Trombone part ends with dynamic marking *mp*.

cresc...

mp

119

poco a poco cresc...

poco a poco cresc...

poco a poco cresc...

after Viola

poco a poco cresc...

after D.Bass

mp poco a poco cresc...

poco a poco cresc...

mp

poco a poco cresc...

6 7

after Horn

mp

poco a poco cresc...

poco a poco cresc...

Violin II

16

Viola

Violin I

Piano

127

Violin II

16

Viola

Violin I

Piano

mp
after Violin I

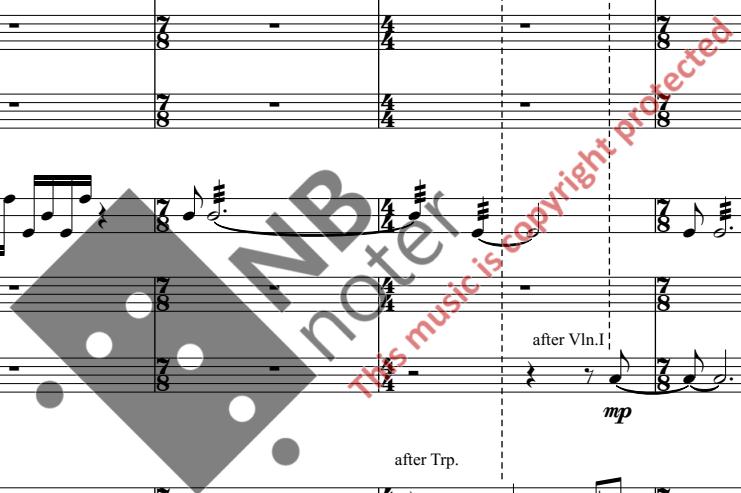
mp
after Vln.I

mp
after Trp.

mp
after Vln.II

Violin I

Piano



after Trp.

er Vln.I

mp

1

4

153

NDS
notes
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fade out

5

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170

6 staves of music notation.

6 staves of music notation.

Kadenza c.a. 1 min.

A bridge between movements, while the percussionist moves to the wood area.
Perc. things on the floor to play with using rubber ball sticks or wood sticks.

6 staves of music notation.

6 staves of music notation.

6 staves of music notation.

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fade out

Glit
3rd movement

$\text{♩} = 116$

Allegro e vivace

Clar.

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B♭

Bassoon *pp*

Horn in F

Trumpet in C

Trombone

Bass Drum *pp*

Wood Blocks
Temple Blocks

Piano

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

Clar.

drag rubber ball or superbollover the skin

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$\text{♩} = 116$
Allegro e vivace

10

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18

WB. Tbn. Hrn. Tpt. Viola.

p

p

p

Wood Blocks I

p

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3rd. movement

The score is divided into six systems by vertical dashed lines. Each system contains multiple staves for different instruments. The instruments listed above the staff are: WB., Tbn., Hrn., Tpt., and Viola. Dynamics such as 'p' (pianissimo) are indicated above certain staves. A large red watermark 'This music is copyright protected' and 'NB noter' is overlaid across the middle of the page. The page number '3' is located in the top right corner.

Pno.

Pno.

37

5

The musical score consists of six staves of music for piano. The first two staves are in common time (indicated by '4') and major (indicated by a 'G' sharp). The third staff is in common time and minor (indicated by a 'B' flat). The fourth staff is in common time and major (indicated by a 'G'). The fifth staff is in common time and minor (indicated by a 'B' flat). The sixth staff is in common time and major (indicated by a 'G'). The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. Measure 37 begins with a piano dynamic (Pno.). The music features various note heads, stems, and rests. The piano dynamic (Pno.) appears again at the start of measure 38.

D.B.

3rd. movement

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Musical score for orchestra and Temple Blocks. The score consists of six staves. The first four staves are for strings (Violin I, Violin II, Cello, Double Bass) and the last two staves are for woodwind (Flute, Clarinet). The key signature changes from G major (Violin I, II) to F# major (Cello) and then to E major (Double Bass). The time signature varies between common time (4/4), 7/8, and 13/8. The score includes dynamic markings such as forte (f), piano (p), and sforzando (sf). The section 'Temple Blocks' is indicated in the middle of the page.

Vln.II

Musical score for Vln.II (Violin II) featuring six staves of music. The score is divided into two sections by a vertical dashed line. The first section (measures 65-75) consists of six staves, each with a different key signature: G major, A major, C major, D major, E major, and F# major. The second section (measures 76-86) also consists of six staves, with key signatures of A major, C major, D major, E major, F# major, and G major. The music includes various note heads, stems, and rests.

A page of musical notation for orchestra, starting at measure 73. The score includes parts for multiple staves: Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Flute, Clarinet, Bassoon, Trombone, and Percussion. The music consists of mostly eighth-note patterns. A large red watermark 'N.B. Peter' is diagonally across the page, and a red diagonal line with the text 'This music is copyright protected' runs from the bottom left to the top right.

Bsn.

Pno.

D.B.

10
82

Bsn.
Pno.
D.B.

f

f

f

f

f

f

3rd. movement

91

Pno. Clar. Vc.

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NB Notes

3rd. movement

The musical score consists of five systems of staves. The first system starts with a dynamic of *f*. The second system begins with a dynamic of *f*. The third system begins with a dynamic of *f*. The fourth system begins with a dynamic of *f*. The fifth system begins with a dynamic of *f*.

Oboe

Vln.II

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Vln.I Flute

Wood Blocks II

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3rd. movement

Vln.I

Musical score for Vln.I (Violin I) featuring six staves of music. The score includes various time signatures such as 3/8, 4/4, and 13/8. The music consists of eighth-note patterns, sixteenth-note patterns, and sustained notes. The score is divided into two sections by a vertical dashed line. The first section ends with a measure in 13/8 time, followed by a measure in 7/8 time.

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Oboe Vln.II Pno. D.B.

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Flute

Flute

Oboe

A page of musical notation for orchestra, featuring six staves of music. The notation includes various clefs (G, F, C), time signatures (8/8, 4/4, 7/8, 2/4), and dynamic markings like 'cresc.'. The music consists of complex rhythmic patterns and harmonic progressions typical of classical or romantic era orchestral scores.

157 Oboe
 Vln.II
 cresc.
 159 Vln.I

157

Oboe

Vln.II

cresc.

159

Vln.I

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3rd. movement

Vcl
Clar
Pno

1

Vln.II

Vln.I

Temple Blocks

Tpt.

185

Tpt. Bsn. D.B.

23

mp

f

mp

3rd. movement

25

201

Vc.
Clar.
Pno.

Hrn.

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3rd. movement

Vln.I

207

207

Vln.I

207

208

209

210

211

212

213

Oboe

Vln.II

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Bsn. D.B.

219

Vla.
Pno.

Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 28, 3rd movement. The score consists of six systems of music, each with multiple staves for different instruments. The instrumentation includes Bassoon (Bsn.), Double Bass (D.B.), Piano (Pno.), Violin (Vla.), and Wood Blocks I. The score features various dynamics such as *p* (pianissimo) and *cresc.* (crescendo). The time signature changes frequently, including measures in 4/4, 2/4, and 3/4. The piano part is prominent, particularly in the first and third systems. The bassoon and double bass provide harmonic support. The violin and wood blocks add melodic and rhythmic interest. The overall style is complex and dynamic, typical of a late 20th-century orchestral composition.

Fl.

Vln.I

227

Ob.

Vln II

29

mp

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

mp

mp

mp

mp

Vc.

Pno.

Clar.

234

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Hrn.

Vln.I

31

A detailed musical score for orchestra, page 239, featuring ten staves of music. The score includes various instruments such as strings, woodwinds, and brass. The music consists of complex rhythmic patterns and harmonic structures. The score is annotated with dynamic markings like 'f' (fortissimo) and 'ff' (fortississimo). A large, semi-transparent watermark reading 'THIS MUSIC IS COPYRIGHT PROTECTED' is overlaid across the center of the page.

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Oboe

Vln.II

249

3rd. movement

253

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3rd. movement

The musical score consists of five staves of music. The first three staves are in common time (indicated by '4') and the last two are in 3/4 time. The key signature changes throughout the piece. The first staff features a treble clef, the second a bass clef, and the third a bass clef. The fourth and fifth staves also have bass clefs. The music includes various note heads, stems, and rests. Measure 253 begins with a treble clef and common time. It contains eighth-note pairs and sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 254-255 show a transition to 3/4 time, featuring eighth-note pairs and sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 256-257 continue in 3/4 time with similar patterns. Measures 258-259 show a return to common time, with eighth-note pairs and sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 260-261 conclude in 3/4 time.