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Wolf Studies



Transposing Score

Clarinet/Bass Clarinet in Bb/Harmonica in G (1 player)

Trombone (with cup mute and plunger mute)

Violin

Cello

Acoustic Guitar

Percussion I: Tape (cassette player/walkman with built in speakers and a pause-button)

Electronic metronome with bip-sound

Feedback setup: guitar amp, distortion pedal, volume pedal, simple vocal microphone. (this setup should be situated close to the trombonist.)

Percussion II: Bass tom or tom tom tuned low,

with brushes and various random small objects: pen, ruler, eraser, paper clips etc.

Xylophone, triangles

TAPE PART: Cd player through a PA-system

If the piece is to be performed in a large room, it is advisable to amplify all instruments, and especially the percussion and cassette-tape-parts.

The Tape Part and the cassette contains recordings of wolves made by Lars erik Olsson in the Swedish forests and also recordings from the Tierstimmenarchiv, Berlin the recordings are used with kind permission from Lars Erik Olsson/Vildmarksljud and from the Tierstimmenarchiv.

Composed in 2006 for Ensemble Inc. New York.

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Information about playing the tape part, (cassette)

the cassette and cassette player can be borrowed from the composer.

Before the piece starts, rewind the cassette to its beginning, and then press play and let the cassette run until the sound starts.

Set the cassette player with the play button pressed down, and in pause mode. Control playing and stopping by using the pause control.

This is in order to get the effect of the pitch glissando on tape in the beginnings and ends of the sounds.

Clarinet: random finger position, aim for this tone: away of approaching playing often used by free jazz sax and clarinet performers, to place the fingers in unconventional patterns, and still aim for a specific tone. This might lead to another intonation of the tone, but also a tone which might have another colour, a hint of a multiphonic with another harmonic spectrum than the conventional result.

Perc: The rhythmical pattern with brushes, should have some timbral similarities to the recording of the wolves running towards the microphone in the tape part.

More information on the interpretation of the percussion parts can be obtained directly from the composer.

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In general:
always start the phrase together.
Rhythmical irregularities inside the phrases should be emphasized.

♩ = 60

x6

x7

Clarinet in B♭

place freely within this duration **A** place freely to bass clarinet

Trombone

vary dynamic each rep. *gliss.* *p* *mf* *pp* vary dynamics each rep *p* place freely

Percussion I

Xylophone:
cassette player: place freely within this duration *mf* *p* cassette player: play first time only *mf*

Percussion II

every 2nd repetition:
drop random object on drum and let it bounce *mf* *p* electronic metronome: * place freely within this duration *mf* w/brushes on bass tom *mf* electronic metronome: place freely *p*

* set to a slow tempo, turn on and off to produce one short click

Violin

♩ = 60 place freely within this duration **A** IV exaggerated vibrato ad lib. gliss up on each note place freely *mf* *p* place freely within this duration *mf* slight different intonation each rep *p* place freely

Violoncello

gliss. *mf* *p* *mf* *mp* *p*

Tape

4th time: Track no 1 starts, (a pack of wolves running towards the microphone making high pitched whining and sniffing sounds.)

3

5

B flutter + vibrato
+sing major third in instrument

airly

place freely

x6

C

place freely

x5

change to Bb clarinet

B. Cl.

mf abrupt dynamics

ff

always p

p

f *pp*

p

unstable gliss
valve gliss down

gliss.

emphasize two notes each rep.

place freely

air-tone,
flutter

(cassette player)
fast forward while
pressing play.

mp

p place freely

cassette player:
play rhythms freely

mf

p

metronome with max tempo:

off 3 on off

p

similar to the recording of the wolves running in the tape part.

Xylophone

Triangle
not each time

random note on xylophone,
new note each time

vary dynamic each time

p

p

Xyl.

on III string: tremolo, not coordinated
with l.h.-movement

B

place freely
pizz.

place freely

place freely within this duration

jeté sim.
V V wild alternating trills

p *f* *mf*

p

place freely

various vibrato
each rep.
ord.

mp *fp* *fp* *fp*

pizz. III II I II III II

Vc.

mf

p

mf

p

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Freely, legato,
almost in unison with wolf-song on tape

$\text{♩} = 60$

9 **D** ca 7 sec

Cl. mp

Tbn. cup mute mf 5 *gliss.*

Vln. ppp arco mf should blend with tape

Vc. mf 5 *gliss.* IV 3 *gliss.* pp

Tape start track no 2. mf 5 *gliss.* 3 5

13

Cl. p

Tbn. 3 3 p

Vln. 3 3 *gliss.*

Vc. ppp mf 3 *gliss.*

Tape 3 3 *gliss.*

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30 sec field recording

20 sec field recording

[illegible]

ECello solo
with guitar chords**F** Tape section
harmonic s

21

Harm.

Tbn.

Perc I

Perc II

Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Tape

Harmonica in G

noise, covering chord

Feedback with vocal microphone through distortion pedal and in to guitar amp "wolf-like" howls.

whistle

pp

G

singer/songwriter style

G

C

G

Em

Bm

sim.

drop small objects and brushes on bass drum

tape fades out

TAPE PART

E

F

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33 ♩ = 90

Tbn. Trombone and tape
Harmonic series in G
play straight, as if demonstrating the scale

Trombone /Feedback
slower

Perc I

On bass drum:
imitation of wolf running towards microphone
like in the previous tape part.
Percussionist decides length of these figures,
gives cue for the next section

Perc II

Tape

mp

pp

drop small objects
and brushes on bass drum

drop small objects
and brushes on bass drum

feedback duo with trombone
aim for interference/distorted t
move microphone gradually
between guitar amp and tromb

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MODULE:
Clarinet/ Violin/ Vcl with tape
High pitches,
respond to sounds on tape

40

B. Cl.

Tbn.

Perc I

Perc II

Vln.

Vc.

Tape

mp

pp

8va-----
teeth on reed
high pitched ornaments

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start approx. 15 seconds within the high pitch material
"shamanistic" rhythmical figures out of synch.
the lower rhythm played slightly slower than the upper

trill
respond to high pitched
sounds on tape
blend in.

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trill
respond to high pitched
sounds on tape
blend in.

unstable timbre and pitch
towards distorted timbre
unstable glimpses of vibrato

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Previous pattern

The musical notation shows a sequence of three eighth-note triplets on a single staff. The first triplet consists of three eighth notes beamed together. The second triplet consists of three eighth notes beamed together. The third triplet consists of three eighth notes beamed together. The notation is followed by a double bar line and a key signature change to one sharp (F#).

50

J

B. Cl.

K

mp — *f*

Tbn.

mp — *f*

Perc I

high pitched feedback,
microphone very close
to speaker.

even more out of synch.

Perc II

pp

J

Vln.

K

mp — *f*

Vc.

mp — *f*

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new type of vibrato on each tone

hold as long as possible

54

B. Cl.

Perc II

Vln.

Vc.

III ord.

pp

s.p.

ppp

ord.

slight gliss

tasto

IV

pp

gliss.

ppp

ord.

slight gliss

ppp

pp

pp

p

mp

quasi gliss

pp

ppp

♩ = 90

55

B. Cl.

Perc II

Vln.

Vc.

pp

extr. s.p.

p

tasto

pp

III approx. pitches

ppp

gliss.

p

ppp

pp

tempo indication for percussion only
like running wolves
soft brushes on bass drum

pp

♩ = 90

56

Perc II

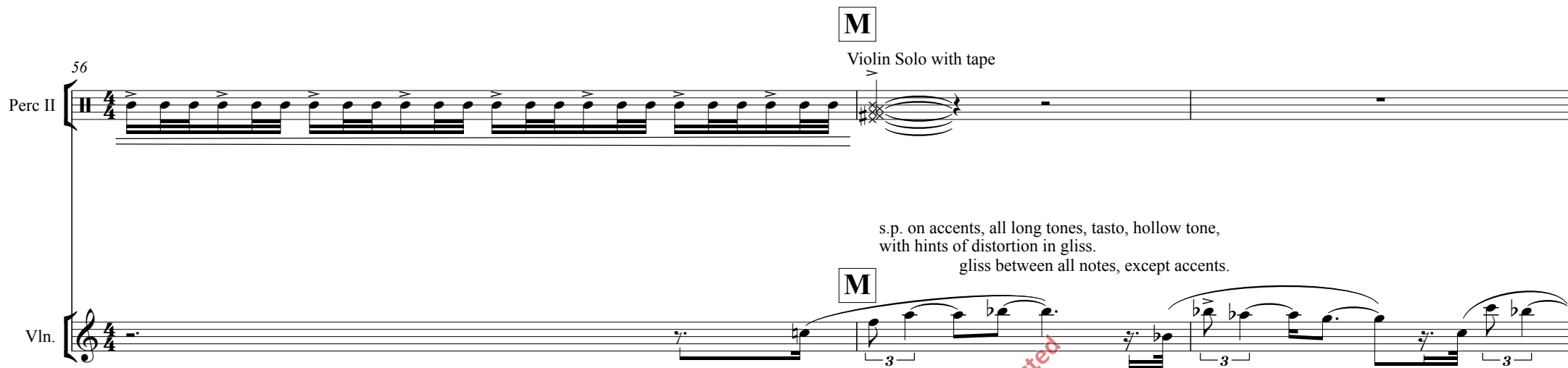
Violin Solo with tape

M

s.p. on accents, all long tones, tasto, hollow tone,
with hints of distortion in gliss.
gliss between all notes, except accents.

M

Vln.



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59

Perc II

Vln.



Trombone and feedback duo

improvisation based on transcriptions of wolf melodies.
aim for interference tones/distortion with feedback

63

Tbn.

Perc I

Perc II

Feedback:
Improvisation, play with the microphone in the space between the guitar amp and the trombone sound.

3

3

gliss.

3

♩ = 130

♩ = 120

rit.

64 feedback and trombone improvisation continues until violin solo

Perc I

Perc II



Violin solo

70

Perc II

Rep x5 (sul d-string, let G-string resonate in this phrase)

Position

s.p.

s.t.

Bow speed

fast

slow

Vln.

Dyn.

p.f.

vary length each time

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P Cello solo
with guitar chords

Harmonica in G

71

Harm. I

Tbn.

Perc I

Perc II

Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

cassette player
tape number 2

noise, covering
chord

drop objects

G G G Em Bm

P

active whispering movements,
with hints of the melody tones

tasto

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Detailed description of the musical score: The score is for measures 71-75.
- **Harmonica I:** Measure 71 has a whole rest. Measure 72 has a whole note G4. Measure 73 has a whole note A4. Measure 74 has a whole note B4. Measure 75 has a whole note C5.
- **Tuba:** Measures 71-74 have whole rests. Measure 75 has a whole note G2.
- **Percussion I:** Measures 71-74 have a whole note G4. Measure 75 has a whole note G4.
- **Percussion II:** Measures 71-74 have whole rests. Measure 75 has a whole note G4.
- **Guitar:** Measures 71-74 have a whole note G chord. Measure 75 has a whole note G chord.
- **Violin:** Measures 71-74 have whole rests. Measure 75 has a whole note G4.
- **Viola:** Measures 71-74 have a whole note G4. Measure 75 has a whole note G4.
- **Annotations:** 'cassette player tape number 2' is above Perc I. 'noise, covering chord' is above Tbn. 'drop objects' is above Perc II. 'G G G Em Bm' are above the guitar staff. 'active whispering movements, with hints of the melody tones' is below the Vc. staff. 'tasto' is above the Vln. staff. A large watermark 'NB noter' and 'This music is copyright protected' is overlaid on the score.

place freely within duration 16

83 growling microtonal melody growl

Cl. *<mf>* *p*

air, growl

slight swells slight gliss up *pp*

R *p* change to Ba

Tbn. *<mf>* *p*

soft mute *3*

growl, airy *p*

place freely within duration *mp* *p*

Perc II Brushes drop objects whistle, vibrato

Xyl. *mp* *p*

place freely within duration soft mallet hard mallet

Gtr. *p*

Vln. *Q* *pp*

sul pont

free rhythm swells, clear harmonics

R place freely within duration sul pont tasto *mf* *p*

Vc. muddy bowing 1/2 col legno *mf*

like whistling, tasto *pp* *3*

tasto airy *pp*

sul pont two fast movements *ppp*

place freely within duration arco tasto pizz *mp* *mf*

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17

raw distorted sound,
break into
falsetto-vibrato

89

B. Cl.

fast vib.

pp

sfz

raw distorted sound,
break into
falsetto-vibrato

ff *p*

8va

open mute in the
transition between
the two notes

mf *p*

Feedback

rattle/shaker

Perc I

Perc II

Gtr.

raw distorted sound,
break into
falsetto-vibrato

sfzpp

ff

raw distorted sound,
break into
falsetto-vibrato

f *pp*

sfzpp

sul pont

increased bow press
in transition to high tone

96

Cl.

ff

place freely

8va

mf

p

Change to Bb-clarinet

fat tone
slight gliss down

mp

pp

Tbn.

f

place freely

p

mp

fat tone
slight gliss down

mp

Perc I

feedback

feedback

Perc II

Xyl.

place freely

drop pencils

mf

p

Gtr.

Vln.

vib.

place freely

towards sul pont

f

mf

sul G

fat tone
slight gliss down

mp

airy,
whispering
gestures

pp

3

Vc.

vib.

place freely

pizz

arco
sul A

fat tone
slight gliss down

mp

interference

pp

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102

Cl.

Tbn.

Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

fragile, with hints of noise

pp

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The musical score for measures 102-105 is as follows:

- Measure 102:** Clarinet (Cl.) plays a half note G4. Trombone (Tbn.) has a whole rest. Guitar (Gtr.) plays a power chord (F#4, C#5). Violin (Vln.) and Viola (Vc.) play a triplet of eighth notes (F#4, G4, A4).
- Measure 103:** Clarinet (Cl.) plays a half note A4. Trombone (Tbn.) plays a half note G4. Guitar (Gtr.) plays a power chord (F#4, C#5). Violin (Vln.) and Viola (Vc.) play a triplet of eighth notes (F#4, G4, A4).
- Measure 104:** Clarinet (Cl.) plays a half note B4. Trombone (Tbn.) has a whole rest. Guitar (Gtr.) plays a power chord (F#4, C#5). Violin (Vln.) and Viola (Vc.) play a triplet of eighth notes (F#4, G4, A4).
- Measure 105:** Clarinet (Cl.) plays a half note C5. Trombone (Tbn.) has a whole rest. Guitar (Gtr.) plays a power chord (F#4, C#5). Violin (Vln.) and Viola (Vc.) play a triplet of eighth notes (F#4, G4, A4).

105

Cl.

Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

8^{va}

15^{ma}

ppp

pppp

3

3

3

3

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